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Respect Life Mass

Sunday, October 7
at 10:00AM
Diocesan Pastoral Center

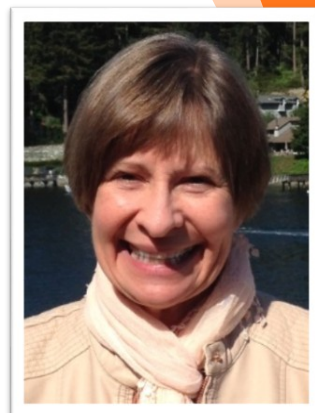
World Mission Sunday Mass

Sunday, October 21
at 12:15PM
Cathedral of Saint Peter

Join Us For The WORD Convocation (Convocation for Catechists)

Saturday, October 20, 2018

**Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton**



Registration is now open. [Click here](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or go to: www.dioceseofscranton.org.

The Office for Parish Life invites DREs, catechists, RCIA teams, Youth Ministers, those on parish WORD Commissions, Catholic School teachers and anyone engaged in Ministry of the Word to share in the WORD Convocation.

The Keynote Speaker will be **Joan Weber** offering a presentation entitled, "Calling Families to Be Living Gospels." Pope Francis tweeted that Catholics should be living Gospels in the world. How can we support our families in deepening their faith and then witnessing to it? The keynote will offer parish leaders strategies for helping families break open the Word, have faith conversations at home, and accept Jesus' invitation to be missionary disciples by living out the Gospel in their everyday lives.

Joan Weber is Coordinator of the National Workshop Series and Lifelong Faith Formation at the Center for Ministry Development. She also serves as the Co-Coordinator for Young Neighbors in Action. She holds a Master's degree in Pastoral Ministry from Creighton University and a Certificate in Faith and Justice. Joan is the former president of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association and content editor and author for the USCCB's book *Connecting Young Adults to Catholic Parishes*.



The convocation will also feature **Rich Curran**, Founder and Executive Director of Parish Success Group/Catholic Ministry Training and Consulting. Rich will offer two workshops, "Teaching through Apprenticeship" and "Structuring Parish Formation to Keep Continuous Contact with Parents and Adults."

The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Mass, followed by the keynote presentation, lunch and a variety of workshops. Workshops will conclude at 3:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Mary Anne Malone: Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org or (570) 207-2213, ext. 1100.





WORD

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

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

Looking to learn more about your faith, or gain enrichment for your parish ministry during the Easter season? Members of the faithful across the Diocese of Scranton are invited to consider taking a course through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation! Registration for "Cycle 7" is open until October 17th, with session running October 21-November 24, 2018. [Click here](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/) to view the Course Calendar for 2019 or visit <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/> and click 'calendar.'

A RETREAT ON COMMUNICATION & POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Daybreak

8th & 9th Grade Retreat

November 9 - 11, 2018
St. Gabriel's Retreat House, Clarks Summit

Registration Now Open

FOR MORE INFO: VISIT WWW.DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG

Closing Celebration for the 150th Anniversary Year

Recognizing that a most fitting way to conclude the 150th Anniversary Year of the Diocese of Scranton will be with a view to the future, the closing event will be the **#leaveamark18** gathering planned for **November 4th, 2018**. This is the third year for this lively gathering of the "young church" with Bishop Bambera, **at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 5:00pm Mass and Reception** – and for this year it will also provide the opportunity for the young adults who gather to accept the invitation to shape the future of the Church of Scranton for generations to come.

The Diocesan Vocations Office, and leaders from the growing Diocesan young adult ministries, will be providing you with additional information about this event. Please plan now to personally invite young adults from your parish (18-35 year olds) and encourage them to attend this celebration.



2018 Ministry Skills Workshop Series

"Ecumenism & Interfaith Dialogue, and Intercultural Competencies"

November 17, 2018 9:00AM-3:00PM
Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton



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

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

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

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

The cost of registration for this workshop is \$30, payable to The Diocese of Scranton.

Register online at www.dioceseofscranton.org

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

Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training Session

The Office for Parish Life will offer an all-day training session for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion on **Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton.** There is no fee for the training and lunch will be provided. To register, please fill out the [EMHC Training Registration Form](#) or call the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

Retreat for Music Ministers

St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 711 W. Edwin St. Williamsport, will host a day-long retreat for all music ministers on **Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 10:30AM to 4:30PM and concluding with 5:00PM Mass.**

The event titled, *"Offering All That We Have: A Retreat for Music Ministers"* will be led by David Baloga, Director for Worship from the Office for Parish Life and will offer reflection on the gifts and talents (no matter how big or small) of music ministers, the role of music ministers in liturgy, and the commitment involved in serving God through music ministry.

