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Heart of a Priest



Relic Heart of Saint Jean Vianney to Visit Diocese

As parishioners spend time in prayer for the season of Lent, the Diocese of Scranton will host the incorrupt heart of Saint Jean Vianney at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton later this month.

The major relic of Saint Jean Vianney's incorrupt heart is currently in the midst of a nationwide tour, visiting cathedrals, churches and chapels throughout the United States through June 2019.

The Diocese of Scranton will host the relic on Saturday, April 13, 2019. The Shrine of Ars, France, made the relic available for its national tour.

The relic will be welcomed to the Cathedral of Saint Peter with the celebration of Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m. It will remain on display for private prayer and veneration through 3:00 p.m. The Daily Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, will take place at 12:10 p.m. and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be offered from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The Knights of Columbus is hosting the nationwide tour. Before stopping in Scranton, the relic will have already visited Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles. Immediately before the relic's scheduled stop in Scranton, it will visit Saint Clare of Assisi Church in Saint Clair, Schuylkill County.

Born in France in 1786, Jean Vianney suffered through the dark years of the French Revolution. He undertook a life of penance and prayer to draw people away from sin and closer to God. Known for his wise spiritual counsels, Father Vianney would hear confessions for up to eighteen hours a day.

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Diocese to host relic of Saint Jean Vianney next weekend

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Jean Vianney died on August 4, 1859, at the age of 73. Nearly 1,000 people attended his funeral, including the Bishop and priests of the Diocese. On October 3, 1873, Pope Pius IX proclaimed him Venerable, and on January 8, 1905, Pope Pius X beatified him. Saint Jean Vianney was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 31, 1925. His feast day is August 4.

As the patron of parish priests, the faithful are asked to pray for their most heartfelt needs and intentions, as well as for healing within the heart of the Church. Saint Jean Vianney is also considered to be a source of sanctity in the priesthood and unity within the Church.

In Catholic tradition, a relic is an object associated with a saint that may be offered to the faithful for veneration. When the saint's incorrupt body, including the heart, is normally on display in France, the shrine attracts more than 500,000 visitors each year.

Marywood University to purchase Holy Family Residence



Sister Mary Persico, IHM, Marywood University President, announced Friday, March 29, that Marywood University has signed an asset purchase agreement with the Little Sisters of the Poor, demonstrating an intent to buy The Holy Family Residence. The Little Sisters have operated the facility for more than a century, providing compassionate care to the elderly in Scranton.

While assuring that current Holy Family residents receive continuity of quality care, this purchase places Marywood University as a regional leader in an emerging trend in higher education—University Based Retirement Communities (UBRC). As the number of seniors in our country continues to grow, communities continue to look for interesting alternatives to accommodate this rapidly growing group.

The facility, situated on a 10-acre lot surrounded entirely by the 100-plus acre campus of Marywood University, is currently licensed for 54 single-occupancy beds and has 22 independent living units.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera released the following statement regarding the proposed sale:

"For more than 110 years, the Little Sisters of the Poor have faithfully cared for elderly and infirmed residents from throughout the Diocese of Scranton.

While the Holy Family Residence is not a Diocesan facility, the Little Sisters of the Poor served people regardless of race or religion and we are thankful for their humble work. Each and every day, they truly fulfilled their mission, welcoming each resident as Christ himself, and making sure the compassionate love of the Lord is shared with all.

During this time of transition, we pray for Marywood University and its leaders, as they begin the great task of following in the footsteps of the Little Sisters of the Poor. While we recognize the complexity and challenging landscape of long-term healthcare ourselves, the Diocese of Scranton is glad that Marywood University is committed to keeping the property as a skilled nursing facility. It is our hope that residents will continue to be welcomed with hospitality, kindness and gentleness for many years to come."

CTV Airing Holy Week Services

Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton (CTV) will provide live coverage of the following Holy Week services at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera:

Palm Sunday Mass on April 14 at 12:15 p.m.

Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 16, at 4 p.m. (Encore broadcast on Wednesday, April 17, at 10 a.m.)

Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 18, at 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday service commemorating the Lord's Passion on April 19 at 12:10 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, April 20, at 8 p.m.

CTV will also carry EWTN's coverage of the following Holy Week services from Rome and Washington, D.C.

SOLEMN MASS OF PALM SUNDAY FROM ROME with Pope Francis, April 14, live at 4 a.m., followed by the Angelus in Saint Peter's Square; encore at 8 p.m.

CHRISM MASS IN ROME with Pope Francis, Thursday, April 18, live at 3:30 a.m.

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION FROM WASHINGTON, Friday, April 19, live at 2:30 p.m. from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION FROM ROME with Pope Francis at Vatican City, Saturday, April 20, live at 12 midnight.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS FROM ROME

Pope Francis presides over The Stations of the Cross, from the Coliseum in Rome, on Friday, April 19, live at 6:30 p.m.; encore on Saturday, April 20, at 5:30 a.m.

EASTER VIGIL MASS FROM ROME with Pope Francis, Saturday, April 20, live at 2:30 p.m.; encore on Easter Sunday, April 21, at 12 midnight.

SOLEMN MASS OF EASTER FROM ROME with Pope Francis, Sunday, April 21, live at 4 a.m.; encore at 7 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS FROM WASHINGTON on April 21, live at 12 noon from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

'URBI ET ORBI' — EASTER MESSAGE AND BLESSING

From Saint Peter's Square in Vatican City, Pope Francis gives the traditional Easter message and blessing, *Urbi et Orbi* (to the city of Rome and to the world), on Sunday, April 21, live at 6 a.m.; encore at 6 p.m.

Holy Week Schedule at the Cathedral of Saint Peter



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14

The solemn observances of Holy Week, which recall the passion and death of Jesus Christ, begin on Palm Sunday, April 14. The Masses on Palm Sunday will include the blessing and distribution of palm branches, which play a symbolic role on this day since they were first used to commemorate the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into the city of Jerusalem.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate a Pontifical Liturgy at 12:15 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. Weather permitting, this Mass will begin in the Cathedral Prayer Garden with a blessing of palms and a Gospel reading, followed by a procession into the Cathedral.

Palm Sunday Masses at the Cathedral will also be celebrated at 4 p.m. on Saturday and 6:30 a.m., 10 a.m., and 5 p.m. on Sunday. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6 p.m., followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:30 p.m.



MASSSES & CONFESSIONS

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, Masses at the Cathedral will be celebrated at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., and 12:10 p.m.

Confessions will be heard:

Monday, April 15
7:30 to 7:50 a.m.

Tuesday, April 16
7:30 to 7:50 a.m.

Wednesday, April 17
7:30 to 7:50 a.m.

Good Friday, April 19
9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Holy Saturday, April 20
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



CHRISM MASS, APRIL 16

Priests serving throughout the Diocese will gather at the Cathedral on Tuesday, April 16, at 4 p.m. for the Solemn Pontifical Chrism Mass, at which the Holy Oils used during the conferral of sacraments throughout the Church year will be blessed. Bishop Bambera will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John M. Dougherty will concelebrate the Mass along with all priests from the Diocese.

During this Mass, priests and deacons, along with lay representatives from Diocesan parishes, acknowledge the Bishop's role as the unifying symbol for Church governance and pastoral guidance. Priests will renew their ordination promises. After Mass, they will receive the Sacred Chrism, Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, which are used in the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, the Anointing of the Sick, and the Rites of the Catechumenate. The deacons of the Diocese will assist in the blessing of the holy oils.



HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

The three most sacred days of the Church's liturgical year, known as the Sacred Paschal Triduum, begin on Holy Thursday, with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. During the Triduum (Latin for "three days"), the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of the Lord, crucified, buried and risen.

Holy Thursday marks the day on which Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist and the priestly Order and gave us the commandment concerning fraternal charity. At the Cathedral, Morning Prayer will be at 8 a.m. The Pontifical Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will begin at 5:30 p.m., with Bishop Bambera serving as the principal celebrant. During the Mass, there will be the rite of the Washing of Feet, which re-enacts Christ's washing of the feet of his apostles at the Last Supper. Following this Mass there will be the transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament to the place of repose. Adoration will continue until 10 p.m., when Night Prayer will be celebrated.



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

On Good Friday, April 19, and the following day (up to the Easter Vigil Mass), by a most ancient tradition, the Church does not celebrate the sacraments at all, except for Penance and Anointing of the Sick. At the Cathedral, Morning Prayer for Good Friday will be at 8 a.m.

The Commemoration of the Passion and Death of the Lord celebrated by Bishop Bambera will begin at 12:10 p.m. This solemn liturgy consists of three parts: the Liturgy of the Word, the Adoration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. In addition, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5 p.m.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.



HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Holy Saturday, April 20, is the day that the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer, meditating on his passion and death and on his descent into hell, and awaiting his resurrection. Morning Prayer will be at 8 a.m. at the Cathedral, followed by a retreat for those preparing to be baptized and received into full communion with the Catholic Church. The blessing of Easter Baskets will take place at 1 p.m. in the Cathedral.

The Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter is the night of keeping vigil for the Lord (Exodus 12:42), in which following the Gospel admonition (Luke 12:35-37), the faithful, carrying lighted candles in their hands, should be like those looking for the Lord when he returns, so that at his coming he may find them awake and have them at his table. This night's vigil is the greatest and most noble of all solemnities in the

Church. Although celebrated entirely at night, this Mass of the Vigil is the first Mass of the Sunday of the Resurrection, and it is the center of the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

Bishop Bambera will be the principal celebrant and homilist of the Easter Vigil Mass at the Cathedral, beginning at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 20. This liturgy is arranged in four parts: 1) the Lucernarium (a service of light) and Easter Proclamation; 2) the Liturgy of the Word, in which the Church meditates on the wonders God has done for his people from the beginning, trusting in his word and promise; 3) the Liturgy of Baptism and Confirmation in which new members of the Church are reborn; and 4) the Liturgy of the Eucharist, in which the Church is called to the table the Lord has prepared for his people, the memorial of his death and resurrection until he comes again.

On the Holy Night of Easter, 174 people who have participated in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will become fully initiated Catholics by the celebration of their Baptism, Confirmation, and reception of the Eucharist for the first time. This will take place during Easter Vigil Masses celebrated in parishes throughout the Diocese. They join tens of thousands of other individuals throughout the world who will become members of the Church that night.



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord is the most joyous day in the Church year. This joy overflows into the 50 days of the Easter season, which concludes on Pentecost Sunday.

On Easter Day, April 21, Bishop Bambera will celebrate a Pontifical Mass at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral. Additional Masses during the day will be at 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God through his Paschal Mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the Sacred Paschal Triduum shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. Therefore the preeminence that Sunday has in the week, the Solemnity of Easter has in the entire year.

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"Come and See" Weekend Retreat: Learning About Discerning

The annual "Come and See" weekend retreat was held recently at the Villa of Our Lady Retreat House in Mount Pocono. The retreat enabled participants to pray, talk with seminarians and Diocesan priests, and listen to presentations on discernment and seminary life. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera joined the group for a question and answer session.



Above: Seminarian Michael Boris leads Morning Prayer.

Below: Retreatants and seminarians enjoy free time, giving them time to connect.



