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Workshop for Music Ministers with Dr. Elaine Rendler- McQueeney



All cantors, choir members, choir directors, organists, pianists, and instrumentalists are encouraged to join us!

The Office for Parish Life of the Diocese of Scranton and the Scranton Chapter of the National Association for Pastoral Musicians are sponsoring a musicians' workshop with Dr. Elaine Rendler-McQueeney on **Saturday, September 29 from 9:00AM to 12:30PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton**. The topic of the workshop will be: ***Here We Go Again: Rediscovering and Renewing Our Commitment to Music Ministry***.

All cantors, choir members, choir directors, organists, pianists, and instrumentalists are encouraged to join us! This is a great way to begin a new season of music ministry in your parish! The registration fee is \$20, and the deadline to register is Monday, September 24. To register, [click here](#) or visit www.dioceseofscranton.org and click on 'Parish Life'.

Elaine Rendler-McQueeney is a nationally recognized musician, teacher, author, composer, pastoral liturgist and speaker. She holds a doctor of musical arts degree (DMA) in organ performance from The Catholic University of America. She is associate professor of music theory at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. For many years she was the director of the Georgetown Chorale in Washington, DC. Elaine is perhaps best known as the editor of *Today's Liturgy*, the quarterly liturgy preparation magazine from OCP. She has been writing the weekly columns and music suggestions in *Today's Liturgy* for more than 30 years, offering practical wisdom to generations of pastoral musicians.

Elaine leads events around the country, working with parishes and dioceses to focus on the preparation of ministers and selecting the music for the liturgy.

A Time of Atonement and Healing

Friday, September 14 —
Saturday, September 15

Catechetical Sunday

Sunday, September 16





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."

Echoes of Faith Information Night

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 Wyoming Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503

Mary Anne Malone will offer an introduction to the Echoes of Faith program for anyone who is interested in online Adult Faith Formation. The program is especially valuable for parish catechists who want to earn a Certificate as a Master Catechist.

You will learn how easy it is to get started in Echoes of Faith. You will be able to preview the modules that are offered, and learn how to navigate through the program. Created by the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) and published by RCL Benziger, Echoes of Faith is an online education program offering basic adult formation in the Catholic Faith. With fourteen modules divided into three categories, the Echoes of Faith Learning Center can be used for parish Adult Faith Formation and for Basic Catechist Certification. It is also one way to complete the pre-requisites for the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry.

Contact Mary Anne Malone: Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org or 570-207-2213, x 1100.



Save the Date!

WORD Convocation

(Convocation for Catechists)

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton



The Office for Parish Life invites DREs, catechists, RCIA teams, Youth Ministers, those on parish WORD Commissions 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."

Joan Weber is the Coordinator of the National Workshop Series and Lifelong Faith Formation at the Center for Ministry Development. 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 day will begin at 9:00 with Mass in the Cathedral of St. Peter, followed by the keynote presentation, lunch and a choice of workshops. Please save the date. Registration will be open later in August.

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

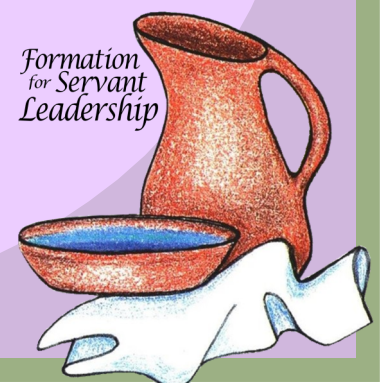
Lay Ministry Formation Informational Session

The last Lay Ministry Formation Informational Session will take place on **Thursday, September 13, 2018 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at St. Ann Parish, Williamsport.** Pastors, Parish Life Coordinators, and Parish leaders are invited to take part in with Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, to learn how the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* formation program, and other resources of "OPL," can benefit and grow the leadership of your faith community. There will also be opportunity to meet team member, Katy Windels, Coordinator for SERVICE and Social Justice!

