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U.S. Bishops' Fall Assembly Focuses on Abuse Crisis

Disappointed by delay in enacting proposals, but resolved to pursue accountability

BALTIMORE (CNS) – The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said he was leaving the bishops' fall general assembly Nov. 14 more hopeful than when the meeting began two days earlier.

Cardinal Daniel N. Di-

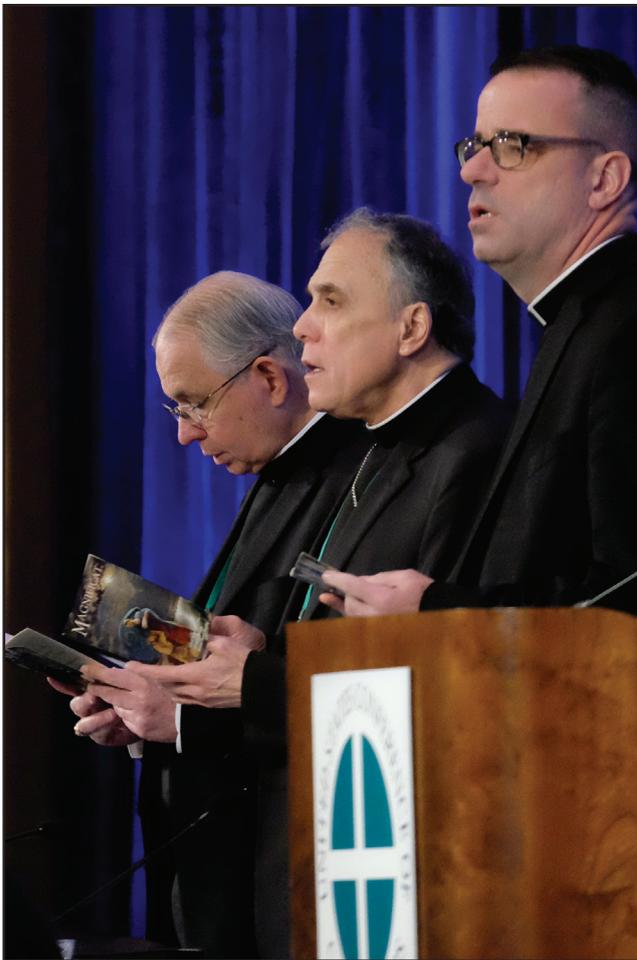
Nardo of Galveston-Houston said in remarks closing the assembly that his hope was primarily grounded in Christ as well as realizing that the body of bishops was on the road to implementing protocols to boost the accountability of bishops to

laypeople and survivors of clergy sex abuse.

As the meeting started, Cardinal DiNardo expressed disappointment because the Vatican had asked that no vote be taken on several protocols governing bishops that he had hoped would be accepted during the three-day meeting.

The instruction came from the Congregation for Bishops, citing the upcoming February meeting of the presidents of the bishops' conferences around the world to address clergy sex abuse and to ensure that the proposals were in line with canon law.

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Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, left, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Monsignor J. Brian Bransfield, general secretary, take part in morning prayer November 13 on the second day of the fall meeting in Baltimore.



Angel Amidst the Ashes

Illustrating the disaster's far-reaching scope, an angel is silhouetted as smoke from the California wildfires makes for a diffused sunset in the Midwest on the grounds of Saint Raphael the Archangel Catholic Parish in Oshkosh, Wis. As the toll in deaths and destruction of property continued to mount, Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez and Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento asked all people of faith and goodwill to offer prayers and support for everyone affected. (CNS photo/Brad Birkholz)

Diocese To Launch Independent Compensation Program for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Scranton announced November 8 the creation of an Independent Survivors Compensation Program for those who have suffered sexual abuse by clergy, religious or lay employees. Participation in the Program by survivors is entirely voluntary.

The Program will be administered by Kenneth Feinberg and Camille Biros, two leading experts in mediation and alternative dispute resolution. They will have absolute autonomy in determining compensation for survivors, and the Diocese of Scranton will abide by their decisions. Mr. Feinberg and Ms. Biros are currently managing a number of high-profile compensation programs nationwide, including similar programs started by five Catholic Dioceses in New York. Those programs collective-

ly have provided over \$200 million in compensation to more than 1,000 survivors. They have received positive feedback from those who participated.

An Independent Oversight Committee will oversee the implementation and administration of the Program. The Diocese will have no authority over this committee. Compensation decisions are final and cannot be appealed or overturned by the Diocese or the Independent Oversight Committee.

"Providing compensation to these survivors is the right thing to do," said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. "Several weeks ago, Pennsylvania's Bishops announced support of such a program, which was recently discussed but not enacted by the Pennsylvania General Assembly. The Diocese of Scranton is

therefore moving forward and is offering this Program for survivors."

Parish and school assets, as well as contributions and bequests from parishioners and donations to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, will not be used to fund the Program. Rather, the Diocese will use available reserves and will sell assets and borrow money as needed. While the Program will require significant resources, the Diocese will strive to maintain its core mission to serve the local community.

The Diocese continues to refine the Program so that it better serves survivors. Further details concerning the Program will be made available in the near future, including a website for survivors to obtain information and claim forms. The Program is anticipated to launch in January 2019.

Of the many topics and initiatives addressed at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops fall general assembly, the future of the Catholic Church amidst the child sexual abuse crisis was, by far, the focus of the meeting. It was disappointing that voting on new protocols to address the role of bishops within the crisis has been delayed until the upcoming February meeting of Pope Francis with the presidents of all of the episcopal conferences from throughout the world. Nonetheless, my brother Bishops and I participated in productive conversations on improving bishop accountability, which will be addressed at length in the months to come.

We discussed a number of issues related to this accountability that will eventually be submitted to the body of bishops for formal consideration, including standards of episcopal conduct, an independent third party mechanism for reporting misconduct by bishops, and the establishment of a special commission of primarily lay members to review complaints against bishops for

violations of standards of conduct. We also addressed a draft protocol regarding accountability and restrictions for Bishops Emeritii removed or resigned from office due to sexual abuse of minors or sexual misconduct with adults, as well as their grave negligence in these areas while in office. The draft protocol also proposed that bishops in such categories not be invited to attend future plenary assemblies of the USCCB.

This last issue hits close to home for our Diocese, as I have taken the unprecedented action to restrict Bishop Emeritus James Timlin from representing the Diocese of Scranton in every capacity. These are unchartered territories and, while I have engaged USCCB leadership and the Holy See throughout the process, I have been forced to make decisions on how to move forward without a precise protocol to follow. My hope is that these new protocols, when enacted, will help bishops in the United States and around the world, as they face similar circumstances.

By now, you have likely seen the news reports that

Bishop Timlin was present at the USCCB's fall general assembly. Although currently his attendance at such conferences is beyond my control to determine, I strongly discouraged him from attending the meeting. While he nonetheless chose to attend the assembly, his participation, like that of all retired bishops, was limited. Retired bishops are simply invited to attend, but are not permitted to vote on issues at these meetings. As such, his opinions will not impact future decisions on bishop accountability and protocols in any way. I understand that many feel that he shouldn't have been invited at all. I agree and I expect that the February meeting and future meetings of the USCCB will address this situation in a definitive manner.

I can assure you that, coming out of the fall general assembly, my priority remains firm: the Diocese of Scranton will continue its commitment to addressing all issues of abuse related to bishops, priests and others in a transparent manner, and we will continue to remove from ministry those credibly accused of offending minors.

Bishops continue to address abuse issue

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The cardinal also pledged to the pope the "loyalty and devotion" of the conference "in these difficult days."

"I am sure that, under the leadership of Pope Francis, the conversation that the global church will have in February will help us eradicate the evil of sexual abuse from our church," Cardinal DiNardo said. "It will make our local efforts more global and the global perspective will help us here."

In addition, the cardinal said, the hours of conversation involving bishops, eparchs, clergy abuse survivors and invited speakers throughout the assembly "have given me direction and consensus" and will serve as a "springboard for action."

"Listening is essential, but listening must inform decisive action," he said. "Let me take this moment to thank the many survivors and experts who have given us such good counsel and direction these last few days."

As the USCCB developed a plan to respond to difficult news regarding clergy abuse over the summer, Cardinal DiNardo said conference leadership set three goals, among them fully investigating the circumstances surrounding reports that Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick had allegedly abused minors and seminarians.

Other goals, he said, included making it easier to report abuse and misconduct by bishops and developing means whereby bishops could be held more accountable for their actions and ensuring any plan was independent of the bishops, duly authorized by the church and had substantial lay involvement.

He said the assembly showed that the USCCB was on "course to accomplish these goals."

Progress also was made to establish a way for people to report complaints against bishops through a third-party hotline and that proposals for a national

lay commission and a national network involving existing diocesan review boards will be developed, he said.

The cardinal also expressed hope that standards of accountability for bishops and a protocol for bishops removed from ministry also would be completed.

"We leave this place committed to taking the strongest possible actions at the earliest possible moment," Cardinal DiNardo said. "We will do so in communion with the universal church. Moving forward in concert with the church around the world will make the church in the United States stronger and will make the global church stronger."