"My experience was first and foremost peaceful. There was a constant harmony between my thoughts and prayers that allowed me to reflect on God more deeply. Also, the seminarians and priests that were there gave me a more realistic understanding of what it means to undergo a vocation from God. From what I witnessed, it means to allow God to take full control of your life and remove any unnecessary distractions that will cause one to miss out on the glory of His plans."

-Stephen Dule, sophomore at Penn State University
Member of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Hanover Township



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Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., congratulates Mr. Joseph Szewczky on receiving the 2019 Christ the Teacher Award at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Szewczky was selected by the student body as the teacher that best models Christ to the school family. He began working for the Diocese in 1983.

Three students from Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green were recognized on Wednesday, March 27, as winners of Lackawanna County's annual Bookmark Contest. The students each researched a notable local woman and drew her portraits for a bookmark. The students who were recognized are Grace Kowalski, Gianna Familetti, and Emmi Vitaletti. All of the winning entries will be made into bookmarks and given away at libraries in the Lackawanna County Library System.



Harford Girl Scout Troop, Cadette Troop 50856, recently held a blanket drive for the St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen. The troop conducted a gingerbread house contest held at the Harford First Congregational Church and monies raised were used to purchase the blankets. Pictured: Briana Boswell and Genevieve Larkin, both eighth grade students at Mountain View Junior Senior High School. For more information about volunteer opportunities or the donation needs of the St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, call (570) 342-5556.

FNCB Bank donates \$77,500 to Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation



FNCB Bank, locally-based for more than 100 years, has announced a \$77,500 Pennsylvania Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) donation to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation.

The Diocese of Scranton donation will help provide tuition assistance to students enrolled in pre-school, elementary and high school programs. Each year, more than 1,000 families receive tuition awards from the Diocese foundation, many of which are funded through FNCB's contributions.

Since 2010, FNCB has contributed more than \$1.6 million to local educational and scholarship organizations.

Pictured (Left to Right): Brian Mahlstedt, FNCB Bank Executive Vice President, Chief Lending Officer; Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development; Jason Morrison, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education and Chief Operating Officer; Jerry Champi, FNCB Bank President and CEO; and Greg Collins, FNCB Bank Executive Vice President, Chief Banking Officer.

Reverend Thomas J. O'Malley Passes Away

Reverend Thomas J. O'Malley, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 13, at Saint Mary's Villa, Elmhurst.

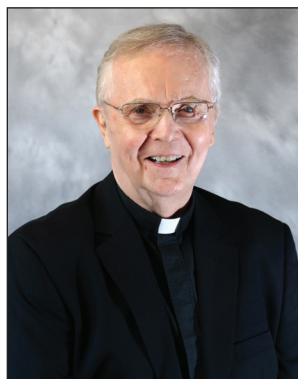
Father O'Malley was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on April 21, 1940. He was the son of the late Thomas L. O'Malley and Mary (Ferguson) O'Malley.

Father O'Malley received his early education at Holy Rosary High School, Scranton. He attended the University of Scranton and entered Saint Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, where he studied for the priesthood and obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology. Father O'Malley was ordained

to the priesthood on May 28, 1966, in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, by the Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, late Bishop of Scranton.

Father also studied at Marywood College, earning an M.S. in Religious Education in 1977 and an M.A. in Counseling in 1978.

Father O'Malley served as Assistant Pastor pro tem at Saint Patrick's, Milford, 1966. He also served as Assistant Pastor at Saint Ann's, Faxon, 1966-1968; Saint John's, Susquehanna, 1968-1970; and Saint Jude, Mountain Top, 1970-1977. In 1977, Father O'Malley was appointed Administrator and Director of Religious Formation



Rev. Thomas J. O'Malley

at Bishop Neumann High School, Williamsport while in residence at Saint Lawrence, South Williamsport.

Father O'Malley received his first pastorate in 1980 at Saint Francis Xavier, Friendsville, and Saint Thomas the Apostle, Little Meadows. In 1985, Father was appointed Pastor at Saint Gabriel,

Hazleton, where he served until 1989 when he was appointed Pastor at Saint Leo the Great, Ashley. Father O'Malley served as Pastor at Saint Leo's for 25 years until his retirement and appointment as Pastor Emeritus in 2014. In 2004, while remaining pastor at Saint Leo the Great, Father was appointed Administrator of Holy Rosary, Ashley.

In addition, Father O'Malley also served the Diocese as Dean of Luzerne County (Southeast), 1985-1988; Dean of Ashley/Mountain Top, 1992-1998; and was appointed to the Board of Directors of Holy Redeemer Regional School System in 2007.

Father O'Malley celebrated the 50th

Anniversary of his Ordination with a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L. in 2016. After retirement, he enjoyed celebrating Mass at both Saint Eulalia's and Saint Mary's Villa nursing home in Elmhurst.

In addition to his parents, Father O'Malley was preceded in death by Thomas A. McGoff, brother in law, and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles, including Thomas J. and Frances O'Malley Kearney, who helped raise him after the death of his mother at the age of five.

Father O'Malley is survived by a sister, Mariel O'Malley McGoff; a niece, Carolyn Mlynarczyk and

husband, Peter; nephews, Michael McGoff and fiancé, Kimberly Ephault; Brian McGoff and wife, Cynthia; and Timothy McGoff; six great nieces and nephews and numerous cousins.

The family would like to express its deepest gratitude to the staff of Saint Mary's Villa nursing home and Hospice of the Sacred Heart.

A Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, on Tuesday, March 19, at Mary Mother of God Parish (Holy Rosary Church), Scranton. Interment was in Cathedral Cemetery, Scranton.

Bill would ban abortions on babies with Down syndrome

HARRISBURG -- Mikayla Holmgren, 24, stood before a gathering at the State Capitol on March 20, and basically defended her existence on this earth. Why would she, or anybody, ever feel the need to do that?

"This world is better with people with Down syndrome," Holmgren said. "I have Down syndrome, but it will not stop me from a living a life with a purpose."

Holmgren appeared at a rally at the Capitol Media Center to help support legislation that would restrict abortions that are based solely on a diagnosis of possible Down syndrome. You can't blame someone like Mikayla Holmgren for feeling a bit threatened by what has become a worldwide effort to eradicate Down syndrome. To counter that movement, state representative Kate Klunk, R-169, is sponsoring House Bill 321, which would offer protection for unborn babies with Down syndrome.

"Today we stand with these perfectly imperfect individuals and support their lives and the lives of unborn babies with Down syndrome and those with a Down syndrome diagnosis," said Rep. Klunk, who along with state representative Kathy Rapp, R-65, chairs the PA Pro-Life Caucus.

Reps. Klunk and Rapp were joined at the rally and bill presentation by several other lawmakers, along with advocates and people living with Down syndrome. The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference was one of the groups that was honored to stand in support of the measure and stand behind the

promise to push the bill forward despite what promises to be stiff opposition—mainly in the form of a promised veto from Governor Tom Wolf.

"We are proud and honored to support Representative Klunk, Representative Rapp, Senator (Scott) Martin and other pro-life lawmakers in these efforts," said PA Catholic Conference Executive Director Eric Failing. "We must do everything we can to protect the most vulnerable among us, especially children with Down syndrome. Who, other than God is qualified to say that they do not deserve to live?"

"There is no justifiable or convenient excuse for aborting an unborn child diagnosed with Down syndrome," said Rep. Rapp. "In Pennsylvania, we as pro-life legislators refuse to join the rabid rush that other states have chosen to eliminate our unborn children, some even up to the moment of birth and after."

Also sponsoring the bill is House Speaker Mike Turzai, R-28, who pushed a similar measure last session. That bill attracted several co-sponsors and got bipartisan support but never made it out of the Senate.

"Now more than ever, babies with Down syndrome have the opportunity to live long, happy and productive lives," Speaker Turzai said. "It is an important existential question that we each face. Who gets to decide what is a good life?"

Sen. Martin admitted that people supporting this legislation are staunchly pro-life but he said this is about something



House Speaker Mike Turzai joins lawmakers, families and supporters to discuss legislation to prohibit the abortion of a child due to a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome.

that is more sinister than the question of life.

"This is about the practice of eugenics," Sen. Martin said. He talked about Iceland's efforts to fight Down syndrome, adding, "How they were basically planting their flag in the ground and saying 'we have eradicated Down syndrome.' They were exterminating people!"

Senator Martin wondered with all the pre-natal screenings, what lies next on the horizon for eradication—maybe the targeting of a diagnosis for a pre-disposition to cancer?

"Is that what we're going to take up next, to spare this child of a miserable life in battling cancer? Where does it end?" Sen. Martin questioned.

Several times Mikayla Holmgren put her arm around her much younger friend,

Chloe Kondrich, the namesake for Chloe's Foundation. The foundation was started by Chloe's father, Kurt Kondrich, to provide resources, support and assistance to children with Down syndrome and their families.

Kurt Kondrich talked about how his wife was pregnant with Chloe back in 2003. He said they were told that it was a high-risk pregnancy and that they should get tested in case they wanted to do something about it. Kondrich was hearing none of it.

"Basically they're telling people in these offices that you have an option to commit a prenatal death sentence to someone who is completely innocent, who has committed no crime and who has done nothing wrong other than they don't meet the cultural mandate for perfection," Kondrich said.

Standing Against Terror: United with our Muslim Neighbors



Father Alex J. Roche represented the Catholic Community during a rally in Wilkes-Barre on Sunday, March 24, to show support for the Muslim community following attacks that killed 50 people in New Zealand on March 15.

BISHOP BAMBERA'S STATEMENT ON NEW ZEALAND SHOOTING

"The horrific and senseless acts of violence in yet more places of worship, this time two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, remind us all of the need for prayer, acts of solidarity as members of one human family and education to overcome fear, prejudice and ignorance.

All people are created in the image and likeness of God. The rich variety and diversity of people is a gift to humanity. We must strive to learn more about different cultures, languages and religions. We must become good neighbors and overcome the fear of those who are different from us.

Today, the 11 counties of northeastern and north-central Pennsylvania are being enriched with new neighbors of other faiths: Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, and others. People of good will need to learn from each other and become friends as well. There is never an excuse for ignorance, violence or hatred.

We extend our love and support to the Muslim community in New Zealand, and here at home, for the evil they have experienced. United in solidarity, we can and we must put aside any differences we have and stand together as one."

Saint Patrick's Feast Day Mass Held



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, along with Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., and Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn, celebrate the Vigil Mass for the Feast Day of Saint Patrick on Saturday, March 16, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. (Photo/Eric Deabill)

Saint Joseph's Feast Day Mass Held



Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., celebrated Mass with the Little Sisters of the Poor and residents from Holy Family Residence in Scranton on Tuesday, March 19, the Feast Day of Saint Joseph. Saint Joseph, the spouse of Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the model of humility and trust, is one of the Church's greatest saints. He is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying, and workers.

Pinwheels with a purpose



Above: Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., helps plant one of 720 pinwheels on Courthouse Square in Scranton in honor of Child Abuse Awareness Month. Each pinwheel represents a brave child the Children's Advocacy Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania worked with this past year.