The *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* is designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals ministering in areas such as: Parish Pastoral Councils, Directors of Religious Education and Catechists, Liturgical Coordinators, Parish Staff, as well as members of 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, candidates enrich their knowledge, while gaining practical tools for effective parish ministry in their faith communities.

If you, and your parish leaders would like to attend this informational session, please contact the Office for Parish Life, at 570-207-2213.



Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training Sessions

The Office for Parish Life will offer two all-day training sessions for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion at the following locations:



- **Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM at Christ the King Parish, Archbald**
- **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 for the Saturday, September 15 session in Archbald, please contact Gail Fromm at Christ the King Parish at 570-876-1701. To register for the Saturday, October 27 session in Scranton, please fill out the [EMHC Training Registration Form](#) or call the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

LTP Virtual Workshops

Liturgy Training Publications is offering several different series of online workshops for cantors, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Communion, liturgists, teachers and catechists throughout the year.



These virtual workshops are different than other webinars in that they invite participants to engage with the presenter and one another in providing feedback, reflections on the topic at hand, and discuss best practices and strategies for enhancing engagement in their ministries. Here are just some of the upcoming virtual workshops:

- **The Role of the Parish Secretary in the Liturgical Life of the Parish**—September 27, 2018 at 1:00PM
- **Preparing to Celebrate Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Youth and Young Adults**—September 18, 2018 at 1:00PM
- **Developing Your Parish's Initiation Ministry Team**—September 19 at 1:00PM and 7:30PM
- **Musician Series: A Survey of the Liturgical Music Document, *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship***—September 25, October 9, and October 23 at 7:30PM

The cost for each session is \$10-\$15 (\$40 for the 3 part Musician Series). For more information or to register for any of these sessions or to see what other sessions are available throughout the year, please visit www.ltp.org/virtualworkshops.

Looking to Have a Workshop for Your Liturgical Ministers?



Are your cantors or choir members in need of training on the basics of the ministry? Could your lectors or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion use a "refresher" course or a day of reflection? Board Members of the Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians are here to help and are willing to travel to provide a workshop or session for your parish ministers. Some potential topics include:

- **Choir Basics: Making the Most of Out of What You've Got**
- **The Body of Christ: Our Identity and Purpose**
- **Reading vs. Proclaiming: The Role of the Lector**
- **Fostering Sung Prayer: Synchronizing the Organist, Cantor, Choir and Assembly**
- **Not Just a Pretty Voice: The Cantor as a Leader of Prayer**

Please contact David Baloga at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158 or at David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org to discuss how we can help address your parish's needs.



REBOOT
a life-changing event

FEATURING INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED
SPEAKER, AUTHOR, AND TV HOST

CHRIS STEFANICK

Thursday, September 27
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.
Visit RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot.



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 *save the date* 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 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. 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!

Contact: Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development, Office for Parish Life, (570) 207-2213 x 1104, jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org

FOCCUS Facilitator Training & Refresher, Fall of 2018

The Office for Parish Life will offer a FOCCUS Premarriage Inventory Facilitator Training and refresher option this fall. 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

September Means Back to School... For Your Marriage!

September 28-30, the Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May, NJ is offering a "Celebration of Marriage" retreat for those couples married at least 10 years.

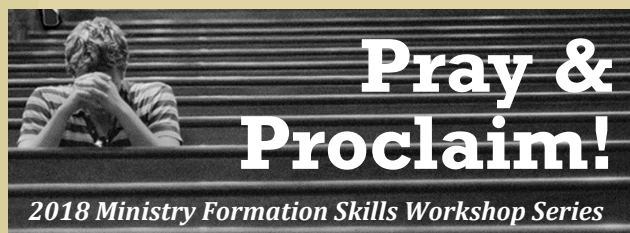
Celebrate and honor your vocation through presentations and small group discussions. The retreat process will help the two of you consider the past journey of your marriage, where it is now, and where it may be headed for the future. The retreat will include participation and reflection time, liturgy, and fun and free time. Please consider giving yourself and your spouse the gifts of dedicated time and attention. The two of you, and your marriage, are worth it!