Frank Discussions About the Crisis

Throughout the assembly the bishops were focused on the abuse crisis and there were frank presentations and discussions about the issue.

After the Nov. 13 session opened with prayer, the chair of a group that has advised the U.S. bishops for 50 years on multiple issues chose to speak to them on just one: the clergy sexual abuse crisis and ways to move forward from it.

"We are facing painful times as a church," said Father David Whitestone, chair of the bishops' National Advisory Council. "The depth of anger, pain and disappointment expressed by members of the NAC cannot begin to be expressed adequately in words."

He noted that progress has been made since the bishops developed the 2002 "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," but he stressed that more needs to be done. "We can never become complacent. We must recommit to the ongoing care of all victims in their healing," Father Whitestone said.

In his report on the work of the National Review Board, chairman Francesco Cesareo called for broadening the scope of the charter to include bishops.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

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

PASTOR

Reverend Thomas J. Major, from Pastor, Saint Ann Parish, Shohola, and Saint John Neumann Parish, Lords Valley, to Pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Dushore, effective November 26, 2018.

Monsignor David L. Tressler, from Pastor, Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn, to Pastor, Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston, effective, November 12, 2018.

ADMINISTRATOR

Reverend Gerard M. McGlone, to Administrator, *pro tem*, Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn, effective November 12, 2018. Father McGlone will continue to serve as Pastor of Queen of Angels Parish, Jessup.

Monsignor Stephen D. McGough, to Administrator, *pro tem*, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Dushore, effective November 5 through 26, 2018.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

November 29 – Advent Day of Reflection for Priests, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton, Noon

December 1 – Mass for 25th Anniversary of 1st Permanent Diaconate Class, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 4:00 p.m.

December 9 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, St. John Neumann Parish, Nativity of Our Lord Church, Scranton, 1:30 p.m.

December 12 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, St. Nicholas Church, Wilkes-Barre, 6:00 p.m.

December 13-15 – U.S. Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, United Methodist Dialogue, Baltimore



Diocesan Annual Appeal at 44% of Goal

Supports ministries that serve thousands across the 11 counties of the Diocese

The 2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal, “The Journey Makes Us One,” has raised more than \$2.2 million in gifts and pledges, bringing the campaign to 44% of the \$5 million goal.

“I am grateful to so many generous supporters of the Annual Appeal for their willingness to be instruments of God’s presence in our midst as we strive to maintain safe environments for our children, restore trust and continue to live the mission of our Church in service to one another,” said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. “This commitment brings hope and comfort to all of our brothers and sisters in Christ who depend on our Diocesan ministries to help strengthen and sustain them.”

Annual Appeal donations are restricted to be used to support five Diocesan ministries: Catholic Social Services and parish outreach programs, Catholic education in schools and parishes, clergy education and care, parish life and ministry formation, and Catholic media and communications. Gifts to the Appeal are used solely to support these ministries and will not be used to defray legal fees or to fund the recently established Survivors Compensation Program.

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Catholic Social Services relies on gifts to the Appeal to feed the hungry, clothe the poor and offer shelter, counseling and assistance to more than 300,000 people each year. The Appeal also funds social justice grants to parishes that support food and clothing pantries in our parishes, parish dinners for the elderly and families and outreach to prison inmates.

Our Diocesan Office of Parish Life provides a variety of programs and resources that support all aspects of life in our parish communities – liturgy and worship, community service and social concerns, formation for parish ministries and more. In response to Pope Francis, the Office of Parish Life and the Vocations Office have begun wonderful new programs to foster “The Young Church.”

Catholic Education in our schools and parishes is at the center of our commitment to pass on the faith to our children. Last year, nearly 15,000 children participated in parish religious education programs and more than 4,500 students received a quality, faith-based education in our Diocesan Catholic schools.

Appeal gifts assist our seminarians with the cost of their education and provide care for our ill and retired priests. Gifts to the Appeal also helps the Vocations Office guide men considering the priesthood.

Through *The Catholic Light*, Catholic Television and our Diocesan website, we offer everyone the opportunity to “hear the Good News.” Appeal donations also support the broadcast of the daily Mass and special liturgies at the Cathedral.

For more information on the Diocesan programs supported by gifts to the Annual Appeal, to view the Annual Appeal video or to make a donation online, visit www.annualappeal.org Gifts may also be made by calling the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250 or by sending a donation to: Diocesan Annual Appeal, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA, 18503-1279.

(For more information on how the Appeal supports vital ministries, please see pages 13-16.)

Bradford–Sullivan–Susquehanna Regional Appeal Chairs



Regional Chairs for Bradford, Sullivan and Susquehanna counties are Martin Beyer, Father Philip Rayappan and Marilee Beyer.

Bishop Bambera has invited clergy and lay chairpersons from throughout the Diocese to serve as chairpersons for the 2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Representing the counties of Bradford, Sullivan and Susquehanna are Father Philip Rayappan, pastor of Holy Name of Mary Parish, Montrose, and Marilee and Martin Beyer, parishioners of Saint Brigid Parish, Friendsville.

In reflecting on his support for the Diocesan Annual Appeal, Father Rayappan commented that “Christianity is all about community. Holy Name of Mary is part of the Diocese of Scranton and the universal Catholic Church. Giving to the Annual Appeal makes us one. The individuals who depend on the Diocesan ministries and services need our monetary support. We, as members of the Catholic faith, have a responsibility for this work to continue.”

“The Diocese has been very supportive of our parish whenever we need assistance in the areas of parish life or financial and canonical services, to name a few,” Father Rayappan added. “Our local community benefits directly from the Appeal Social Justice grants Holy Name of Mary has received, which allow the parish to help people struggling to meet their basic living needs.

“We have to do our share of promoting our faith in Jesus and our Blessed Mother. . . The Church is a visible sign of Christ. The secular world can overwhelm our spiritual lives and immerse us in the darkness. We have to shine as Christ’s light. We have to share our blessings through the Appeal and do our share – my share – because we love our church and our Catholic heritage.”

Martin and Marilee Beyer, both retired accountants, are active at Saint Brigid Parish; he as the parish bookkeeper and she as vice chair of the Pastoral Council and church cantor. Marilee also holds a certificate in lay ministry from the Diocese and a master’s degree in pastoral administration from Loyola University.

“When I think about serving the Appeal,” said Marty, “I recall the hymn, ‘Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.’ So I said, ‘yes,’ I will go where you lead me, in gratitude for all the gifts and blessings God has given me. God gave us his beloved son as an example of love and service and we are called to be Christ-like.”

“I think God offers us opportunities to use the gifts He has given us in service to others, and when those opportunities present themselves, we have to respond,” said Marilee. “The Appeal is another opportunity for all of us to be Christ to one another. We are all called to plant seeds and nurture those seeds God has placed before us. Sometimes we have direct interaction with those in need, and other times our role is to make it possible for others to serve. The Holy Spirit works as He wills it and our part is to be open and willing to participate in His plan.”

Marked with the Sign of Faith

Gathering of the Young Church Inspires Hope for Present & Future

They came from across the Diocese – hundreds of young people and families gathered in the Cathedral of Saint Peter with Bishop Bambara to kick off National Vocation Awareness Week. The third annual #LeaveaMark event brought together public and Catholic high school students, college chaplains and students, young adults, families, women and men religious, priests, directors of religious education and youth ministers from throughout the Diocese.

They participated in the Mass on Sunday, November 4, at 5 p.m. followed by a reception in the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

This special event also marked the conclusion of the year-long celebration of the Diocese of Scranton's 150th anniversary.

“Like the lives of faith-filled parishioners of the Diocese of Scranton who began building this local Church over 150 years ago, your presence at this Mass is a powerful reminder to us of God at work in your lives and in his Church – now, at this challenging moment, more than ever,” Bishop Bambara said.

Reflecting on the day's Gospel, the Bishop said we can be dedicated to a thousand good causes, but at some point in our journey of life and faith, we have to ask ourselves the question: the two great commandments – love of God and love of our neighbor and ourselves – do they operate in our lives? ... Do we live our faith with integrity? ... Does what we profess take shape and form in how we live?



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Mike Melisky*

“The Christian experience is very much a journey of faith,” he explained. “It is a journey that begins with an invitation and a promise at Baptism to engage the life of Jesus and so to be assured of God's saving grace in our lives. But it is a journey that takes a lifetime to achieve.”

The Bishop went on to cite that, given its all too human roots, this journey of faith so often finds the best of us wavering in our beliefs, making choices that are rooted in the darkness of sin and self-centeredness and consumed with our own wants and desires that set us at odds with our neighbor and our deepest, truest selves. ... The sexual abuse crisis that we confront as a Church today and the sinful choices and decisions of Church leaders gives evidence of just how far removed this journey can drift from its center and goal in Jesus.

“It's clear from Jesus' teaching that the greatest among us are those

who share their vision of faith not in words alone but by the power of their example, in the integrity of their lives, in their commitment of service toward and respect for those whose lives are woven into their own. ... And it is in our service and respect for all of God's people that our beliefs are given life and the mark we leave in our world finds its light!,” he said.