Left: More than 550 pinwheels are also set-up outside the Luzerne County Courthouse.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

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- April 16** - Chrism Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter, 4:00 p.m.
- April 18** - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Cathedral of Saint Peter, 5:30 p.m.
- April 19** - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Cathedral of Saint Peter, 12:10 p.m.
- April 20** - Easter Vigil
Cathedral of Saint Peter, 8:00 p.m.
- April 21** - Easter Sunday Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter, 10:00 a.m.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- To better protect minors and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and exploitation, Pope Francis approved a new law and a set of safeguarding guidelines for Vatican City State and the Roman Curia.

Pope Francis established the new norms and legal, criminal and safeguarding procedures with an apostolic letter given “*motu proprio*” (on his own initiative), published March 29. The law and procedures were to go into effect June 1.

Because the safeguarding of children and vulnerable people is an integral part of the Gospel message, “I wish, therefore, to further strengthen the institutional and normative order to prevent and fight abuses against minors and vulnerable adults,” the pope wrote.

The law and guidelines

have been created, he wrote, “so that in the Roman Curia and in Vatican City State” there will be, among other things: respect and awareness of the rights and needs of minors and vulnerable adults; greater vigilance, prevention and corrective action when abuse or mistreatment is suspected or reported; clearer procedures as well as specific offices for making claims; support services and protections for alleged victims, their families and those accused; and adequate formation for and background checks of new personnel, including volunteers.

The new law “On the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons” further enhances a major set of criminal laws for Vatican City State the pope approved in 2013; the earlier laws dealt with child sexual

abuse, child pornography and the sale or prostitution of children and specified that any Vatican employee around the world can be tried by the Vatican court for violating those laws.

While the amendments in 2013 brought Vatican law into detailed compliance with several international treaties the Vatican had signed over the past decades, the new law on child protection was meant to better comply with the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child and its optional protocol, which the Vatican ratified in 1990 and 2001, respectively.

While few minors are resident in Vatican City State, there are minors in the Sistine Chapel Choir, and there is a pediatric hospital and a minor seminary under Vatican City State jurisdiction. Since September 2017, Vatican

City State officials have been investigating allegations that a future priest abused a younger fellow-student at the St. Pius X pre-seminary.

The new law will now cover all forms of physical and emotional abuse -- not just sexual violence through coercion -- as well as serious forms of mistreatment, neglect, abandonment and exploitation against minors, who are below the age of 18, and vulnerable adults.

It covers acts, behaviors or conditions: that occur on Vatican City State territory, including the Pontifical Villa of Castel Gandolfo; that harm any minor who is a citizen or resident; or that are allegedly perpetrated by any “public official,” which includes all employees of Vatican City State and Holy See, members of the Roman Curia and related institutions as well as Vatican diplomats and personnel.

As long as they are not breaking the seal of confession, all “public officials” are required to report “without delay” to the promoter of justice at the Vatican City State’s tribunal any abuse the official learns about or is given reason to suspect while operating as a Vatican official or employee.

A failure or “wrongful delay” in reporting can result in a fine of 1,000-5,000 euros for a “public official” or up to six months imprisonment for a police agent or official.

Any individual, even someone completely unconnected with the Vatican or Holy See, can also make a report if they are aware of behavior harming a minor, it added.

The crimes against minors are automatically prosecutable and the prosecutor’s office can proceed automatically, it

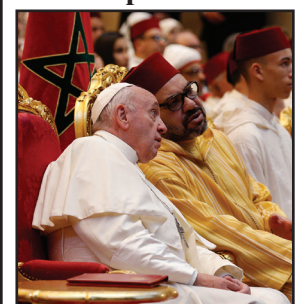
said, adding that the statute of limitations on the crimes is 20 years after the alleged victim turns 18.

If the suspected perpetrator is a priest or is a member of a religious order, his or her superior will be notified immediately so the procedures prescribed by canon law can begin.

The five-page set of guidelines apply to all areas and all clergy, chaplains, assistants, employees or volunteers of the vicariate, including at St. Peter’s Basilica and the St. Pius X pre-seminary. The guidelines also apply to all members of consecrated life or lay associations who reside in Vatican City State.

The vicar general’s office is also required to alert the Vatican’s promoter of justice of any credible accusation and remove the suspected perpetrator from pastoral activity.

Pope visits Muslim training center, migrants in Morocco



Moving from ideals and principles to concrete examples, Pope Francis met in Morocco with Muslim men and women studying to be prayer leaders and preachers and with dozens of migrants assisted by Caritas.

A religious faith respectful of others and care for migrants were themes in Pope Francis’ speech at his arrival ceremony in Rabat March 30. After meeting privately, Pope Francis and King Mohammed VI went on to the school the king founded to counter violent strains of Islam by training imams and “murshid,” men and women preachers and spiritual guides.

Bishop Joseph Adamec Passes Away



The Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, died unexpectedly on March 20, 2019. He was 83 years old.

Bishop Adamec was ordained a Bishop on May 20, 1987, and installed as the seventh Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown. He retired in 2011, and was appointed Administrator of the Diocese until the ordination and installation of Bishop Mark L. Bartchak. Bishop Joseph was the longest-serving Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown.

“Unplanned” earns \$6.1 million opening weekend

“Unplanned,” the movie based on the true story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood clinic director who experienced a conversion of heart after seeing an ultrasound-guided abortion, is now in theaters.

As this film is released, Bishop Bambera reminds us all life matters.

“We cannot turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to the horrors of abortion. We must speak the truth that the life of an unborn child must be a priority for all of us,” Bishop Bambera said.

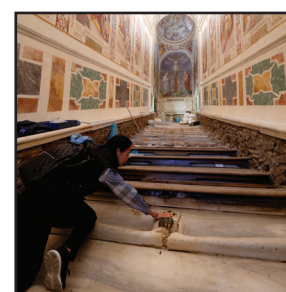


Marble steps of Holy Stairs to be uncovered for public to climb

For the first time in 300 years, the marble steps of the Holy Stairs will be free from the thick wooden panels installed in 1723 to protect the stairs and left uncovered for the public.

For at least 40 days, people will be able to touch and climb the bare stones that, according to tradition, are the ones Jesus climbed when Pontius Pilate brought him before the crowd and handed him over to be crucified.

The steps will be unveiled April 11.



Pope accepts resignation of Chilean Cardinal



Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of a Chilean cardinal who has faced widespread criticism for his handling of cases of clerical sexual abuse in the country.

The pope accepted the resignation of Cardinal Ricardo Ezzati of Santiago, the Vatican announced March 23; the Vatican did not give a reason for the cardinal stepping down.

The 77 year old has been involved in the ongoing investigation of clerical sexual abuse and its cover-up.

Aid sent to southeast Africa after cyclone



As an immediate sign of his concern and an encouragement to other donors, Pope Francis has sent \$50,000 each to Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi to assist with initial emergency relief efforts after a cyclone hit the region and caused massive flooding.

As of April 2, more than 745 people were known to have died, thousands have been injured and hundreds of thousands left homeless, according to the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

Protecting Our Children

What Parents Really Need to Know About Social Media

SCRANTON -- Open lines of communication are critical when it comes to dealing with social media.

That is one of the main messages that more than 125 parents and guardians walked away with on Wednesday, March 20, from the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton.

The Diocesan Schools Office hosted an “Evening with the Experts: What Parents Really Need to Know About Social Media.”

Jason Morrison, Diocesan Secretary of Catholic Education, welcomed the crowd, saying education in the Catholic School System involves much more than just teaching children, emphasizing it’s also important to educate the whole family.

“We want to address issues that you may be facing or our students are facing,” Morrison said.

A panel of four experts each addressed the changing landscape of social media. They stressed the importance of parents talking with their children.

“I do firmly believe we are raising the smartest generation ever. When I was a kid, you’d go pull an outdated encyclopedia off the shelf to learn something. These children have at their fingertips, unlimited access to information,” Lackawanna County District Attorney Mark Powell said.

Powell participated in the panel, along with Judge Margaret Bisignani Moyle, Lackawanna

County Court of Common Pleas Judge, Detective Chris Kolcharno from the Lackawanna County District Attorney’s Office and Jeanne E. Rosencrance, Lackawanna County District Attorney’s Office Trauma Services Unit Psychologist.

Judge Moyle told the crowd that as a parent herself, she is constantly trying to keep up with rapidly changing technology on both a personal and professional level.

“The courts have been totally transformed by social media because it’s in our courtrooms every single day,” Judge Moyle said. “Every day, there’s a new term, a new app, a new social media site that we have to try to figure out how to work.”

In 2015, Judge Moyle says the Pennsylvania Legislature passed a statute to make child cyberbullying a third-degree misdemeanor. Violators could face a potential sentence of up to a year in jail and/or fine.

Judge Moyle also addressed the fact that, unfortunately, many students become victims of online bullying.

“If they are the victim of bullying, it’s relentless, 24-hours a day and they cannot escape it,” Judge Moyle said.

Jeanne Rosencrance told the crowd while social media and the internet can be used as a platform for education and to keep families connected, there is also that dark side.



More than 125 people filled the Diocesan Pastoral Center on Wednesday, March 20, for the first “Evening with the Experts” event focused on what parents need to know about social media. (Photos/Eric Deabill)

“It is a platform for pressure instead of pleasure, for girls especially, girls go on social media and Facebook and Instagram and Snapchat and they end up comparing themselves to other people in other photos that they see,” Rosencrance said.

Detective Kolcharno encouraged parents to take an active role in questioning their child’s use of social media especially when they’re allowed to have a phone or computer in their bedrooms.

“Just go in there and start calling out user names, hey, who’s this person, who’s that person? Make sure you know the people your children are conversing with online,” Kolcharno said.

Kolcharno and other agents from the Lackawanna County District Attorney’s Office have worked with agents from the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office and FBI to serve more than 500 child pornography search warrants in northeastern Pennsylvania.

“I think sometimes we instill a sense of politeness and manners in our children and when it comes to social media, it might be a dangerous thing if you’re child accepts a friend that they don’t know,” Kolcharno said.

Detectives say communication between parents and kids is an important first step to addressing social media dangers because students often fear they will get their phone taken away if trouble arises.

“The biggest worry your child has is that you will take their digital device if they do something wrong and I think we could parallel that to if we lost the car at age 16 or 17 when we were growing up. That’s the biggest fear they have. So in that light, they’re probably going to be afraid to tell you if something bad happened online,” Kolcharno said.

Several parents asked questions during the event. They ranged from the possible punishments of sending inappropriate messages or images to a new app called “Safe 2 Say Something.”

“Safe 2 Say Something” was developed by the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office. Anyone can submit an anonymous, confidential tip to report safety concerns to help prevent violence and tragedies.

“It’s available to everybody and anybody,” Powell said. “It’s designed to get information. The more we know, the earlier we know, the better we can address these situations.”

Kolcharno also urged parents to be aware of another app that could be on their children’s phones.

“There’s something called photo vault where a child can put photos that they certainly wouldn’t want you to see and it looks like the calculator app so they will put a certain code into that calculator and it opens it up. It’s basically like a mini-encryption code that will allow them to look for things they wouldn’t want mom or dad to see,” Kolcharno said.

The Diocesan Schools Office is planning to hold similar sessions entitled “An Evening with the Experts” in the coming months on various topics.