For more information visit capemaymarianists.org or call (609) 884-3829. Marianist Family Retreat Center, 417 Yale Ave., Cape May Point, NJ 08212

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, suezq22@verizon.net.



Saturday, September 15, 2018

from 9:00AM-2:30PM

St. Monica Parish, West Wyoming

Presented by

Dr. Teresa Grettano and Kitty Scanlan

Dr. Teresa Grettano will give introduction to basic public speaking techniques, and provide opportunity for participants to try out these methods. Kitty Scanlan will discuss topics such as: Why do we pray? How do we pray? What are some ideas and resources for planning prayer with groups, or in the classroom? The ways in which ministers cultivate spirituality outside of the Mass not only enriches Sunday worship but can bring the reality of God into our everyday lived experience.

Dr. Teresa Grettano an Associate Professor in the English and Theatre Department at the University of Scranton. Kitty Scanlan is the Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation for the Diocese of Scranton in the Office for Parish Life.

For more information contact Kitty Scanlan at 570-207-2213. To register, visit www.dioceseofscranton.org.

Up & Over Jr. High Retreat

The Up & Over Jr. High School Retreat is a weekend of fun, friendship, and faith for 6th – 8th grade students at the beautiful wooded Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas. You will spend time outdoors, meet new friends and learn how your God-given gifts can be used when you work with others as a team! There will also be a number of fun activities and events, including a movie, free time and an outdoor obstacle course. Come and join us for an outstanding experience. You will have a great time, meet new friends and come closer to God who loves you!

Registration includes cabin lodging, delicious home cooked meals, a t-shirt and unforgettable memories!

ARRIVAL: Friday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m.

DEPARTURE: Sunday, September 30, at 12:00 Noon

COST: \$140 (which includes a \$70 non-refundable deposit) *Some parishes help with the cost, so don't be afraid to ask!*

Deadline to register is September 21, 2018 – **Register online at www.dioceseofscranton.org**. Call Shannon Kowalski at 570-207-2213 x 1155 with questions or for more information.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION — SPEAKER
PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC — RECONCILIATION — SOCIAL**
Monday, September 10, 2018 at 7:00PM
**Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton**
*For more information, visit www.vocations.dioceseofscranton.org
or call 570-780-2996.*

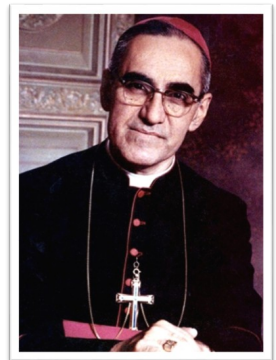


Save the Date

October 14th will mark the canonization of two very important saints. Paul VI was pope during the second half of Vatican II. He helped to implement the many reforms of the Council and also affirmed the Church's stance on the dignity of human life in *Humanae Vitae*, which will celebrate its 50th Anniversary this year.




Oscar Romero, the famous Archbishop of El Salvador, will also be canonized on this date next month. Romero was outspoken against violent political and governmental forces in his country and was killed while saying mass in the spring of 1980. Romero is remembered and venerated for his commitment to the poor and for his firm stance against violence and political corruption.



Stay tuned for upcoming events from the Office for Parish Life celebrating these two saints and their commitment to service. Specifically, we hope to host an event for youth and young adults to honor Romero and discuss the universal call to holiness during the week of October 14th.

September Green Tips:

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- As we move into fall, check your air conditioning system to make sure that you are not using more energy than you should be. Also, try to avoid AC—instead, open windows wherever possible! You will get to enjoy the fresh air and save on electricity.
 - Recycling is good, but reducing is much better. When you are thinking about buying something, try the 30-Day Rule -- wait 30 days after the first time you decide you want a product to really make your decision. This will eliminate impulse buying.
 - Engage your parish by starting a wash and dry team. Instead of using paper and plastic dinnerware for parish events, go to your local thrift store and buy reusable ones. Then, start a volunteer team to wash and dry them after each event. Your parish will reduce its paper and plastic waste.

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

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