“As Christians – as disciples of Jesus – we have but one responsibility. We are called through baptism to embrace and proclaim Jesus life, death and resurrection. In so doing, we are challenged to make his example of selfless love and service our own.

“So love the Lord your God with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength. ... Love your neighbor as yourself. ... Make someone else's life better because he or she experienced yours and so leave a mark for good in our world!”





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

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.



"At a Mass filled to overflowing, the young Church of Scranton gathered to bring the Diocese of Scranton's 150-year anniversary to a close and to pledge themselves to continue to build the Church and to leave a mark for good in Jesus' name. ... For all of this, we give thanks!"

- Bishop Bambera tweet

Reverend Alex J. Hazzouri is Laid to Rest

Reverend Alex J. Hazzouri, a priest of the Diocese of Scranton, died on November 15, 2018.

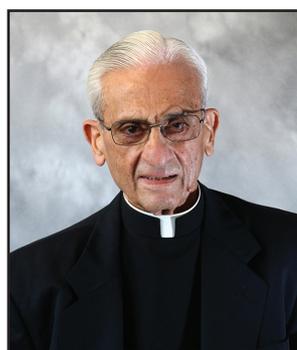
Born on June 5, 1931 in Scranton, he was the son of the late Alex and Zahia Soma Hazzouri.

Father Hazzouri attended Scranton Public Grade School and was a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School, class of 1949. Former Governor Robert P. Casey and Congressman Joseph M. McDade were classmates.

He took two years of pre-seminary college studies at Saint Charles College, Catonsville, Md., and two years of philosophical studies at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md., graduating in 1953. He continued his theological studies at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., receiving a licentiate degree in Sacred Theology in 1957.

He was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Reverend Jerome D. Hannan, D.D., late Bishop of Scranton, on June 15, 1957, in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton.

After a summer assignment at Saint Jude Parish in Mountaintop, Father Haz-



Reverend Alex J. Hazzouri

zouri was sent to Catholic University and the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome for graduate studies in Sacred Scripture, receiving the licentiate degree in 1960.

Following his return to the United States in October of 1960, he was appointed assistant pastor of Our Lady of the Snows, Clarks Summit. From 1962 to 1966, he was on the first faculty of Saint Pius X Seminary, Dalton, as a professor of Sacred Scripture. Later he was assigned as assistant pastor of Saint Vincent de Paul, Plymouth, and then Saint Thomas Aquinas, Archbald.

During his priestly ministry, Father Hazzouri also served as chaplain of Mercy Heights Hospital, Scranton; Saint Joseph's Children and Maternity Hospital (now Saint Joseph's Center),

Scranton; Saint Mary's Villa, Elmhurst; and Saint Joseph's Hospital, Carbondale.

He also did pastoral work while in residence at Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Wilkes-Barre, and, for nine years, from 1987 to 1996, while in residence at Saint Mary of Mount Carmel and Saint Casimir, Dunmore.

Father Hazzouri was fluent in everyday Arabic, which he learned at home and from the priests and founding members of his home parish, all of whom emigrated from Lebanon to the United States in the early 1900s.

Father Hazzouri took up residence at Villa Saint Joseph, Dunmore, on July 8, 1996.

Father Hazzouri enjoyed good conversation and was good at it, due to his extensive reading. He once confided in a friend that he had read every Second Vatican Council document straight through and always tried to incorporate the Council's teachings and tendencies in his preaching.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Joseph A. Hazzouri, Sarkis A. Hazzouri, Dr. Albert A. Hazzouri and

Adeeb A. Hazzouri; and by two sisters, Delal Hazzouri and Wadad Abdalla. He was also preceded in death by a dear grandmother, Milly Soma, and a very dear aunt, Anna Carino.

He is survived by two sisters-in-law, MaryAnn Douaihy Hazzouri and Lorraine Deeb Hazzouri, and by many loving and caring nephews and nieces.

Father Hazzouri's family wishes to thank his caregivers of the past several years for the excellent care he has received. Special mention is offered to Michael Hazzouri (Adeeb), Rosemary Gallagher, Anne McAndrew (Joseph) and Barbara Hazzouri (Sarkis), who were particularly helpful, especially at mealtimes.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated November 19 at Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church in West Scranton. Interment was in Cathedral Cemetery.

As per his and his family's wishes, memorial contributions may be made to the Scranton Diocesan Annual Appeal, 300 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, 18503; or Saint Ann Maronite Church Annual Fund, 1320 Price Saint, Scranton, 18504.



Surprise in the Square

Pope Francis made a surprise visit to a mobile health care facility set up in Saint Peter's Square to serve the city's homeless and poor. Arriving at the mobile clinic, the pope was welcomed with applause and cheers from the doctors, medical staff and patients. The medical facility was part of an initiative organized by the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization in conjunction with Pope Francis' celebration November 18 of the World Day of the Poor.

(CNS photo/Junno Arocho Esteves)



Apostolic Nuncio Speaks at U of S

Most Reverend Bernardito C. Auza, Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, discussed "Global Migration: Shared Responsibility and Solidarity" at a lecture at the University of Scranton. From left: Jeffrey Gingerich, Ph.D., senior provost and vice president of academic affairs; Archbishop Auza; Reverend Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., president of the University; and Julie Schumacher Cohen, director of community and government relations.



Retirement Fund for Religious

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Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious Communities

The appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up at Masses the weekend of December 8-9. The annual, parish-based collection is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) and benefits 31,000 aging Catholic sisters, brothers and priests in religious orders.

Catholic bishops of the United States initiated the collection in 1988 to help address the deficit in retirement savings among the nation's religious congregations. Proceeds are distributed to eligible congregations to help underwrite retirement and health-care expenses.

Most senior religious worked for little to no pay, leaving their religious communities with inadequate retirement savings. At the same time, religious communities are challenged by the rising cost of care. Communities combine these funds with their own income and savings to help furnish necessities such as medications and nursing care. Throughout the year, additional funding is allocated for congregations with critical needs and for retirement planning and educational resources.

Proceeds from the collection support the retirement needs of these women and men who spent their lives in church ministries such as education, health care and social services. In 2017, the collection raised more than \$28 million nationwide. The generous faithful in the Diocese of Scranton donated \$82,935.

The collection for the Religious Retirement Fund is distinct and separate from the monthly collection taken in parishes for the Care and Education of Priests of the Diocese of Scranton.

(Photo/Jim Judkis)

McGowan Charitable Fund grant to Diocesan schools takes elementary students on *journey through space*

Thanks to a \$75,000 grant from the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund, more than 60 Diocese of Scranton elementary students are shooting for the moon – in the simulative sense – this semester.

Thirty-six students at Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston and 30 students at All Saints Academy in Scranton have joined an after-school STEM program backed by the McGowan Fund and designed to improve classroom performance, especially in science and math, while increasing comfort levels with cutting-edge STEM technology among teachers and students.

Club Eight, so named because it extends the school day from six-and-a-half to eight hours once per week for 10 weeks, follows the NASA's BEST Students curriculum as it introduces students to the engineering design process at the youngest ages.

The Beginning Engineering, Science and Technology program's engineering design model serves as the foundation for all BEST activities and encourages students, above all, to become problem-solvers – by asking questions, imagining solutions, planning designs, creating and testing models and making improvements.

All Saints Academy parent Samantha Maloney, whose daughter Meghan is enrolled in Club Eight, praised the program.

"We feel so incredibly lucky to have our daughter involved in the NASA's BEST program. Not only is it a lot of fun, but it encourages her to think more deeply about science and engineering, especially when building the lunar buggy, and helps her deal with complex situations,



All Saints Academy students work on a project during a meeting of Club Eight, an after-school STEM program made possible by the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund. The program involves testing, retesting and problem-solving required by the individual challenges that are part of the NASA's BEST Students curriculum.

such as when the fin broke off her team's satellite," Maloney said.

This is the pilot year for the program, and Good Shepherd Academy and All Saints Academy were chosen as the host schools because they offer Individualized Instruction programs, and one key program goal was to allow students with special challenges to work side by side with traditional students of all achievement levels in problem-solving.

"So far the program has been a huge success," said Lisa Orff, educational technology facilitator for the Diocese and Club Eight program director. "Students are actively engaged and are making progress in their

design-process thinking and related skills."

Club Eight tasks revolve around space exploration and have students creating model equipment that would successfully allow astronauts to reach the moon. Students are challenged to build the equipment and test and retest it using technology purchased with McGowan funds, which also supported the wider RAISE Initiative (Reimagining Authentic and Innovative STEM Education) in Luzerne and Lackawanna County Catholic schools.

The RAISE Initiative also calls for an infusion of Chromebooks into schools, and the McGowan grant allowed for distribution to all



Duct tape and tin foil were part of a challenge presented to Good Shepherd Academy students during a recent Club Eight meeting.