Participants in the program included (L to R): Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, Vicar General, The Honorable Mark J. Powell, Jeanne E. Rosencrance, M.A. AAETS, Trauma Services Unit Psychologist, The Honorable Margaret Bisignani Moyle, Detective Chris Kolcharno and Jason Morrison, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education/COO.

Online Resources for Educators, Parents and Students:

netsmartz.org

ncmec.org
(National Center for Missing & Exploited Children)

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month

Meet Mary Beth Pacuska, Victim Assistance Coordinator



The Victim Assistance Coordinator is an integral part of the Diocese of Scranton's Policy for the Response to Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors.

In her role, Mary Beth Pacuska helps people that claim to have been sexually abused by a cleric (Bishop, Priest or Deacon) when they were minors.

In an effort to help educate parishioners in the Diocese of Scranton to the resources available to them, *The Catholic Light* spoke with her about her role.

Q: Can you tell us about your background and how you became involved in the Diocese?

I am a registered nurse with a master's degree in Adult Mental Health Nursing from Wilkes University. During my studies, I did an internship at the Victims Resource Center (VRC) in Luzerne County where I did extensive training in Sexual Assault Counseling and advocacy. While working as Director of a School of Nursing, I continued to do counseling and educational outreach programs for the VRC and later served for about 10 years on their Board of Directors. I also received certification as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)/ Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE).

Because of my interest and work with victims of sexual assault, I was asked to join the Scranton Diocesan Review Board where I, and members of the community, reviewed all allegations of clergy sexual abuse and would make recommendations as to the disposition of the cases. After several years on the Review Board the position of Victim Assistance Coordinator became available and it was offered to me.

Q: When a potential victim contacts either you or the Diocese, how do you respond?

Most victims contact me directly by phone and occasionally those who call the Diocese offices are referred to me. I am working from home so if possible, I try to answer the phone as calls come in but if not, I will return the call as soon as I can speak confidentially. In speaking to victims, I have found each contact to be a little different. In some cases, I may have a very emotional victim who needs someone to listen to

them and validate their feelings. If that's the case we usually talk a little bit before we get into the specifics. I usually let the Victim lead the way. Other Victims don't know where to begin and it sometimes helps if I lead the conversation by asking some simple questions.

After I take the Victim's report of abuse, we often talk a bit and I find it most helpful as they just need to be heard and believed. Counseling services are offered to all Victims and costs are covered by the Diocese. If they are interested in these services, I assist them in finding counselors and help to set up Diocese payment. We also discuss the reporting protocol for the Diocese of Scranton. If this is a current case of abuse, my first report is always to Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia who will contact the authorities and take appropriate action to remove the priest from service. However, all victims who were minors at the time of abuse must be reported to the Pennsylvania Child Line and the District Attorney's office in the county which the abuse occurred in.

Finally, I explain the Independent Survivors Compensation Program and how they can get access to the information to make a report.

If the Victim has no further questions, we usually end with assurance that I will be available to them should they have any further concerns or questions or just need to talk.

Q: In light of the Grand Jury report released last August, which detailed short-comings in child protection from decades ago, do you feel our current policies and procedures are appropriate?

I do! We have come such a long way in the protection of our children. The Diocese of Scranton is requiring VIRTUS training for all adults who will have any contact with children. The VIRTUS training was created by the National Risk Retention Group in the United States and is primarily meant to be proactive in preventing abuse by teaching the warning signs of abuse, controlling access to children, monitoring programs with children, being aware of child behaviors and communicating concerns. This training is part of our Safe Environment Children's Program for students in K-12th grade.

Also, all employees and volunteers of the Diocese who have direct interaction with children must have a Pennsylvania State Police clearance, Child Abuse History certification, and FBI clearance. These policies and procedures have had a major impact on the safety of our children. I also think the Diocese policy of complete transparency has had a powerful effect on giving credence to the Victims reporting of abuse.

One of the saddest things I hear from Victims is that no one believed them, including family members, and they felt so betrayed and guilty. Now that the Diocese reports all cases of credible abuse and makes public the allegations against clergy members, it gives credibility to anyone who reports.

Q: What can parishioners do to help prevent the physical or sexual abuse of children? Are there physical or behavioral signs people can look out for?

Parishioners can certainly help by making sure children are never put in a situation where abuse can occur by making sure they are not left alone. This is not just in the case of clergy abuse but in any situation such as school events, sports, youth clubs or anywhere they may be vulnerable to a predator. Also, if you see or hear of a child being abused, please report it. Many of us have occupations which make us mandated reporters, but anyone can and should report any possible abuse. Reports can be made to Children & Youth or Child Line of Pennsylvania or to your local or State Police.

Because of the many types of abuse, there are different signs. Bruising, and any unexplained injuries, burns (particularly cigarette burns), multiple injuries at various stages of healing, and injury marks with a pattern like a hand or belt are common signs of physical abuse. These children will shy away from any touch and will wear weather inappropriate clothing to cover up bruises. They may appear withdrawn and distant to adults and other children. Signs of sexual abuse include avoidance of a certain person, bloody or torn underwear, bruising or bleeding around genitals, signs of sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy especially under age 14, running away from home, changes in moods and behaviors. The behavioral changes may include withdrawal or acting out, grades dropping in school, low self-esteem and depression, frequent headaches and stomach aches and delays in speech, learning and emotional maturity. One of the key signs of sexual abuse in young children is sexual activity or knowledge that they are too young to know about.

As a mother of three and grandmother of five with one more on the way, I am devastated about the incredibly high incidence of child abuse in our society and passionate about preventing it. I believe the Diocese of Scranton has made great strides in the protection of children and in the care of those who have suffered. I am proud of our accomplishments but know we must continue to be vigilant in order to prevent any further abuses.

Burial Rites Held for Deacon Thaddeus Wadas

NANTICOKE — Bishop Joseph C. Bambera presided at the Mass of Christian Burial for Deacon Thaddeus J. Wadas on March 21 at the main worship site of Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish.

A resident of Nanticoke, Deacon Wadas died March 17 in Residential Hospice, Wilkes-Barre, at the age of 70. His wife of 42 years, Theresa Stretansky Wadas, preceded him in death.

Born Sept. 7, 1948, in Nanticoke, son of the late Stanley and Helen Regulski Wadas, Deacon Wadas attended Saint Mary's Elementary School and was a graduate of Nanticoke High School. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from King's College, Wilkes-Barre, and the University of Scranton, respectively.

Deacon Wadas was employed by the Greater Nanticoke Area



Deacon Thaddeus J. Wadas

School District for 36 years, serving as a teacher of secondary education and as the reading and federal programs coordinator. He was a member of the Mill Memorial Library board of directors and the Nanticoke Lion's Club.

In 1999, he was ordained to

the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Scranton and served as a deacon at Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish. While involved in many parish ministries, Deacon Wadas felt a special vocation to serve the lonely and infirm in hospitals and nursing facilities.

Surviving are a son, Dr. Thad Wadas Jr., Winston-Salem, N.C.; brother, Father Raymond Wadas, Hyattsville, Md.; sister, Rose Marie Wadas Vincent, Nanticoke; brother-in-law, Cyril Stretansky and wife, Leona, Selinsgrove; Brenda Kloss, Nanticoke; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Stanley Jr., Henry and Eugene; and one sister, Ester.

Interment was conducted at Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Nanticoke.

Prayer Requests for Priests

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

April 4, Father Thomas Sarnecki; April 5, Father Arbogaste Satoun; April 6, Holy Cross Father Eric Schimmel; April 7, Saint Joseph Oblate Father Daniel Schwebs; April 8,

Father Kenneth Seegar; April 9, Monsignor John Sempa; April 10, Father Neftali Feliz Sena; April 11, Father Gerald Shantillo; April 12, Saint Joseph Oblate Father Joseph Sibilano; April 13, Father Joseph Sica; April 14, Monsignor Constantine Siconolfi; April 15, Father Robert Simon; April 16,

Father Andrew Sinnott; April 17, Father Joseph Sitko.

Nanticoke Parish to Host Drama on Saint Faustina

NANTICOKE — Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish announces it will host a Saint Luke Productions Company performance next month dramatizing the life of the parish patroness, whose divine revelations instructing the faithful on the infinite mercy of Jesus through his Sacred Heart led to her being universally recognized as the "Saint of Divine Mercy."

"Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy," a live stage production based on the diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska, will be presented by the parish on Saturday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Centre of Saint Faustina, 38 West Church St., Nanticoke.

Actress Jennifer Pagano stars in the moving, one-woman performance, which follows the powerful faith story of Saint Faustina, the 20th-century Polish religious sister and mystic who overcame her personal doubts to ultimately fulfill the will of God.

Admission fee for the performance is \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. For advance tickets, all the parish office (570-735-4833).

Meet the Deacons

Deacon Michael M. Golubiewski

**Saint Nicholas Parish,
Wilkes-Barre**

**Year of
Ordination: 2017**



(Editor's Note: This is the first in a new feature series profiling each of the Permanent Deacons serving in the Diocese of Scranton.)

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AS DEACON IN YOUR PARISH/WHAT KIND OF SERVICE MINISTRY ARE YOU INVOLVED IN?

I'm involved in every aspect of the life of Saint Nicholas Parish: assisting at liturgies, preaching homilies, pre-Baptism meetings with parents and Godparents, assisting Father Fidel with his ministry to the Hispanic families of Saint Nicholas and the Wyoming Valley, assisting at wake services and funerals as needed, taking communion to patients at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, working at the Parish Festival, attending the Liturgy Committee and Pastoral Council meetings ... trying to help out where I can, where I am needed.

WHAT IS MOST FULFILLING ABOUT SERVING IN OUR DIOCESE AS A PERMANENT DEACON?

So far, the most fulfilling has been worshipping with and helping to minister to the Hispanic members of Saint Nicholas Parish and the Wyoming Valley. Attending Spanish Mass, Spanish Stations of the Cross, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Altigracia and Our Lady of Divine Providence celebrations, preaching Spanish homilies...to see the dedication and the faith of the Hispanic community...especially all the children and young people ... has certainly helped and strengthened my prayer life and my faith and my optimism for the future of the Church and the Diocese. Also just being able to share happy times (baptisms) and sad times (wakes/funerals) with families is a humbling experience.

WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING THING ABOUT SERVING AS A PERMANENT DEACON? Finding the right balance to be able to juggle working and being able to devote the time necessary to be effective in ministry, as well as trying to keep up with reading and learning about things.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO A MAN WHO FEELS CALLED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE AND IS CONSIDERING TAKING THE NEXT STEP?

Pray about it. Talk to Deacons and their wives about it. Then just trust in God and listen to Him ... He can take whatever meager talents you may have and put them to good use. It is very busy and challenging, but also very rewarding. If you are called, you won't regret it.

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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.



Students at **All Saints Academy in Scranton** were groovin' during the "Dress for the Decades" Dance-a-thon benefiting the school's Maeve MacAliney Scholarship Fund.



During Lent, the students from **Epiphany School in Sayre** are collecting a different food item each week for the local food pantry, Chow for Children. Some first-graders had to see the donations from the first week—195 jars of peanut butter and 154 jars of jelly.