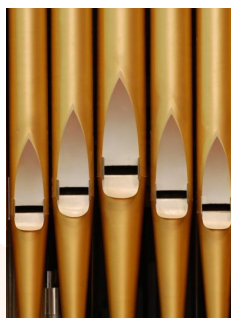
To register, please contact St. Joseph the Worker Parish at 570-323-9456.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Musicians Needed

MUSICIANS NEEDED! Are you a musician interested in contemporary Christian Praise and Worship music? Would you be interested in supporting others in worship with your musical gift? For more information, contact Jim Gialanella, Diocesan Office of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, at 570-333-4462, or 570-690-0851, jim-myg@epix.net.

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

Join the Pennsylvania Northeast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on **Sunday, October 14 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Scranton from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** for Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza. Participants will receive a behind the scenes tour of the instrument in addition to a chance to play it themselves (and eat some pizza!). All are welcome to attend. Students currently studying the piano are encouraged to bring a piece to play on the organ. To register, please visit the Pennsylvania Northeast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists website at www.agopane.org.



Resources for Atonement and Healing

Resources for ongoing prayer for atonement and healing in our diocese, including a sample rosary with reflections on the Sorrowful Mysteries, sample intercessions and prayers can be found on the [diocesan website](#). The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) has also provided a resource which can be found on its website, www.fdlc.org.


Respect Life Mass

The Diocese of Scranton will observe Respect Life Sunday with the celebration of the Mass on Sunday, October 7, at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will serve as the principal celebrant for this special liturgy which highlights the Catholic Church's respect for the sanctity and dignity of life spanning all stages and conditions, from conception to natural death. It celebrates the life of the unborn, persons with disabilities, the deaf, the ill, and those in the last stages of earthly life. The liturgy is also offered for victims of abortion, euthanasia, and the death penalty.

Students representing Diocesan Catholic schools and parish Religious Education programs, in addition to representatives of organizations that work to uphold the sanctity and dignity of human life, will serve in various ministerial roles at the Mass.

The faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend this special liturgy. CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton, will broadcast the Mass live.



THE ORDER OF MALTA

SCRANTON CHAPTER
PRESENTS

AN EVENING OF HEALING
WITH

*Monsignor
John Esseff*

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 10, 2018**

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
1510 PENN AVE., SCRANTON

MSGR. JOHN ESSEFF
MAIN CELEBRANT & HOMILIST

MSGR. NEIL VAN LOON
MASS CONCELEBRANT &
CHAPLAIN ORDER OF MALTA,
SCRANTON CHAPTER

CONFESSIONS - 6:00PM

HEALING MASS - 7:00PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION
E-MAIL CONTACT@MALTAOFSCRANTON.ORG OR CALL 570-341-7941



COMMUNITY

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

Event for Those Involved in Marriage Ministries in the Diocese of Scranton

Please join us for a gathering of all those involved in Marriage Ministries across our Diocese: Pastors, PreCana Team members, Parish Sponsor Couples, FOCCUS Facilitators, NFP Trainers, etc. If you are involved – **or would like to be** - in any Marriage Ministry, through your parish or through the Diocese, please plan to join us at the Diocesan Pastoral Center on the evening of **November 10, 2018 at 6PM.**



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

For those who have an interest in joining these ministries, this could be an excellent way to meet and talk with others already involved. Pastors, please consider encouraging your parishioners who may be suited to these ministries to attend, and we hope you will join us as well!

RSVP by November 5 to Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development, Office for Parish Life, (570) 207-2213 x 1104, jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org

October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The U.S. Catholic Bishops have made clear that "violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified. Violence in any form - physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal is sinful; often it is a crime as well." ([When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women, 2002](#)) Of course this statement extends to violence against men and children too!



Learn more through the resources below:

- [USCCB Resources for parishes observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#)
- [Life Matters: Domestic Violence](#) – a printable flyer from USCCB
- [Basic facts on DV](#) from the National Domestic Violence Hotline
- [13 Ways Any Adult Can Make Ending Domestic Violence His or Her Business](#) from the Domestic Violence Awareness Project

FOCCUS Facilitator Training & Refresher

The Office for Parish Life will offer a FOCCUS Premarriage Inventory Facilitator Training and refresher option on Saturday, December 8, 2018. The training will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center from 9AM to 3PM, a light lunch will be included. (Holy Day Mass will be held at the Cathedral at 8AM) The Full Training fee is \$100 for an individual or \$150 for a couple. For those who have already taken the 5-hour training and have a *FOCCUS Facilitator Manual* and a Certification number, but want to refresh their knowledge about FOCCUS Facilitating, the refresher option fee will be \$50 per person. If you, parish staff, or Sponsor Couples in your parish are interested in this training or refresher, please contact Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development, (570) 207-2213 x 1104, jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org



Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Retreat: November 2 – 4, 2018

This confidential weekend retreat facilitates spiritual and emotional healing for men and women struggling with the pain of abortion. Exercises based on scripture are designed to help participants experience God's mercy and compassion, and to reconcile with their church, their child, and with themselves. The retreat concludes with a Memorial Service and (Catholic) Mass of Entrustment. If your heart hears God's gentle invitation, take courage, for you are being called home to heal. Financial assistance is available. For registration information contact: Denise Mengak, (570) 822-7118, ext. 333, drowinski@csswb.org or Susan Walters, sueqz22@verizon.net.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
SPEAKER
PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC
RECONCILIATION
SOCIAL**

Monday, October 15 at 6:30PM

St. Boniface Parish

326 Washington Blvd. Williamsport

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

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who engage in SERVICE to our neighbors near and far and who work for justice and stewardship to hasten the Reign of God."