Sandra Snyder, Diocesan grant writer (left), Doreen Dougherty, principal of All Saints Academy (second from right), and Lisa Orff, educational technology facilitator for the Diocese and Club Eight program director (right), gather with Leo McGowan (second from left), president of the board of directors for the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund, during a recent Club Eight session at All Saints. A \$75,000 grant from the McGowan Fund made the Club Eight program at All Saints and Good Shepherd academies possible and funded the broader RAISE Initiative: Rethinking Authentic and Innovative Stem Education in Catholic schools.

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5th-graders in both counties and funded 3D printers and Sphero robots at All Saints and Good Shepherd academies, both of which offer exciting opportunities for Club Eight.

STEM education is a priority area the McGowan Charitable Fund likes to support, said Leo McGowan, president of the board of directors, who

also noted, "One of the areas we like to focus on is after-school programs. The Club Eight program encompasses all the values we have that focus on academic achievement and classroom performance."

Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education Jason Morrison recognized the McGowan commitment especially for enhancing what

Catholic schools are able to offer in the critical areas of science and technology.

"We are grateful for the generous gift from the McGowan Charitable Fund, which allows us to remain steadfast in our commitment to provide an excellent education in a values-based environment," Morrison said.

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Offering Thanksgiving

When President Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving a federal holiday in 1863, the United States was embroiled in the Civil War. And yet the language employed by our 16th president in his proclamation that year was rich in its imagery of unity among people and gratitude toward God, as he encouraged every one of his fellow citizens to observe this “Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.”

Against the backdrop of the Civil War, this abiding faith in God’s providence feels especially profound. It should be a source of hope that we in the United States today can seek and find healing in the wake of a bruising midterm election cycle, which only inflamed an already charged political discourse. It’s a discourse that has turned the Thanksgiving holiday into something of a running cultural joke: How can extended families keep the peace from the carving of the turkey all the way through the pumpkin pie, when Uncle Bob is likely to bring up politics?

Turning to the roots and traditions of Thanksgiving in the United States can be helpful. Whether speaking of the pilgrims at Plymouth Rock or the first Mass celebrated in this country in 1565, in what is now Saint Augustine, Florida, we see that, from the first, this observance has the right name.

With the pilgrims, it was an act of giving thanks to the God who had sustained them by offering the first fruits of the harvest back to him as they celebrated their feast. They expressed their gratitude through sacrifice. Similarly, the Eucharist — which means thanksgiving — found the Spanish settlers offering the first fruits of creation, Jesus Christ, back to God in an act of sacrifice and feasting.

Whether in the 1500s, 1600s, 1800s or today, what we see consistently making a difference in people’s lives is this posture of gratitude and trust. Instead of hoarding, the pilgrims feasted. Instead of drawing ever-deeper lines of division, President Lincoln called on his countrymen to find unity. And today, when so much grasping occurs — around political gains, ideological agendas and persistent assumptions that there isn’t enough for everyone — it behooves us to loosen our grip, find perspective and appreciate the beneficent Father that Lincoln spoke of at work in the world and in the people around us.

This spirit of charity would be a sea change. The grateful heart gives back. The grateful heart has more than consternation to offer both his brothers and sisters and strangers. This is the leaven we, as people of faith, can bring to the Thanksgiving table, to the table of the Lord and to our communities.

Finding gratitude for all God has provided — especially in the midst of crises in our world and our church — will help us enter into the dynamic between God and others in true charity this Thanksgiving. May this perspective be a source of comfort, encouragement and ultimately motivation for our spirits this holiday season.

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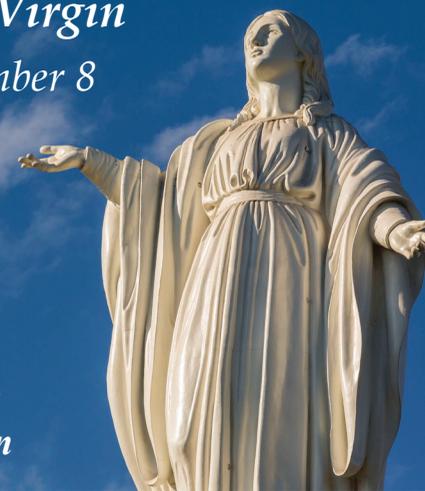
Prayer Requests for Priests

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

November 22, Monsignor Arthur Kaschenbach; November 23, Father Joseph Kearney; November 24, Passionist Father Earl Keating; November 25, Jesuit Father Herbert Keller; November 26, Father Brian Kelly; November 27, Father E. Francis Kelly; November 28, Monsignor Joseph Kelly; November 29, Father John Kilpatrick; November 30, Father Shane Kirby; December 1, Pope Francis; December 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; December 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; December 4, Father

Michael Kirwin; December 5, Father John Kita; December 6, Father Kenneth Kizis; December 7, Father Michael Kloton; December 8, Holy Cross Father Charles Kociolek; December 9, Father Bert Kozen; December 10, Father Stephen Krawontka; December 11, Holy Cross Father Brent Kruger; December 12, Father John Kulavich; December 13, Monsignor Alexander Kulik; December 14, Father Andrew Kurovsky; December 15, Father Joseph Kutch; December 16, Father John Lambert; December 17, Passionist Father Francis Landry; December 18, Father Vincent Langan; December 19, Father William Langan.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- December 8



*A Holy Day
of Obligation*

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Obligation

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on December 8, which this year falls on a Saturday. Please note that the obligation to attend Mass is not lifted (as with other Holy Days) for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Thus, the faithful must fulfill this obligation by attending Mass for the Holy Day (either Friday vigil or Saturday), and they must fulfill their Sunday Mass obligation (either Saturday vigil or Sunday).

**Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney
Vicar General of the Diocese**



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Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry Accepting Applications for January 2019

The Office for Parish Life encourages parish leaders to consider **application for the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry for January 2019!***

The *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* is a ministry formation program designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals serving their parish in areas such as:

- Parish Pastoral Councils,
- Directors of Religious Education and Catechists,
- Liturgical Coordinators,
- Parish Staff,
- Volunteer Ministry teams,
- and others!

Through independent online study with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), as well as regional skills workshops and opportunities for prayer and reflection, *Diocesan Certificate* candidates enrich their knowledge base, while also learning practical tools for effective parish ministry in their faith communities.

Starting with our New Candidate Orientation Retreat on Saturday, January 26, 2019, the Office for Parish Life anticipates welcoming new candidates into the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* program in the New Year.

Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, at 570-207-2213, or by email at Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org for application information, materials, and application submissions.

National Catholic Youth Conference Info Meeting

An informational meeting for the 2019 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) will be held on Saturday, December 15 at 10:30am in the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. NCYC is a biennial event for Catholic teens that draws 20,000 participants from across the country. The conference offers dynamic keynote speakers, engaging and diverse workshops, and the witness of thousands of faithful Catholics – including bishops, priests, and men and women religious. The Diocese will once again send a delegation to NCYC in November 2019. Any adult leader who is interested in bringing a group is encouraged to attend the info meeting.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Virgin Mary appeared to an Indian peasant – Saint Juan Diego – in December 1531 in Tepeyac, near present-day Mexico City. The appearance is said to have resulted in millions of conversions to Catholicism. Our Lady of Guadalupe, depicted in the mosaic at right, is honored as patroness of the Americas and her feast day is December 12. The schedule of celebrations in the Diocese of Scranton is below.



Monroe County

St. Matthew's Parish
200 Brodhead Avenue
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
(570) 421-2342

Sunday, December 2

1:00 p.m. – Procession with Torch (Rite-Aid)
2:00 p.m. – Mass

Tuesday, December 11

8:00-11:00 p.m. – Vigil, Mañanitas" at midnight

Wednesday, December 12

7:00 p.m. – Mass

Queen of Peace Parish

1402 Route 209 (Gilbert)
Brodheadsville, PA 18322
(610) 681-6137

Wednesday, December 12

7:00 p.m. in English: Prayer service,
Canticle of Mary, Reading of the Gospel,
Homily, Posadas

Lackawanna County

**St. John Neumann Parish
at Nativity of Our Lord Church**

633 Orchard Street
Scranton, PA 18505
(570) 344-6159

December 3-11

Novena at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9

12:30 p.m. Mass with Bishop Bambara

Wednesday, December 12

Mañanitas at 4:30 a.m. with mariachi
singers, Mass at 6:30 a.m.

Luzerne County

**Annunciation Parish at
St. Gabriel's Church**
122 South Wyoming Street
Hazleton, PA
(570) 454-0212

Sunday, December 9

Noon – Mass

Wednesday, December 12

5:00 a.m. – Mañanitas and Mass

St. Nicholas Church

226 South Washington Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA
(570) 823-7736

Tuesday, December 11

6:00-9:00 p.m. – "Velación" Vigil
Evening Prayer, traditional Mexican
dances, mariachi band

Wednesday, December 12

5:00 a.m. – "Mañanitas" and breakfast
4:30 p.m. – Procession, 607 N. Franklin St.
6:00 p.m. – Mass with Bishop Bambara
7:00 p.m. – reception in school cafeteria

McGowan grant enables students to explore science



Good Shepherd Academy Club Eight students enjoy a lighthearted moment during a scientific task presented during a recent meeting.