Third grade students at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco** ended their nutrition unit with a healthy snack party that included fruits, vegetables, and even cookies!



The students in the Individualized Instruction Program at **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston** recently celebrated an Autism Awareness Liturgy with Father Alex Roche as celebrant. The students offered the readings and petitions and prepared the gifts for the offertory procession at the Mass. The students sang "Where You There" as a communion meditation.



These sixth-grade students at **Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg** make final adjustments on their Hydraulic STEM project before presenting them to their classmates and teachers.



Frankie Snyder, a pre-Kindergarten student at **La Salle Academy in Jessup**, is the recipient of a Catholic Education Scholarship presented by the Carbondale Trinity Club. Trinity Club members Joe Hosie, Don McCarthy and Ricky Burnett were there for the official presentation, as well as Frankie's mom, Krysten Weaver-Snyder, and school principal, Ellen Murphy.



In order to serve their community and people in need, students at **Holy Family School in Hazleton** hosted a soup drive, benefitting the Catholic Social Services Food Pantry.



Leslie O'Connor and Will Craig, students at **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore**, recently performed at the Pennsylvania Music Educator Association (PMEA) Region IV Chorus Festival.



Carter Kowalski and Clare Conaboy, second-grade students at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green**, pose with their handmade crosses created as part of their Lenten journey.



Three students from **Saint John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport** had their spring-themed drawings entered into a coloring contest sponsored by Giant A+ School Rewards. Contest winners will have their artwork featured on the Spring 2020 reusable tote bags, sold at local Giant Food Stores.



Trinity Miller, a senior at **Saint John Neumann High School in Williamsport**, achieved First Chair Soprano 1 at the PMEA Regional Chorus Festival, and qualified to attend the PMEA All-State Festival in Pittsburgh in April.



Eight members of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) team from **Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton** recently competed at the regional competition at Wilkes University. Six received First Place, including Rocco Rinaldi, who earned a perfect score. Those winners will now advance to compete at Penn State University. Pictured are PJAS members, Marcella Amendola, Nina Beistline, Rita Collins, Sal Luongo, Jake Marx, Jayna McIntyre, Rocco Rinaldi and Bianca Talarico, with their advisor, Mrs. Owens.



Third-graders at **Saint Agnes School in Towanda** sit in front of their collective art projects, which were created under the direction of art teacher, Mrs. Weinman.



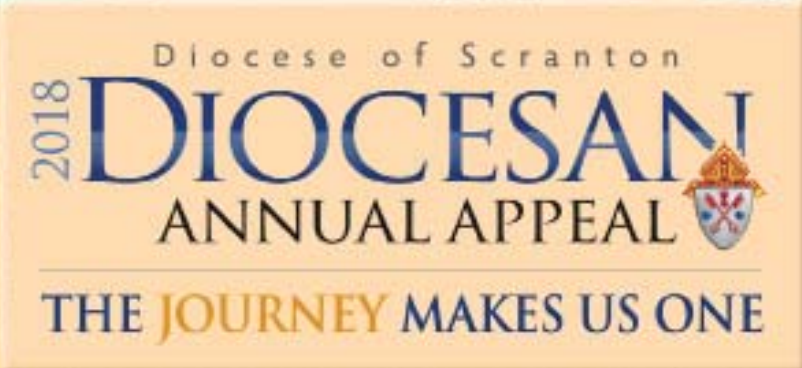
Students from **Saint Jude School in Mountain Top** have big plans for when they graduate and enter the working world. Some students give hints about their future during the school's Career Day.



Maia Bagusky, Taylor Josefowicz, Jaylyn Fulkersin, Angel Mandoza, Matthew Albrecht and Alex Chan, students at **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre**, qualified to participate in region chorus held recently at Canton High School.

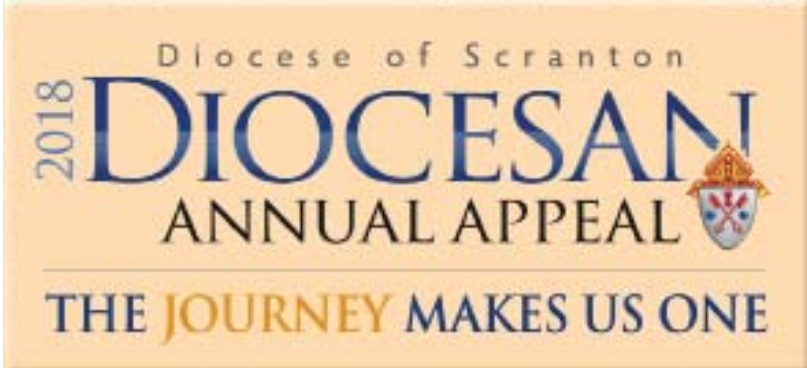


Matthew Volpitta, a student at **Holy Rosary School in Duryea**, is presented with his National Geographic Society Champion Medal by school principal, Mrs. Skutack. Matthew won the school's GeoBee competition and is now a Pennsylvania State Semi-finalist.



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Theresa and Marie Froncek,
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Dickson City



“At Saint Joseph’s Parish we take care of each other. We’re like family. The Appeal unites us beyond our parish and connects us as the mystical body of Christ throughout the Diocese. It’s only right to take care of your family.”

Sherry and Christopher Wood,
Saint Joseph Parish, Matamoras



“The Grand Jury report detailed a dark chapter in our diocese’s history. I felt shock, anger and disbelief. Despite what has happened, it is even more important for us to focus on our faith. Christianity is all about community. The world needs Christ as its light to lead us to eternal life. By donating to the Annual Appeal, we’re promoting human dignity, training new priests and deacons, fostering faith in our communities and sharing the good news...all ways we can be the light of Christ for others.”

Cheryl Kurosky,
Holy Name of Mary Parish, Montrose

(Note: Cheryl Kurosky serves as Appeal representative for her parish)



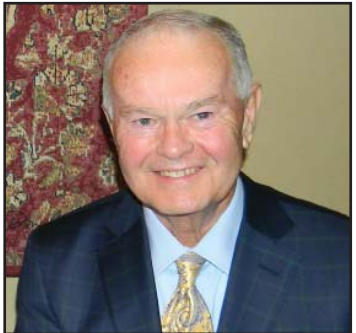
“I had no intentions of giving to the Appeal this year but Father Richard Cirba’s plea at Mass changed my mind. He was so emotional because people weren’t giving this year and he really wanted to support people in need. So I gave my gift for him. He’s such a wonderful pastor. Secondly, I gave because we enjoy *The Catholic Light*.”

Joan Blaum,
Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish, Hanover Township



“Jesus Christ came down from heaven and died on the cross for the sins of mankind, thereby allowing us to attain salvation. Also, Christ gave direction to his apostles to spread his word around the world. These tenets are the essence of Catholicism. This has never changed and is the embodiment of our faith. We cannot ignore this and we must support our faith and our church even through the difficult times.”

Margie and Joe Conahan,
Saint Luke Parish, Stroudsburg



“I just think in this day and age there are so many people in need. I’ve been very fortunate in life, some ups and down but I’m in a good place now. I belong to a great parish family. When you get those kind of breaks in life you have to step up to the plate.”

Richard Garman, Saint Ignatius Parish, Kingston

“There was a time in my adult life when I was on the receiving end of others helping me. Now, out of love and gratitude, I am compelled to ‘be’ Christ for others by participating in the Diocesan Annual Appeal.”

Karen Garman, Epiphany Parish, Sayre

(Note: Richard Garman and daughter, Karen, both serve as Appeal representatives for their parishes)



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“The Diocese of Scranton is committed to a faith-filled educational environment”

Doreen Dougherty
Principal, All Saints Academy

Doreen Dougherty, Principal of All Saints Academy in Scranton, is passionate about Catholic education.

“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,” Dougherty said.

The Diocesan Schools are committed to developing the whole child, offering art, music, foreign languages, computer and physical education classes as well as college prep and Advance Placement classes at the high school level. Technology is a big focus as many teachers use Google classrooms and iPads and Chromebooks to prepare students today for jobs that will exist when they enter the workforce.

“We truly strive for academic excellence, but our faith underlies everything we do,” Dougherty said.

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“It is nothing short of miraculous”

Amanda Deisroth
Shelter Supervisor



The Divine Providence Homeless Shelter in Hazleton has finally found a permanent home of its own. Started as a rotating shelter among parishes in Hazleton with initial funding provided through gifts to the Annual Appeal, the shelter welcomed its first residents in late March at the Catholic Social Services building on Walnut Street.

The shelter can accomodate 20 clients and is open daily beginning at 7:00 p.m. “It is nothing short of miraculous,” Amanda Deisroth, shelter supervisor, said.

Also located in the building is the new “Bridge to Independence” program.

Separate from the shelter, the youth residential program helps individuals with mental health issues between the ages of 18-26 transition to self-sufficiency.

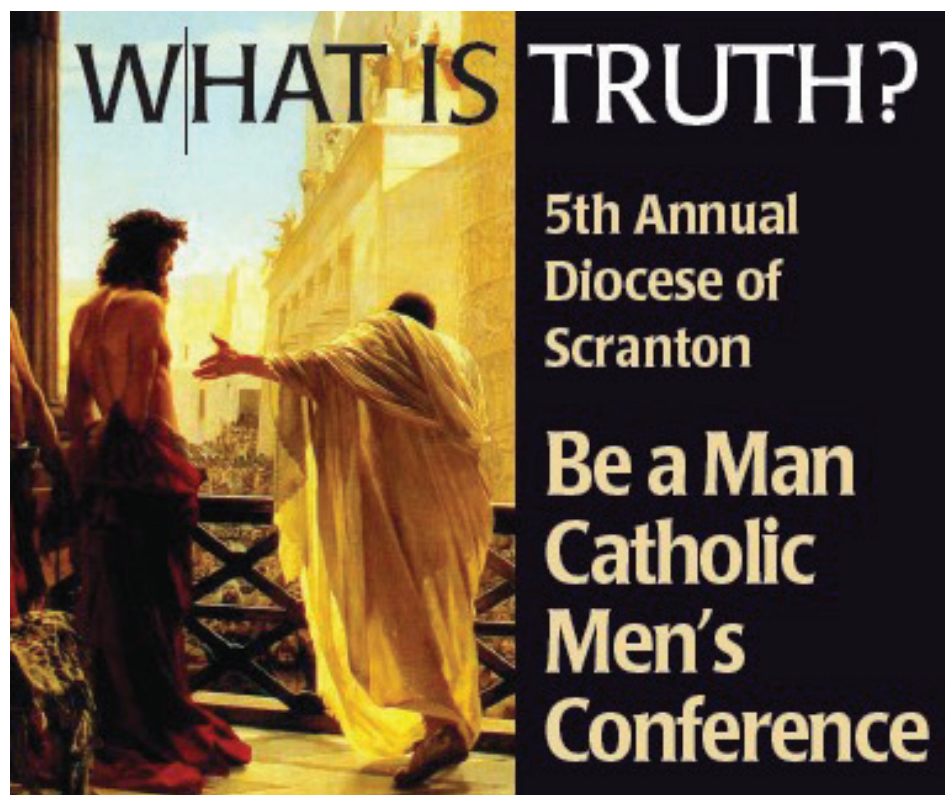
“It’s all come home. It’s creating a campus setting,” Neil Oberto with Catholic Social Services said.