SERVICE



Ministries for Persons with Disabilities

Next month, the Diocese of Scranton will be hosting Open House opportunities for persons with disabilities and their families. We want to learn more about your experiences and see how we can develop ministries to welcome all members of our parish communities. We will publish upcoming dates in mid-October.

If you are interested in attending one of these sessions, or would like to offer any suggestions on the development of these ministries here in the Diocese of Scranton, please contact Katy Windels at Katy-Windels@dioceseofscranton.org.

OCTOBER 15, 2018
7:00 PM



The Universal Call:

A REFLECTION ON THE CANONIZATION
OF OSCAR ROMERO

Join us for a showing of the 2009 film, *Romero* and a discussion on social justice, Latin America, and the meaning of sainthood.

All are welcome!!

Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 Wyoming Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503

Katy-Windels@dioceseofscranton.org

Faithful Citizenship

Forming Consciences



Faithful Citizenship

Election Day is November 6, 2018! If you have not already registered to vote, October 6 is the deadline for online registration. You can register to vote at www.votespa.com. The Office for Parish Life will be hosting information sessions and discussions on Catholic Voting, using the USCCB's 2018 "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." If your parish is interested in hosting one of these events, please contact Katy Windels at Katy-Windels@dioceseofscranton.org. We will publish upcoming dates in early October.

Counseling Available through Catholic Social Services

Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton, located at 516 Fig Street, Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where your privacy is always respected. Counseling is about self-discovery and can be used for personal growth or when distressing conditions exist and you need a bit of extra support. Help is available. Anyone who struggles with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, life transitions or a variety of emotional or psychological conditions is welcome. Catholic Social Services accepts Medicaid plans and some insurance plans. Counseling is made affordable for everyone. For more information or to make an appointment, call (570) 207-2283.

REBOOT

a life-changing event

FEATURING INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED
SPEAKER, AUTHOR, AND TV HOST

CHRIS
STEFANICK

Thursday, October 25
7:00-9:30PM

St. John the Evangelist Parish
35 William St. Pittston, PA

Tickets: \$22

For information or to purchase tickets,
please call 570-764-2531.

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150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton



- A liturgical resource to assist parishes in commemorating the **150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton all year long** is available on the diocesan website. This resource includes hymn suggestions, an introduction to the liturgy, homily topic points, intercessions for the Universal Prayer. This resource also includes the Anniversary logo, a calendar of events for the year, suggestions for local parish participation, and a parish liturgical resource to help commemorate the Anniversary year. [Click here](#) to access this valuable resource to help commemorate this momentous occasion.
 - **Be sure to "like" Diocese of Scranton 150th Anniversary** on [Facebook](#). This will be the central location on social media with all information about the anniversary, pictures, videos and events going on in the different parishes and schools throughout the Diocese. Help us spread the word by sharing the page!
- We encourage everyone to use the hashtag **#DoS150** on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram when posting about diocesan, parish and school events related to the 150th Anniversary Year.
- Thanks to the parishes who have been notifying us of your Anniversary related events we can post these on the 150th Anniversary Facebook page. **We are also collecting photos and visual effects** from your various Anniversary activities for an exhibit to conclude the year.
 - **The hymn, "There Is One Body and One Spirit"** commissioned specifically for the 150th Anniversary is now available for parishes to sing throughout the year and beyond. [Click here](#) to download the **simplified piano/vocal score, assembly edition, SATB choral arrangement, solo voice/guitar arrangement, instrumental parts and sample audio recording** from the diocesan website.
 - **Historic Sites in the Diocese—there's an app for that!** One of the ways we can partake in the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese is through a visit to some of the historic sites here. The Office of Parish Life 2018 calendar features a number of those locations, and now there is a free app to guide you there.
- The Scranton Diocese Pilgrimage app* includes directions to each site, a description of what you will find when you arrive, a brief history, some photos and a "punch card" to help you keep track of the sites you have visited. Get the app and get on the road!

Android/Google Play App Store

Open Google Play ➤ Tap "My Apps" ➤ Search for "Scranton Diocese Pilgrimage" ➤ Tap "GET"

iOS/Apple App Store

Open "App Store" app on iPhone ➤ Search the App Store for "Scranton Diocese Pilgrimage" ➤ Tap "GET"

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