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"Combine NASA's BEST curriculum with inquisitive minds, and you have Club Eight, an after-school program that is out of this world." All Saints principal Doreen Dougherty said while also offering her gratitude to the McGowan Fund. "All Saints Academy's students are taking project-based learning to new heights. It's about collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and communication. These are the skills that will best prepare them for jobs we still can't even imagine."

Good Shepherd principal Jim Jones echoed Dougherty. "It has been inspiring to watch our teachers capture the imaginations of the Club Eight group utilizing the BEST Curriculum designed by NASA, he

said. "Watching our students roll up their sleeves and jump head-first into the world of science exploration allows us to captivate students' understanding of the many doors that science opens to them in the future."

The Diocese of Scranton partnered with local Catholic colleges/universities in setting up and managing the program. Dr. Sunny Weiland of King's College and Dr. Colleen Duffy of Misericordia University supervise collegiate volunteers at Good Shepherd Academy, while Marywood University and Holy Cross High School students work with Holy Cross Vice Principal Cathy Chiumento to manage the program at All Saints Academy. Marywood and University of Scranton faculty also helped establish the program.

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CATHOLIC
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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.



Speech and Debate students from **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre** recently won 14 awards in seven different events at the Wilkes Invitational Tournament. In Student Congress, Lindsey Scorey achieved 1st place, Michael Strunk achieved 3rd place, and Rose Hayward achieved 6th place. Emmislie Hernandez took home 1st place in Extemporaneous Speaking. Jordyn Dutko won 1st place in Oratorical Declamation. In Oral Interpretation, Blaise Rowlands came in 1st place, and Kyra Krzywicki came in 2nd place. In Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Peter Khoudary won 1st place, Adam Mahler won 2nd place, and Sarah Stettler won 4th place. The team of Becky Revitt and Abby Charneski took 2nd place in Duo Interpretation. In Public Forum Debate, the team of Sean Hand and Kip Miller achieved 1st place, the team of Mariel Schramm and Olivia Pavlico achieved 2nd place, and Mickey Tietje achieved 3rd place.



The 2nd grade class at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton** show off their engineering and artistic talents every Halloween by creating shoebox Haunted Houses.



Noah Dougherty, a Pre-K4 student at **Saint John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport**, is all ready for Thanksgiving in the bigger-than-life turkey that he and his family created out of a cardboard box.



Reverend Cyril D. Edwards, V.E., Regional Episcopal Vicar for the Northern Pastoral Region, poses with the 8th grade class of **Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore**. Father Edwards, who also serves as chaplain of Holy Cross High School and pastor of Mary, Mother of God Parish, infused energy and enthusiasm into the spiritual life of the students as he shepherded their class retreat.



The 2018-19 Student Council at **Notre Dame High School in East Stroudsburg** gathers for a group photo during the nice fall weather.



Working together; learning together! Students from the 5th and 6th grades at **Epiphany School in Sayre** work on a very special art project with their Pre-K4 buddies.



Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston welcomes their newly inducted Student Council Officers: Jillian DelBalso, Vice President; Theresa Khoudary, 7th grade Vice President; Irelyn Karnes, Treasurer; Abby Williams, Secretary; and Katie Quinn, President.



Will Craig, Eric Dixon, Lauren Hegedus, Leslie O'Connor, Caroline Shaffem, and Hunter Krieg, students at **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore**, have been accepted to the PMEA District 9 Chorus Festival.



Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green presents the "Students of the Month" for October. Students are chosen by their teachers based on their positive attitude, respect for others, following classroom rules, using time wisely, completing assignments, displaying excellent character and citizenship, and showing school spirit.



Students from the 5th grade at **Saint Agnes School in Towanda** display some of the toys donated to the local "Help us Help Santa!" Christmas gift drive sponsored by the local fire departments to assist families in need in Bradford County.



In the beginning of November, 3rd grade students at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco** completed a research project about Saints; each student gave an oral presentation that included answering questions posed by their fellow classmates.



The 3rd grade students at **Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg** shared their Saint Projects with the Montessori students after Mass on All Saints Day.



The Excelsior and Germania Hose Companies recently visited the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students of **Holy Rosary School in Duryea**, teaching them the importance of fire safety and allowing them the opportunity to tour a fire truck.



Eva Carachilo, a 7th grade student at **La Salle Academy in Jessup**, and her dad Eugene stand in front of items collected by LSA families for donation to local veteran centers as part of the school's annual celebration of Veterans Day.



Students at **All Saints Academy in Scranton** recently honored all past and present military personnel with prayers, songs, and recitations during the school's Veterans Day program. Putting faces to the stories of serving others, the school created a "Wall of Remembrance" featuring pictures of family, friends, and neighbors who served or who are serving in all branches of the military.

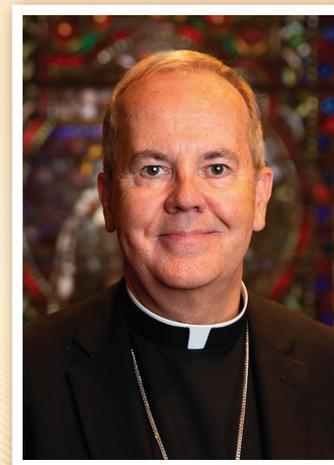


Mrs. Theresa Sabetta, librarian at **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter**, poses with the 60 students who participated in the summer Accelerated Reader Program. For six weeks this past summer, students checked out and read 1,149 books, and took 1,564 Accelerated Reader quizzes, obtaining points that will be part of their academic score for reading class.

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— MOST REVEREND JOSEPH C. BAMBERA, D.D., J.C.L.
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CATHOLIC
EDUCATION

Shaina Dougherty, teacher at La Salle Academy, Jessup, and Doreen Dougherty, Principal at All Saints Academy, Scranton

“All the schools in the Diocese of Scranton are committed to developing the whole child in a faith-filled environment. We strive for academic excellence, and our faith underlies everything we do.”

— DOREEN DOUGHERTY



Doreen Dougherty, Principal of All Saints Academy, is particularly proud of her daughter, Shaina Dougherty, a middle school math teacher at La Salle Academy and JV basketball and assistant varsity girls’ soccer coach at Holy Redeemer High School.

Shaina followed her mother as a teacher in the Diocese’s school system after her own education in the system.

Doreen explained, “Catholic education in our family has been a legacy through my generation. With our four children it was an easy decision to continue with that tradition because we appreciate the value of a Catholic education.”

Shaina agreed and related, “The families at La Salle Academy discover an entire community of support for students and their families.”

The Diocesan Schools are committed to developing the whole child, Doreen stated. “We offer art, music, foreign languages, computers and physical education classes as well as college prep classes at the high school level and Advance Placement classes where students who excel academically can earn college credits.”

“The Diocesan School System has made it a point to focus on technology,” added Shaina. “We have Google classrooms and use iPads and Chromebooks and prepare students today for jobs that will exist when they enter the workforce.”

“The Diocese of Scranton is committed to a faith-filled educational environment,” continued Doreen. “We truly strive for academic excellence, but our faith underlies everything we do. There is a true commitment from Bishop Bambera through the Catholic Schools Office to the faculty and staff who dedicate their time and talents, to our families who are financially committed and to our students who work so hard.”



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Carol Sides, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Montoursville, with India Moss, little sister, Williamsport, and Tina Remsnyder, big sister, Hughesville

“Big Brothers Big Sisters is an amazing program of Catholic Social Services. It provides opportunities for young people to participate in activities and build relationships with caring adults who have much to share.”

— TINA REMSNYDER



India Moss, little sister, Williamsport, with Bella Remsnyder

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bridge is one of the many programs provided to our community by Catholic Social Services. The Big Brothers Big Sisters program is active in Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe and Wyoming counties and offers a wonderful opportunity for adults to volunteer to be a positive presence in the life of a child. In the Williamsport area there is a vibrant Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bridge program that matches youngsters with caring and nurturing adults.

Carol Sides, a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Montoursville, tells the story of meeting a program participant, India Moss, at the recycling center. “India insisted on helping me unload my car. She had on a Bishop Neumann uniform and she had great respect for older people.” Carol invited India to the family business, Robert M. Sides Family Music Centers, and discovered she was a Little Sister in the program run by Catholic Social Services.

India’s Big Sister, Tina Remsnyder, and Tina’s daughter Bella treat India as a family member and have fun together. “We say that India is my ‘Little Sister’ and she’s Bella’s ‘Big Sister,’” Tina said.

India said of Tina, “She’s the best Big Sister, ever! She’s like my actual sister. We do a lot of fun things together. We go on rides, go camping, go kayaking, and go to Knoebel’s. Tina helps me understand the importance of doing well in school and exercising regularly, and being kind to others. She’s so great!”

Tina added, “I’m a district school teacher and see many youngsters who need an adult to bond with. Whatever India and I do together, she loves and appreciates. The Big Brothers Big Sisters program helps lots of kids. The relationships that families build with their Little Brothers and Little Sisters is amazing. Those youngsters are often starved for attention and companionship. The program through Catholic Social Services gives young people mentorship and stability.”