Partners, including the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Mental Health & Developmental Services and the Weinberg Foundation, have helped make this vision a reality.

CONGRATULATIONS STATE CHAMPIONS!



The Holy Cross High School mock trial team won the state title on Saturday, March 30. The team will now represent Pennsylvania at the National Mock Trial Competition in May in Georgia!



April 27, 2019

**8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, ending with Mass by Bishop Bambera
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159 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre**

Mission of the Men's Conference:

To bring men, at all levels of their faith journey, together to learn, praise, pray, and join in the celebration of the Mass. Through this gathering, help men encounter Christ so that they may renew and start a new life under His Lordship. That this new life will bear fruit through relationships with family, friends, in the workplace and other environments. That these men will go back to their parishes with increased vigor and passion, using Jesus Christ as their example of service.

Register at: www.BeAManConference.com or call 570-207-2213

Editorial Eulogy

Father Thomas J. O'Malley

"While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white"

Today in the church of his Baptism, Confirmation and first Mass, we celebrate the life's work of Father Thomas O'Malley.

In the Gospel of Saint Luke, God's transforming power is dramatically revealed on the mount of Transfiguration. We are called to open ourselves to God's presence: "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to Him" (LK 9:35).

Sometimes, when we least expect it, God opens our eyes to behold the divine within and around us.

Transfiguration, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. It wasn't Jesus who was transfigured on that mountain, it was the Apostles. Transfiguration is a sweet glimpse of heaven that comes when we're not looking for it...

A beautiful sunrise; holding your son/daughter, granddaughter or grandson for the first time; a quiet snowfall; a loving wife/husband.

Transfiguration is the opening of our everyday mind to the heaven that is already here. Its memory is what keeps us going when the world becomes a dark place.

We can't make transfiguration happen. All we can do is be interested in being with Jesus. It is a grace that comes to us when we aren't looking for it — where we are standing, not the place where we want to be. It lasts only a moment, but changes the way we look at the world forever. Its memory is what keeps us going when the world becomes a dark place.

Luke's Gospel places the Transfiguration after Jesus' instruction on the cost of discipleship. It is a turning point in the Gospel.

As Jesus chose to be close to his people, so too did Father Tom O'Malley. He was an "evangelizer," a street preacher, a shepherd to those placed in his care. His parishioners from Milford to Williamsport; Susquehanna to Mountain Top; Friendsville to Hazleton; and twenty-five years in Ashley said: "He is close to us." "He talks to everybody."

A mother who participated in a support group for parents of children suffering from addiction spoke about her pastor at Saint Leo's and how she was so thankful for her pastor who was close to her addictive son and herself.

After the meeting I asked if I could share with Tom how much she appreciated his support. She asked me not to share — he was also helping her with groceries and did not want her son to know she was in the support group.

The shepherd was close to his sheep.

After knowing each other for sixty-plus years, I was surprised by a transfiguration moment. A few weeks ago he told me how thankful he was that he had no pain. He talked about how he was ready for death and that he knew God was watching over him. We spoke about how merciful God was and how fortunate we were to have been called to Priesthood. He told me that he was grateful to friends and family, especially his sister.

As I left Saint Mary's Villa that day I knew that my lifetime friend had given me a sweet glimpse of Heaven.

Tom, eternal rest grant unto you, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon you.

Excerpted from the homily by Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly at the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Father Thomas J. O'Malley on March 19 at Mary, Mother of God Parish in Scranton.





**Members of the Planning Committee
for the 2019 Catholic Women's Conference**

SCRANTON — The second annual “Refresh Your Faith” Conference for Catholic Women will be held Saturday, June 22, beginning at 8:45 a.m. at the University of Scranton’s Byron Complex. The theme for this year’s gathering is “Come to the Well.”

Once again the Catholic Women’s Conference of NEPA is partnering with the Diocese of Scranton to host a day exclusively for women to refresh and nurture their souls while delving deeper into their spirituality.

As last year’s inaugural conference drew over 800 women from across the country, the 2019 event is expected to potentially gather together more than 1,000 participants.

Intended to inspire women at all levels of faith, the conference will include several noted speakers, uplifting music, the Sacrament of Penance, Eucharistic Adoration and a Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

Participants can also enjoy a continental breakfast, lunch and shopping at the Catholic Vendor Marketplace.

Headlining an impressive slate of guest speakers will be keynote presenter Teresa Tomeo, best-selling author, syndicated Catholic talk show host and media journalist. Her weekday radio program, “Catholic Connection,” is carried by over 500 stations worldwide, and her televised segment “The Catholic View

for Women” is broadcast twice weekly on EWTN.

Teresa’s latest books include *Beyond Me, My Selfie and I: Finding Real Happiness in a Self-Absorbed World* and *Intimate Graces: How Practicing the Works of Mercy Brings Out the Best in Marriage*, co-written by her husband, Deacon Dominick Pastore, a former local resident and graduate of Scranton Preparatory School.

Jill Metz, a renowned art-

ist whose use of mixed media has helped foster her love and devotion to the saints, will be the day’s first featured speaker. Her commissioned painting of Saint Rose Venerini for the “Refresh Your Faith” conference will be dedicated during the program.

Sister Mercy Marie, a member of the Sisters of Life religious order, will serve as the event’s second featured presenter. She will also lead the day’s Eucharistic Adoration.

Megan Murphy, a local speaker, teacher and evangelist, will return to the podium to again perform the master of ceremonies duties

Also making a return engagement this year will be the musical trio “His Own,” from Nashville, Tenn., who will refresh the women’s faith through their performance of contemporary Christian offerings.

Cost to attend the conference is \$40 for an early-bird ticket, and \$50 after June 9.

Student tickets are \$20, and women religious are welcome free of charge.

For registration, visit CWC NEPA.com.



Diocese of Scranton Director for Word and Lifelong Faith Formation

The Diocesan Office for Parish Life is responsible the implementation of the diocesan bishop’s Pastoral Vision for the Church of Scranton, which focuses on servant-leadership and providing assistance to parishes in the areas of Word, Worship, Community and Service. The Diocese is seeking an experienced and skilled individual for the position of Director for Word and Lifelong Faith Formation. This position provides formation and ongoing support among parish catechetical and youth ministry leaders and also promotes the development of appropriate curriculum and catechetical materials with a family perspective with parishes.

Applicants are encouraged to visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org to review a more comprehensive job description for this position. In order to apply, please send a letter of interest with salary requirements and a complete resume with a minimum of three (3) references by **April 12, 2019** to:

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APRIL SCHEDULE

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
12:00 AM	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	ICONS SPOTLIGHT	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)					G.K. CHESTERTON
2:00 AM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN							
2:30 AM	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE		EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	
3:00 AM	EWTN ON LOCATION	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	CATHOLICISM	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	LIFE ON THE ROCK	BATTLE READY	CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY	
3:30AM		DEFENDING LIFE		CONSUMING THE WORD	SAINTS VS SCOUNDRELS	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG	YOU'RE AMAZING	
4:00 AM		EWTN LIVE (Encore)	HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE	HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH	FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM	BOB AND PENNY LORD PRESENT	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH
4:30 AM	BEAUTY COMING ALIVE			PAPAL AUDIENCE(5:40AM)	FORGOTTEN HERITAGE	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	EXTRAORDINARY FAITH	
5:00 AM	FR. RUTLER: CHRIST IN THE CITY	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL		EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS	
5:30 AM	GRANDPARENTS	A FORCE FOR GOOD	APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION	ANGELUS FROM NAZARETH(5:40AM)			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	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	ROSARY FROM LOURDES	HOLY LAND ROSARY					THE HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	
7:50 AM		LITANY OF LORETO	LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME	LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH	LITANY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD	PAPAL AUDIENCE		
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)	HERMIE & FRIENDS	
9:30 AM	EWTN BOOKMARK	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE					STORIES FROM THE BIBLE	
10:00 AM	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	LIVE WITH PASSION	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	FOCUS	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	LENTEN REFLECTION	
10:30 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY		FAMILY THEATER		FOCUS	FOCUS	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	
11:00 AM	FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM	WOMEN OF GRACE					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	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	
12:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LIVE AT 12:10 p.m.						EWTN DAILY MASS
12:30P		"DIOCESAN DATEBOOK" airs before and after Mass.						(Encore)
1:00 PM	(1:10PM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	FAMILY MATTERS	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE	
1:30 PM	IN CONCERT	SAINTS FOR TODAY	FORGOTTEN HERITAGE	SPECIALS	SAINTS ALIVE	SAINTS: A CLOSER LOOK	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								
3:00 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG							
3:20 PM	REFLECTIONS	ROME'S HIDDEN CHURCHES	REFLECTIONS	ROME'S HIDDEN CHURCHES	REFLECTIONS	ROME'S HIDDEN CHURCHES	REFLECTIONS	
3:30 PM	THE HOLY ROSARY IN STAINED GLASS	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)					ROSARY FOR LIFE	
4:00 PM	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM	THE HOLY ROSARY					CALLED TO COMMUNION	
4:30 PM	LENTEN REFLECTION	DIOCESAN DATEBOOK						
4:30 PM	LENTEN REFLECTION	IMAGE OF GOD	WE ARE CATHOLIC	CHILDRENS SPECIALS	CAT CHAT	BUGTIME ADVENTURES	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE	
5:00 PM	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHOICES WE FACE	CONVERSATIONS FROM THE WORLD OVER SHOW	BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT	A FORCE FOR GOOD		
5:30 PM	PASSIONIST SUNDAY MASS	SPECIALS					CONSUMING THE WORD	
6:00 PM	HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)					FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM	
6:30 PM	THE JOURNEY HOME	CATHOLICS COME HOME	REAL LIFE	CHURCH UNIVERSAL	TBA			CHURCH AND POOR
7:00 PM		THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						DAILY MASS
7:30PM		THE HOLY ROSARY			THE HOLY ROSARY			
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							
9:00 PM	LIFE ON THE ROCK	EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)		EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)				
9:30 PM	HOLY ROSARY W MOTHER ANGELICA	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	THE CHOICES WE FACE	FOCUS	LIVE WITH PASSION	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	
10:00PM	EWTN SPECIALS	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (ENCORE)	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	PRO-LIFE WEEKLY	LIFE ON THE ROCK		
10:30PM					DEFENDING LIFE	ICONS SPOTLIGHT		
11:00PM	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS	BATTLE READY	THE CARPENTER'S SHOP	CROSSING THE GOAL	LONG RIDE HOME	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	
11:30PM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	WOMEN OF GRACE						LENT: A SEASON OF GRACE

‘Gorzkie Zale’ Polish Lenten Service Planned for April 7

The parish community of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood section of Hanover Township, invites all faithful to participate in a Polish Lenten service on Sunday, April 7, the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

The ninth annual presentation of “Gorzkie Zale” (Bitter Lamentations), a moving Lenten service over 300 years old, will be held in the church, beginning at 3 p.m. The devotion will conclude with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The service, which recounts the Passion of Jesus — from his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane to his redeeming death on the cross — will be conducted by three priests of the Diocese: Father John Albosta, Father Richard Cirba (host pastor), and Father James McGahagan.

Musical accompaniment

will be provided by Dominick Costantino Jr. and the music ministry of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish.

Incorporating prose and verse, chant and reading, prayer and meditation, the inspirational devotion reflects on the mystery of Christian redemption.

The Lamentations highlight the emotional nature of Polish spirituality, inviting all to share in the Lord’s Passion as seen through the eyes of his mother Mary.

The devotional service can be experienced by all through the use of bilingual booklets, with both Polish and English lyrics. A light social will follow the devotion.

Anyone wishing to participate with the choir may contact Mr. Costantino at (570-706-6951). For more information, call (570-899-5080).

University Exhibit, Presentation Marking 90th Anniversary of Slain Passionist Priests

This April marks the 90th anniversary of the deaths of three Passionist priests at the hands of bandits in China in 1929 while the Catholic clergymen were serving as missionaries in the Hunan province. Their murders shocked American Catholics, U.S. diplomats and the Holy See.

A new exhibit in the Heritage Room of the Weinberg Memorial Library at the University of Scranton, titled “Life, Death, and Memory: Art and Artifacts from the Passionist China Collection,” honors the martyred men as well as the service of the many other Passionist priests and Sisters of Charity who worked in the region from 1921 to 1955, when the last missionary was expelled from Communist China.

They served through famine, flood and war, and witnessed both incredible suffering and hope. Ultimately, they left a legacy that continues to the present day, inspiring a new generation of Chinese Passionist priests.

The exhibit will be on display through April 24 and can be seen, free of charge, during library hours.

On Monday, April 8, in collaboration with the Schemel Forum, The Helen Gallagher McHugh Special Collections at the Weinberg Memorial Library and the Friends of the Library, there will be a reception and lecture by Passionist priest-historian Father Rob Carbonneau, Ph.D, who serves as an adjunct professor of history at Scranton.

Father Carbonneau will present “American Passionist Priest Martyrs in China, 90th Anniversary 1929-2019: Remembering the Chinese Catholic Witness of Faith.” The lecture will focus on remembering the witness of faith of the martyred priests, and the larger story of the Chinese Catholic witness of faith.

Reservations are required for the free event, which will take place at 6 p.m. in the Heritage Room, with a book signing and reception to follow. To register, contact Alicen Morrison, Schemel Forum assistant, at (570-941-6206) or alicen.morrison@scranton.edu.

For further information about the exhibit, contact Special Collections Librarian Michael Knies at (570-941-6341).

Spiritual Offerings Around the Diocese

Scranton Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Family & Friends — **APRIL 4**, 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 will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God; and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener (Cathedral), (570-344-7231); Deacon Jan Mroz (Mary, Mother of God), (570-342-4881); or Deacon Pat McDonald (Immaculate Conception), (570-961-5211).

Conclusion of "40 Days for Life" Pro-Life Rosary Gathering — **APRIL 4-12**, offered for the special intentions of ending abortion and closure of the new Planned Parenthood location in

Wilkes-Barre; Rosary is prayed each weekday, Monday thru Friday, at 10 a.m. in front of the offices of Planned Parenthood, 101 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Pro-life campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer & fasting, constant vigil, and community outreach. For more information, visit: www.40daysforlife.com.

Weekly Bible Study — **APRIL 5**, 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.

Rosa Mystica Trip Cancelled

Due to the unavailability of the guest speaker for the day's program, the recently announced bus pilgrimage planned by faithful of the Diocese to the Rosa Mystica House of Prayer in Edmeston, N.Y., on Saturday, May 4, has been cancelled.

Ministry Formation Skills Workshop Series: "Pray & Proclaim!" — **APRIL 6**, sponsored by the Diocese of Scranton Office for Parish Life; first series program offered from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 529 Stephenson St., Duryea. Guest presenters: Eric Deabill, Secretary for Communications for the Diocese of Scranton; and Kitty Scanlan, Diocesan coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation. For more information, call Kitty Scanlan (570-207-2213); to register, visit: dioceseofscranton.org.

Weekly Queen of Our Hearts Rosary Prayer Service — **APRIL 6**, hosted every Saturday morning at Good Shepherd Church in Drums; group gathers weekly beginning at 3 p.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.

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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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Annual 13-Week Novena to St. Anthony of Padua — APRIL 9-JUNE 13, hosted by Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre; St. Anthony Novena devotion offered on 13 consecutive Tuesday evenings, beginning each week at 5:30 p.m. in the parish church. Novena theme: “Venerable Solanus Casey, OFM, Cap.: Spiritual Counselor & Wonder Worker.” All faithful are welcome to attend; for more information, call (570-824-7832).

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration — APRIL 10, 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 Marelllo, founder of the Oblates of St. Joseph religious congregation. For more information, contact the OSJ seminary at (570-654-7542).

Weekly Bible Study — APRIL 10, 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 — APRIL 10, 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 — APRIL 10, 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.

Evening of Prayer with the Sisters of IHM — APRIL 10, 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.

Passion Play 2019: “A Holy Land Tour of the Passion” — APRIL 12, presented by St. John the Baptist Parish in Larksville; performance begins at 7:30 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church, 126 Nesbitt St., Larksville. Dramatic presentation visits sacred sites that become animated during a widow’s tour of the Holy Land. Original script written and directed by Father Gerald Gurka, host pastor. All are welcome; refreshments and fellowship follow in the church hall. For more information, call (570-779-9620).

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Women’s Retreat April 13 in Wyalusing

A one-day Women’s Retreat will be hosted by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish at Saint Mary Church in Wyalusing on Saturday, April 13.

The retreat’s theme, “The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell,” will be discussed by co-presenters Franciscan Father Pio Mandato and Sister Theresa May, a member of the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth.

Offered as an all-day event of prayer and fellowship for women, the retreat begins at 8:30 a.m. and will include celebration of Mass, opportunity for sacramental confession, and Eucharistic adoration, followed by a healing service that will involve one of Saint Padre Pio’s relic gloves.

A Franciscan priest ministering as a missionary hermit in the Diocese of Scranton since 1998, Father Pio Mandato is a native of Italy who was raised in New Jersey. He entered the Capuchin Franciscan order at the age of 17, when he began his Franciscan and priestly formation.

Father Pio was ordained a Capuchin priest in 1985 and has since

served in various apostolates, including hospital chaplaincy, ministering to the homeless, directing spiritual retreats and presiding at healing Masses.

Sister Theresa May, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., entered the Franciscan Missionaries of the Infant Jesus in 1969 and served for two years in religious formation in Assisi, Italy, before returning the U.S. to minister in Catholic education.

In 1994, while serving in New Bedford, Mass., she helped establish a new community of religious Sisters devoted to prayer and poverty. The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth is an apostolic contemplative community currently based in Tunkhannock. The Sisters lead lives of prayer and ministry through preached retreats, parish mission work, and service to youth and young adults.

Lunch will be available during the retreat day, which is open to all women at no cost. Free-will offerings will be accepted. To register, contact the parish office of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (570-746-1006).



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Friday Lenten Devotion: Mary's Way of the Cross — **APRIL 12**, hosted at Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 619 Dundaff St., Dickson City; begins at 7 p.m. Sorrowful meditation on the Lord's Passion is presented as a contemplative Stations of the Cross devotion from the perspective of the Blessed Mother, reflecting upon the 14 Stations of her son Jesus' journey to Calvary. All faithful are welcome.

Meeting of Lay Carmelites — **APRIL 13**, 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 (570-209-4552).

Living Way of the Cross — **APRIL 13 & 14**, live dramatic presentation of the Lord's Passion and death presented by the Youth Ministry of St. Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke; performances both evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Faustina Cultural Centre, 38 West Church St. Open to the public free of charge; donations will be accepted.

Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — **APRIL 13 & 27**, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided.

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

Palm Sunday Living Stations of the Cross — **APRIL 14**, presented by the Catholic Youth Group of Dunmore; live performance begins at 8 p.m. in St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 322 Chestnut St., Dunmore. All are welcome free of charge. For more information, call the parish rectory office (570-346-7429).

Holy Week Rosary Devotion — **APRIL 15**, hosted by the Oblates of St. Joseph; evening of Marian devotion focusing on the Passion of the Lord and Our Lady of Sorrows begins at 6 p.m. in the chapel of St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laflin (Pittston). Holy Week prayer service includes recitation of the Rosary, meditation on the Sorrowful Mysteries in song, Fatima prayers, Lenten hymns, Litany of the Precious Blood, and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Music provided by Ernie Pappa; all faithful welcome.

Theology on Tap: Stewardship of the Earth — **APRIL 24**, hosted by the Office for Parish Life of the Diocese of Scranton; event begins at 7 p.m. at Sabatini's Bottleshop, Wyoming Ave., Exeter. Guest presenter, Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister

Donna Korba, director of the Office of Justice and Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC), will speak on the topic of care for the Earth. All young adults, ages 21 to 40, are welcome. For more information, contact Katy Windels or Shannon Kowalski in the Parish Life Office (570-207-2213).

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion — **APRIL 28**, hosted by Annunciation Parish at St. Gabriel Church, 122 South Wyoming St., Hazleton; held from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Devotion begins with confessions, which will be heard throughout the service; followed by blessing of the Divine Mercy Image. Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet offered at 3 p.m.; also includes veneration of the Image, Divine Mercy prayers, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and recitation of the Rosary. Concluding Mass celebrated at 5:30 p.m. All faithful are welcome.

Gathering of the Secular Discalced Carmelites — **APRIL 28**, canonically established community of the Diocese of Scranton; gatherings are usually held on the third Sunday of every month at Holy Annunciation Monastery in Sugarloaf, Luzerne County. All are welcome, especially those who feel called to a deeper consecration in life and 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.

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Ladies of Charity Enrollment Day

WILKES-BARRE — The Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Scranton will host their Annual Day of Enrollment on Saturday, April 27, at Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish in Wilkes-Barre.

Mass will be celebrated in the parish's Saint Aloysius Church, 143 W. Division St., at 11 a.m. by Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly, who serves as spiritual moderator for the Ladies of Charity. Doors open at 10 a.m. and the Rosary will be recited prior to the liturgy at 10:30 a.m.

Following the liturgy, a luncheon reception will be held in the cafeteria next door to the church. During the day, a collection basket for pro-life donations will be available.

Cost for the luncheon is \$15. Advance reservations are required; deadline is April 18. New members are always welcome.

Checks made payable to "Ladies of Charity" may be forwarded to Barb Thoma, 665 Nuangola Road, Mountain Top, PA 18707. For more information, contact Barb Thoma at (570-474-5531).