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Deacon Joe DeVizia and Father John S. Terry from Our Lady of Hope Parish, Wilkes-Barre

This 150th anniversary year of the founding of the Diocese of Scranton also marks the 25th Anniversary of the Permanent Diaconate Program in the Diocese. Deacon Joe DeVizia, assigned to Our Lady of Hope Parish, Wilkes-Barre, was a member of the first class in 1993.

“I love being a Deacon. I love every minute of it. My faith has grown tremendously. I’ve learned to have total dependence on God and do the best I can,” Deacon Joe related.

Father John S. Terry, Pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish, explained, “In addition to preaching, Deacon Joe conducts wake services, dispenses the sacraments: the Eucharist, Baptisms, Matrimony, and he visits the sick both in the hospitals and in homes. He is an invaluable resource in our parish. The parishioners of our parish have a great love and appreciation for Deacon Joe. He has a good ear to listen to their problems and a good heart to guide them. Having Deacon Joe really makes a difference here.”

Deacon Joe pointed out that, “As Permanent Deacons we can still hold a job and of course, be married. Those experiences are often helpful in offering guidance to parishioners.”

He also offered, “The Diaconate Program is a five-year process leading to Ordination. This Diocese used to have a new class every five years. Bishop Bambera really saw the value of Deacons and now a new class forms every other year.”

“Deacons will have an increasingly important role in the Diocese in the coming years,” Joe continued. “It’s a journey of faith.”

“It’s been a wonderful experience being a Permanent Deacon. You truly help and assist pastors with the sacraments and provide to the parishioners. You feel that the grace works through you to those in need.”

— DEACON JOE DEVIZIA



- Assist our men in formation to become priests and deacons as we look to the future of our parishes and our Diocese
- Support our retired priests and those who are ill, who have faithfully served our Diocese for many years
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- Joyfully spread the Gospel and the message of our Catholic faith to all members of our Diocese and our community

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PARISH LIFE

Dominick Costantino, Jr., Diocesan Vocation Program Director, and Bridget Barnic, a Marywood University student active in Diocesan programs for young people

“It’s a blessing to have young adults on leadership teams and committees. It empowers them to be leaders at the Diocesan level and also in their parishes. They serve on parish councils, youth ministry programs and young adult discernment groups.”

— DOMINICK COSTANTINO, JR.



Dominick Costantino, Jr., Diocesan Vocation Program Director and Community Connections Consultant for the Office of Parish Life, explained how Pope Francis challenged members of the young church to be more active. “At World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland in July 2016, the Pope encouraged the young church to ‘Leave a Mark’ and make a difference in our world.”

“In a series of 15 listening sessions throughout our 11 counties titled ‘Partners with Francis Initiative,’ the Diocese of Scranton, under Bishop Bambera’s leadership, asked young members of the church, ‘How would you suggest we engage young people in our programs and in vocational discernment?’ One of those programs that was developed was Exalt – XLT,” Dominick continued.

Bridget Barnic, a Marywood student and active volunteer in several Diocesan programs for young people, explained, “Exalt is a night when young people come together to share praise and worship, listen to a dynamic speaker, spend time in Eucharist adoration and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Afterward there’s a social opportunity to share our faith with friends in a safe environment.”

The Office of Parish Life took the input from the listening sessions with young adults and developed additional ways to engage the young Church. “It’s exciting to see our ideas become fruitful,” Bridget shared. “There’s an annual ‘Leave A Mark’ Mass where the Bishop reiterates the challenge of Pope Francis to make a difference in our world and to discern where God is leading us in our lives.”

“It’s a great blessing to have bright young adults like Bridget on our leadership teams,” relayed Dominick. “It gives them confidence and empowerment to go back to their parish communities and be leaders.”

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Wilkes-Barre Kitchen Celebrates 35th Anniversary



The Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre, a program of Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton, recently celebrated its 35th anniversary of serving free daily meals to the needy at a "100,000 Meals" Gala. Pictured are Dr. David Shemo, President of the Kitchen's Advisory Board, presenting the Distinguished Service Award to Attorney Carl N. Frank, who has served two terms as the Advisory Board President of SVDP Kitchen, and has been a Board Member for more than 31 years. He has also served two terms as Chairman of the Wyoming Valley Advisory Board of Catholic Social Services, where he has been a Board Member for more than 33 years. The gala also recognized Saint Vincent de Paul founder, Monsignor Donald A. McAndrews, for his efforts to make the Kitchen a reality, filling a critical need in the area. Monsignor is pictured receiving the Founder's Award from Mary Theresa Malandro, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Human Services.

Lackawanna, Luzerne Parishes to Present Collaborative 'Full of Grace' Advent Service

Three regional Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Scranton are continuing their annual tradition of collaboration to present two special services during the Advent season.

"Full of Grace," an Advent service of word and song, will be presented at churches in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties during the Second Week of Advent.

This year marks the ninth year of this remarkable collaborative effort among the three parishes in the two neighboring counties.

The first service will be held on the Second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m., hosted by Saints Anthony & Rocco Parish at Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 208 Smith St., Dunmore.

The second program will be presented on Thursday, Dec. 13, at Holy Family Parish Church, 574 Bennett St., Luzerne, beginning at 7 p.m. Both services are open to the public free of charge.

The music for the Advent programs features the combined choir of more than 50 voices from Holy Family Parish, Luzerne (Holy Cross Father Walter Jenkins, pastor); Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish, Dunmore (Father David Cappelloni, pastor); and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Dunmore (Father John Doris, pastor), as well as several soloists and an instrumental ensemble.

The Directors of Music at the participating parishes are Linda Houck, Joseph Moffitt and Geri Seitzinger, respectively.

"Full of Grace" offers those who participate an opportunity to embrace the season of Advent and its spirit of preparation for Christmas through Scripture readings and musical selections.

For more information about the upcoming events, contact the parish office at Holy Family, Luzerne (570-287-6600), Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Dunmore (570-346-7429), or Saints Anthony and Rocco, Dunmore (570-344-1209).

Misericordia Holiday Concert December 6

DALLAS — The Community Choir at Misericordia University will present its annual holiday concert on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall.

Entitled "Carols From Around the World," the concert is sponsored by the Misericordia's Department of Fine Arts and Center for

Adult and Continuing Education.

Under the direction of seasoned conductor Matthew Rupcich, the 35-member vocal ensemble is comprised of community members as well as Misericordia students, faculty, staff and alumni, who have formed a mixed chorus of soprano, alto, tenor and bass singers.

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A few weeks ago, our Diocese joined in the international celebration of World Mission Sunday. The entire month of October, in fact, is a dedicated time in the Church to pray for the missionary work of the Church, to celebrate its successes throughout the world, and to offer our financial support to the millions of men and women who benefit from the selfless work of our ordained, religious, and lay missionaries at home and abroad.

It's providential that my reflection on World Mission Sunday coincides with this publication's distribution on Thanksgiving Day — this is a time to give thanks in a particular way for the missionary work of the Church.

One of my predecessors in this office, Monsignor John Esseff, once challenged my fellow seminarians and me to have a globe or a map in our study to remind us that we are not the center of the world and that the Church is diverse: It reaches broadly throughout the earth and, though it is strong, the Church

always needs faithful missionary disciples to proclaim the Gospel.

When I started my directorship of the Pontifical Mission Societies in July of 2017, my first thought was that I needed to take seriously Monsignor Esseff's challenge. And so, I decorated my office with a few maps and globes to focus my attention and my prayer on the people God is calling you and me to love and serve.

As I marvel at the vastness of our world and its beautiful diversity, I am also reminded of our need to give thanks to missionary priests, brothers and sisters.

Our Diocese was blessed to welcome Father Dominic Obour, a priest from Ghana who is now serving in the Parish of Christ the King in Archbald and Eynon, as the guest homilist for Mass on World Mission Sunday. Father Dominic gave a stirring homily on the need to recognize our call in the Church. While he acknowledged that these "calls" manifest themselves in different ways for different people, he insisted that one call remains the same — our vocation to love God and our neighbor and to share the message of the Gospel.

I marveled in the beautiful irony that a country that once

was evangelized by the "western" world is now being ministered to by a holy priest dedicated to the very Gospel imperative he and his ancestors received from the hands and hearts of missionaries.

Bishop Bambera concluded Mass for World Mission Sunday by highlighting that very reality. He spoke directly to Father Dominic, reminding him and all present that he "embodies the spirit of a missionary" who came to our country because of a shortage of clergy here.

God works in wonderful ways to feed His flock with the scriptures and the sacraments. What many missionaries from our country had once done with such willingness, fidelity and fervor — and still do — we benefit from now in the generous and enlivened hearts of priests and religious brothers and sisters from far and wide who have come now to serve us in our need.

I pray that we can all spend some time in humble gratitude to pray for these faithful men and women and missionaries throughout the world who bring the joy of the Gospel to God's people.

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Annual Respect Life Gathering in W-B



The Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life (PHL) hosted its 34th annual Respect Life Banquet on Nov. 5 in downtown Wilkes-Barre. Nearly 200 were in attendance to hear this year's keynote speaker, David Bereit, founder of "40 Days for Life," a national anti-abortion organization which has grown globally. Through its pro-life mission of prayer, fasting and continued vigil presence at abortion clinics, "40 Days" is credited with saving thousands of unborn babies from abortion, helping young mothers in crisis pregnancies, and persuading workers in the abortion industry to find other employment. Principals of the recent pro-life gathering pictured are, seated from left, Grand Knight Mark Perugino, Knights of Columbus, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Council, Swoyersville; George Yatison, president of the Fatima Grotto apostolate, North Street, Wilkes-Barre; Christopher Calore, vice president, Wyoming Valley PHL; Betty Caffrey, president, Wyoming Valley PHL; and Barbara Thoma, president of the Ladies of Charity in the Diocese of Scranton. Standing, Father Scott Boghossian, pastor, Saint Mary Byzantine Church, Freeland; Michael Ciccocioppo, executive director, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, Harrisburg; Mr. Bereit; José Ferraz, representing the Tradition, Family and Property Organization; Father Thomas Petro, pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Dupont; and Patrick Umbra, Supreme Director, Region II, Order of Alhambra, Local Caravan Alhambra No. 4.

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Weekly Novena to St. Anthony of Padua — NOV. 20-DEC. 18, hosted by Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre; St. Anthony 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).

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.

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration — NOV. 21 & 28, 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).

Weekly Bible Study — NOV. 21 & 28, 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. 21 & 28, 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. 21 & 28, 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 Bible Study — NOV. 23, 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. 23, 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.

Weekly Queen of Our Hearts Rosary Prayer Service — NOV. 24, 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.

Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — NOV. 24 & DEC. 8, 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 are approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided.

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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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Enthronement Guild to Host Christ the King Mass at Oblates

PITTSTON — The Diocesan Enthronement Guild of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary will host a special Eucharistic liturgy to celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, Nov. 25.

The Mass commemorating the annual feast day and marking the end of the Church's liturgical year will be celebrated

at 3 p.m. in the chapel of the Oblates of Saint Joseph Seminary, located on Route 315 in Laflin.

Saint Joseph Oblate Father Joseph Sibilano, director of the OSJ

seminary, will serve as principal celebrant for the liturgy.

The Sacred Heart Singers, directed by Ernie Pappa, will provide the music ministry for the liturgical celebration, beginning with a prelude of contemporary Christian music at 2:30 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the Mass.

All faithful are welcome to attend the Christ the King celebration, which will also feature a religious articles display. Donations will be accepted in support of the Enthronement Guild.

Further information on enthronements to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary may be obtained by contacting Maria Pappa, Guild coordinator, at (570-587-0805).



Father Joe Sibilano, OSJ

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Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God; and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener (Cathedral), (570-344-7231); Deacon Jan Mroz (Mary, Mother of God), (570-342-4881); or Deacon Pat McDonald (Immaculate Conception), (570-961-5211).

Christ the King Eucharistic Adoration — NOV. 25, hosted by Our Lady of Fatima Parish at St. Mary Church of the Immaculate Conception, 134 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre; exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in honor of the Solemnity of Christ the King will be held following the 12:10 p.m. Sunday Mass, from 1 to 4 p.m. Vespers will conclude the devotion at 4 p.m. All faithful are welcome.

Weekly "Flame of Love" Prayer Group Meeting — NOV. 26, 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.

Catholic Charismatic Advent Prayer Breakfast — DEC. 1, sponsored by Catholic Charismatic prayer groups in the Scranton Diocese; hosted from 9 to 11 a.m. at Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca (across from St. Mary Church). Featured presenter: Bob Valiante, Diocesan liaison to the Bishop for the Scranton Catholic Charismatic Renewal. All are welcome; for reservations, contact Jim at (570-267-1614) or jim@echoes.net.

Monthly Ladies Afternoon of Recollection — DEC. 1, 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 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 — DEC. 2, 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.

Padre Pio Prayer Ministry — DEC. 5, 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.

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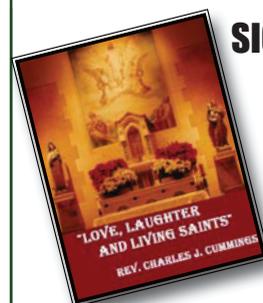
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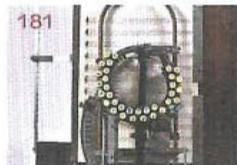
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DECEMBER SCHEDULE

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)				G.K. CHESTERTON
2:00 AM	ICONS SPOTLIGHT		EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY
2:30 AM	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	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
3:30 AM	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					DEFENDING LIFE		FORGOTTEN HERITAGE
3:50 AM							
4:00 AM							
4:30 AM							
5:00 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	CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL
7:30 AM	HOLY LAND ROSARY						
7:50 AM	ROSARY FROM LOURDES	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
10:30 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	WOMEN OF GRACE					
11:00 AM	FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM	BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT					
11:30 AM	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	THE CHOICES WE FACE	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	MASTERPIECE DONUT SHOP	LIVE WITH PASSION	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES
12:00 PM	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LIVE AT 12:10 p.m.						EWTN DAILY MASS (Encore)
12:30 PM	"DIOCESAN DATEBOOK" airs before and after Mass.						
1:00 PM	(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
1:30 PM	IN CONCERT	FATIMA: HEAVEN'S PEACE PLAN	FORGOTTEN HERITAGE	IMAGES OF MARY	QUEEN OF HEAVEN	TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THRU MARY	EWTN BOOKMARK
2:00 PM		CALLED TO COMMUNION	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	THE JOURNEY HOME	SPECIALS	EWTN ON LOCATION
2:30 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG						
3:00 PM	REFLECTIONS						
3:15 PM	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						ROSARY FOR LIFE
3:30 PM	THE HOLY ROSARY IN STAINED GLASS	THE HOLY ROSARY DIOCESAN DATEBOOK					CALLED TO COMMUNION
4:00 PM	ADVENT REFLECTIONS	BUGTIME ADVENTURES	MY TIME WITH JESUS	CHILDRENS SPECIALS	THE FRIAR	WAY OF THE CROSS FOR KIDS	
4:30 PM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	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	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	SPECIALS					
5:30 PM	PASSIONIST SUNDAY MASS	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)					
6:00 PM	HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE	CATHOLICS COME HOME	REAL LIFE CATHOLICS	CHURCH UNIVERSAL	TBA		OUR FAITH IN ACTION
6:30 PM	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						CHURCH AND POOR
7:00 PM	THE JOURNEY HOME	THE HOLY ROSARY		POPE'S AUDIENCE	THE HOLY ROSARY		DAILY MASS
7:30 PM	DIOCESAN DATEBOOK						
8:00 PM	SUNDAY BEST WITH FR. GROESCHEL	THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	SPECIALS	EWTN CINEMA
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	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY
10:00 PM	EWTN SPECIALS				DEFENDING LIFE	ICONS SPOTLIGHT	
10:30 PM	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS	BATTLE READY	FATHERS FOR GOOD	CROSSING THE GOAL	BEHOLD THE MAN	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	WEB OF FAITH 2.0
11:00 PM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	WOMEN OF GRACE					

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Padre Pio, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and benediction. All faithful are welcome.

Evening of Prayer with the Sisters of IHM — DEC. 5, 12 & 19, 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).

Bereavement Support Gatherings — DEC. 5 & 16, hosted by Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Clarks Summit; support group meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10 a.m., and the third Sunday of the month, at 2 p.m., in the Gathering Room (lower level) of Our Lady of the Snows Church, 301 South State St., Clarks Summit. All are welcome; no registration is required.

Scranton Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Family & Friends — DEC. 6, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for parents, family members and friends of individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of the

month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings are approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes: St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God; and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener (Cathedral), (570-344-7231); Deacon Jan Mroz (Mary, Mother of God), (570-342-4881); or Deacon Pat McDonald (Immaculate Conception), (570-961-5211).

Advent First Friday Marian Devotion & Healing Mass — DEC. 7, 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.

Meeting of Lay Carmelites — DEC. 15, 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).

Gathering of the Secular Discalced Carmelites — DEC. 16, canonically established community of the Diocese of Scranton; gather-

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Advent Retreat in Williamsport

Saint Ann Parish in Williamsport will host an Advent retreat, featuring a presentation by a noted priest-author, on Saturday, Dec. 15.

The retreat's theme, "Living in the Father's Embrace: Experiencing the Love at the Heart of the Trinity," is based on the title of the recent book by Marist Father George Montague, a member of the Society of Mary.

The Advent retreat experience will open with the celebration of Mass at 9 a.m. in Saint Ann Church, 1220 Northway Road, Williamsport. Father Montague's talk will follow from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the church hall.

Following the presentation, Saint Ann's will host a Eucharistic Holy Hour with exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 11 a.m., when confessions will also be heard. The retreat will conclude with noon luncheon in the church hall.