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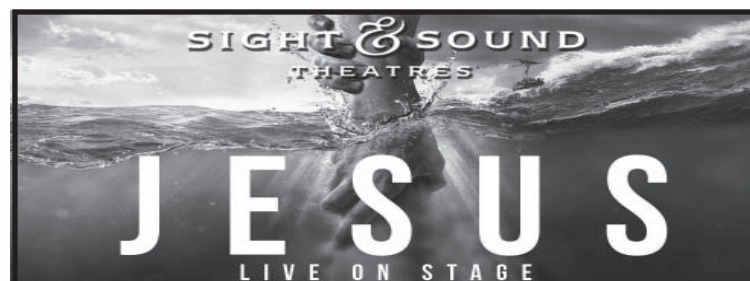
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By Father Brian J.T. Clarke
Diocesan Director,
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Does the name Sister Maria Concetta Esu ring a bell to you? Probably not. Well, until last week, Sister Maria was not known to many except for the people of the village she serves in Africa. She lives in relative obscurity in Central African Republic, a country east of Cameroon.

Pope Francis honored Sister Maria during his weekly audience for the tireless work she had undertaken for 60 years as a midwife in the equatorial nation. As a missionary midwife, Sister Maria is believed to have delivered 3,000 babies.

The life of Sister Maria is one among many missionaries who live quietly and faithfully the call to serve God and the Church and to be living examples of the powerful love that flows from Jesus. I was touched by Sister's story because it inspired me to pause and bring to my heart and mind the many missionaries throughout the world who serve the needs of the poor

with little recognition and often not a lot of financial or spiritual support.

Granted, many of these unassuming souls would shy away from public recognition and accolades. That being said, their stories and the seen and unseen acts of mercy which they embrace is a beautiful sign of their commitment to live the Gospel.

We are immersed in a culture which is overly intent on recognizing individuals for their acts of service. Applause and certificates, plaques and statues surround us and focus our attention on the good deeds of others.

Certainly, there is a place for such recognition and gratitude, but humble missionaries like Sister Maria also remind us to toil quietly and lovingly without need for acknowledgement or credit. To paraphrase my beloved mother, "You don't get rewarded for doing what you're supposed to do."

Sister Maria, I'm certain, would have been content to carry on without our Holy Father's kind recognition of her — appropriate and appreciated as it was.

We are called to serve and serve we must, whether people know about it or not, whether we are given credit or not. If we are

looking to get something out of our service to God and the Church, we are grasping at straws and will come up empty every time. But if we are disciplined in the command from Jesus to serve, His grace will be enough for us.

We may not make the news, nor be honored by the pope, but what awaits us in heaven will be our reward. And, despite at times feeling unappreciated, I hope we remember the words spoken to us on Ash Wednesday that "your Father who sees in secret will repay you" (Mt. 6:6).

Please join me in praying for our many missionaries who, like Sister Maria, quietly labor in the vineyard of the Lord with such love and purpose. There are many more like Sister Maria — may our prayers strengthen them in their resolve to do God's work.

I leave you with this prayer of generosity from Saint Ignatius Loyola. His words, I hope, will inspire each of us to work only for the honor and glory of God:

"Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, except that of knowing that I do your will. Amen."

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Pro-Life Center Flea Market Fundraiser — **APRIL 5 & 6**, benefiting the Human Life Resource Center in Wilkes-Barre; hosted at the Presbyterian Church Hall, 2 Lockhart St. (corner of Hanover & Lockhart streets), Wilkes-Barre. Sale hours: Friday, 2 to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Market will feature clean and saleable items; including jewelry, linens, holiday items, purses, dishes, home décor, toys and more. All proceeds will support the Pro-Life Center in serving young mothers and their newborn babies.

Lenten Friday Food Sale — **APRIL 5 & 12**, sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Leo/Holy Rosary Parish, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley; sale of meatless food items held on Fridays of Lent from 12 noon to 5 p.m. in the church hall (both eat-in and take-out service available). Menu includes homemade potato pancakes, hot soups, pirohy, haluski, tuna ho-

gies, cakes and brownies. Weekly specials also featured.

Misericordia Open House — **APRIL 6**, open house event sponsored by Misericordia University in Dallas (Back Mountain section of Luzerne County); for high school students and their parents. Program begins with registration at 9 a.m. in the Anderson Sports and Health Center, followed by "Meet the Coaches" session from 9 to 10 a.m. Open house held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; includes campus tours, faculty session and lunch, and meeting with representatives of student services, athletics and financial aid. For more information and registration, contact the Misericordia Admissions Office at (570-675-4449 or 1-866-262-6363) or by email: admiss@misericordia.edu.

University of Scranton Performance Music Series: In Concert — **APRIL 6**, featuring the University of Scranton Jazz Band with special guests The Alumni Blues Doctors; 7:30 p.m. in the University's Houlihan-McLean Center on campus, corner of Mulberry St. & Jefferson Ave. Performance is open to the public free of charge.

Lenten Weekend Food Sale — **APRIL 6-14**, sponsored by SS. Peter & Paul Parish, 1309 W. Locust St., West Scranton; pierogi and clam chowder sold throughout

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Bereavement Support Gatherings — **MAY 1**, 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.

Weekly Bereavement Support Group Sessions — **MAY 22-JUNE 12**, series of weekly meetings, addressing topics dealing with the grief process in order for participants to find healing; Bereavement Support Group meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton (across from St. Peter's Cathedral). Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the Cathedral Parish office at (570-344-7231).

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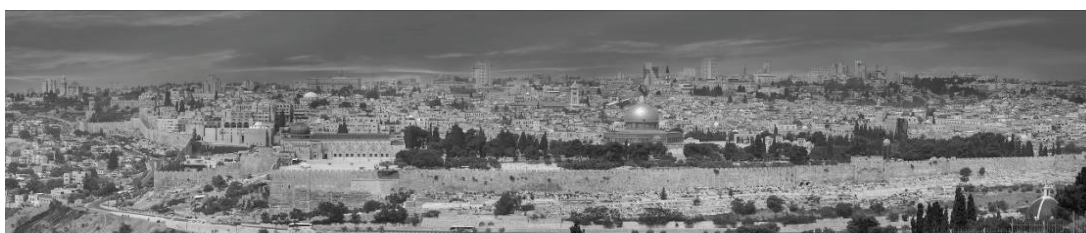
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Variety Prize Bingo — **APRIL 7**, sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville; held in the parish's school gymnasium. Doors open at 12 noon; bingo games begin at 1 p.m. Event also includes basket raffle and other games; lunch menu, refreshments and bake sale will be available. Admission cost: \$10, includes 20 games with grand prize cash coverall. Seating is limited.

Annual Ham Bingo — **APRIL 7**, sponsored by the parishioners of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Old Forge; begins at 1 p.m. in the church hall, 320 Vine St. Event features theme baskets, door prizes and various bingo specials; also includes a bake sale. Variety of food items and refreshments will be available for purchase beginning at 11 a.m. Admission cost: \$3.

Weekly Bingo — **APRIL 8**, hosted by Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Dickson City; bingo games held every Monday evening, with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. Early bird games begin at 6:40 p.m.; regular games start at 7 p.m. Admission fee includes 20 games; progressive jackpot each week. Homemade food sold before the bingo; homemade pizza available during the games and for take-out. Return coupon for new players; door prizes awarded each week. Van shuttle service provided free of charge from Carbondale and Scranton. For more information, call (570-489-2091).

Monthly Gathering of Theresians International of Scranton — **APRIL 9**, gathering opens at Immaculate Conception Church in the Hill section of Scranton with recitation of the Patriotic Rosary at 11:30 a.m. in the church's adoration chapel; fol-

lowed by Mass celebrated at 12:10 p.m. Theresians' luncheon meeting follows at 12:45 p.m. at Cooper's Seafood House, North Washington Ave., Scranton. Month's guest speaker: Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Katie Gilvary.

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo — **APRIL 10**, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn; games usually 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).

Lenten Friday Food Sale — **APRIL 12**, hosted by Nativity of Our Lord Parish in Duryea; sale held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Sacred Heart of Jesus Hall, 529 Stephenson St., Duryea. Featured food items include homemade clam chowder and seafood bisque, homemade haluski, pierogi (prepared or frozen), and a bake sale. For more information, call the rectory office (570-457-3502).

Easter Bunny Breakfast — **APRIL 13**, sponsored by Monsignor McHugh Elementary School, Route 390, Cresco; hosted at the school from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost: adults, \$7; children (ages 3 and older), \$5. Easter Egg Hunt and children's crafts available from \$1-\$3.

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Easter Flower Sale — **APRIL 17**, sponsored by the Ladies of Mary Society of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood section, Hanover Township; pick-up of pre-ordered flowers held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the church hall. Varieties include: hyacinths, tulips and daffodils, \$8 each; small lily, \$10; and large lily, \$17. Advance orders due by April 11. For more information, contact Debbie Castrignano at (570-407-3607).

Annual "Tastings & Tapas" Event — **APRIL 26**, hosted by St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Moscow; held from 7 to 10 p.m. in the parish's Kelly Hall at St.

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Polish Food Festival — **APRIL 27**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Fatima Council 8613; hosted in the gym/auditorium of St. John Bosco Parish in Conyngham. Featured food items include pierogi, haluski, kielbasa, apple sauce, desserts and refreshments. Advance ticket sales available at all weekend Masses in the church vestibule. For more information, call the parish office at (570-788-1997).

Spring "Oldies" Dinner Dance — **MAY 17**, sponsored by St. André Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre; held from 6 to 10 p.m. at St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre. Featuring home-made buffet dinner, including desserts and soft drinks; followed by live "oldies" music for listening and dancing pleasure provided by Millennium. Patrons may provide their own beverages; event also includes basket raffle and other prizes. Cost: \$20 per person (must be at least 21 years of age). Tickets may be obtained at the parish office at 668 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by calling Tina at (570-814-9227).

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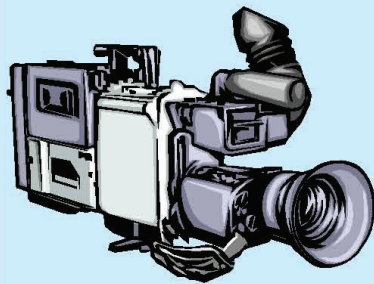
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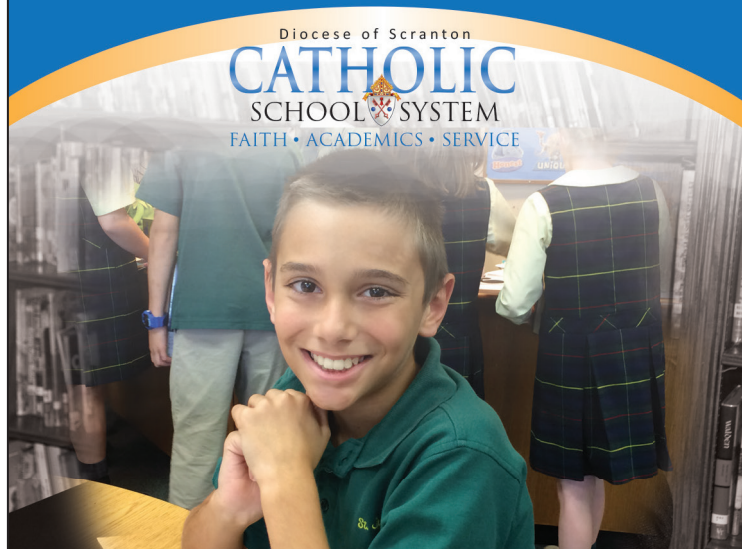
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