Registration for the retreat is requested by Dec. 8.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Saint Ann Parish at ocfc.stannrcc@gmail.com or by calling (570-322-5935).

The first 40 registrants will receive a complimentary copy of Father George's book, *Living in the Father's Embrace*.

Catholic Happenings Around Diocese

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo — NOV. 21 & DEC. 5, 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).

Weekly Bingo — NOV. 26, 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

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Christmas Bazaar — DEC. 1, hosted by Holy Name of Mary Church, 278 South Main St., Montrose; held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the church hall. Featuring white elephant table displays, hand-crafted items, baked goods, fresh holiday wreaths, Christmas and religious items/decorations, and children's craft & gift booth; also includes theme basket and merchandise raffle drawings. Breakfast and lunch menu items available, including homemade soups and ethnic foods (take-outs provided). All are welcome.

Spiritual Offerings

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ings are usually held on the third Sunday of every month at Holy Annunciation Monastery in Sugarloaf, Luzerne County. All are welcome, especially those who wish to experience Carmelite spirituality and community. Call Ann Marie Fierro (570-454-4493), Nicole Tranguch (570-751-4729) or Marie Schimmelbusch (570-822-6561) for more information.

Advent Monday Evening of Marian Devotion — DEC. 17, hosted by the Oblates of St.

Joseph, Diocesan Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild, and the Legion of Mary; Advent evening of Marian devotion begins at 6 p.m. in the chapel of St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laffin (Pittston). Prayer service includes recitation of the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Fatima prayers, hymns, and 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. The evening will close with a Christmas carol sing-along.

Wilkes-Barre Church to Host Advent Taizé Service December 9

WILKES-BARRE — Saint Nicholas Parish will host an Advent Taizé Prayer service on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 4 p.m. in the upper church of Saint Nicholas, 226 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre.

Taizé is a meditative style of communal prayer, with sung repetitive refrains to create a gentle rhythm.

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ipation and preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Christ.

Music ministry for the prayer service will be provided by Rob Yenkowski, director of music at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, and the King's Cantores Christi Regis performance choir.

Faithful are invited to participate free of charge; a free-will offering be accepted.

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

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.

University of Scranton Performance Music Series: 51st Annual Noel Night — DEC. 1, featuring the University of Scranton Singers with guest harpist Marg Davis; prelude provided by String Orchestra and Chamber Ensembles; 8 p.m. in the University's Houlihan-McLean Center on campus, corner of Mulberry St. & Jefferson Ave. Prelude begins at 7 p.m. Performance is open to the public free of charge.

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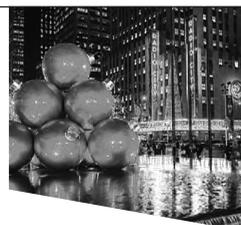
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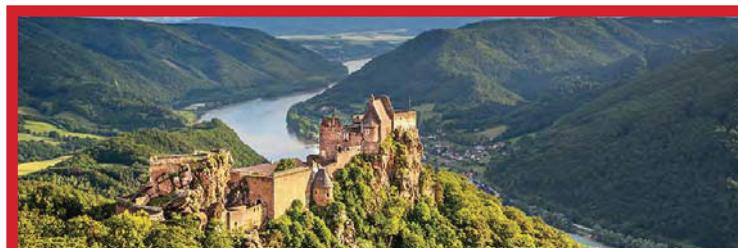
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Misericordia to Stage Winter Commencement Dec. 16

DALLAS — Mary Dana Hinton, Ph.D., president of the College of Saint Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota, will serve as keynote speaker for the eighth annual winter commencement ceremony of Misericordia University on Sunday, Dec. 16.



Dr. Mary Dana Hinton

The graduation exercises will begin at 2 p.m. in Misericordia's Anderson Sports and Health Center, and commencement activities will include a baccalaureate Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the Lemmond Theater on campus.

During the commencement, the university will confer degrees to 290 graduates and present Dr. Hinton with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

A native of Henderson, N.C., Dr. Hinton is the former associate vice president of academic affairs (AVPAA) at Misericordia, having served the university from 2006 to 2011.

The college president joined Misericordia as an assistant professor of religious studies and

as coordinator of multicultural student affairs during the 2006-07 academic year. She also taught undergraduate courses, while providing mentoring and support for minority students.

Dr. Hinton also served as the Misericordia University Diversity Club faculty advisor and facilitated workshops and training to student affairs offices. She was AVPAA in 2009 with primary responsibilities to oversee diversity, planning and assessment efforts, including implementation of the strategic plan.

In 2011, she was appointed vice president for strategic planning and institutional effectiveness

at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y., where she was named vice president of academic affairs in 2013.

Appointed president of the College of Saint Benedict in 2014, Dr. Hinton is the author of *The Commercial Church: Black Churches and the New Religious Marketplace in America* (Lexington Books 2011). Her scholarly focus is on African American religious history, religious education, and leadership, strategic planning, assessment and diversity in academics.

The commencement speaker earned her doctorate in religion and religious education from Fordham University after obtaining her master's degree in clinical child psychology from the University of Kansas.

Catholic Happenings

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).

University of Scranton Performance Music Series: "Empty Stocking Fund" Benefit Concert — DEC. 9, featuring the Scranton Brass Orchestra, University of Scranton Singers and

the Scranton Prep Cavaliers; 7:30 p.m. in the University's Houlihan-McLean Center on campus, corner of Mulberry St. & Jefferson Ave. Open to the public; admission charge is one new unwrapped toy, toiletry items or cash donation.

Christmas Cookie Sale — DEC. 15, sponsored by St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 320 Vine St., Old Forge; sale held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Featuring a wide variety of homemade holiday and popular cookie favorites; patrons may create their own assortment for \$9 per pound. Preorders will be accepted until Dec. 8. To place advance orders, call Betty (570-457-9292) or Maria (570-457-8275).

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Father Cyril Edwards, Holy Cross chaplain, with the help of Eric Dixon on piano and student vocals, entertains guests at the Annual Holy Cross First Friday Student Exhibit & Art Auction recently.

Below: Becky Tone, a Holy Cross sophomore, assists with the chocolate station and dessert table.

Holy Cross High School in Dunmore recently hosted their Third Annual Student Art Exhibit and Art Auction at the Diocese of Scranton Pastoral Center as part of *First Friday Scranton*. The event raised more than \$14,000 for the Holy Cross Tuition Assistance Program thanks to sponsorship, the art auction, and raffle basket ticket sales; major sponsors included Northeastern Plastics and the Jamie Kotula Foundation.

First Friday Scranton is a monthly opportunity for artists and art lovers to interact in a local setting, giving the talented Holy Cross students a great opportunity to share their artistic gifts with the community. Coordinated by HCHS art faculty member Mrs. Kristina Toolan, the Art Auction received 31 pieces from 17 artisans including Holy Cross faculty and alumni: Cierra Marino, Conor Nealon, Lily Guzewicz, Alexandra Covaleski and Kaitlyn O'Connor.

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At right, Mrs. Cathy Chiumento (left) and Mrs. Kathryn Yaklic, Holy Cross vice principal and director of religious formation, respectively, assist guests with raffle tickets to win one of the many donated theme baskets.



Student artwork: "Abbey Road," a collage by HCHS senior Julie Mazaleski, Art III

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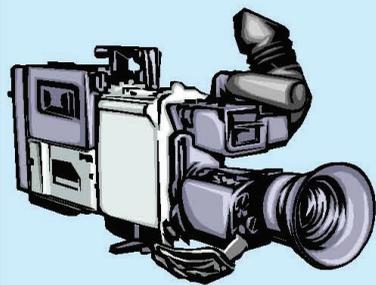
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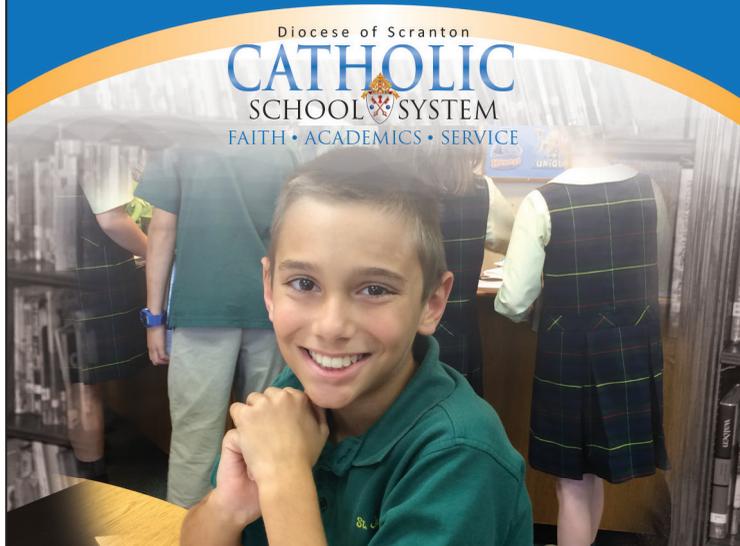
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