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We, the Catholic community of the Diocese of Scranton, are called through Baptism to imitate the servant leadership of Jesus Christ. In union with our Holy Father, the Pope, we proclaim the Gospel faithfully, celebrate the sacraments joyfully, and boldly promote life, justice and peace in northeastern and north central Pennsylvania.

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MOTHERS DAY ADOPTION MASS ON SUNDAY



The annual Mother's Day Adoption Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 12, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. This liturgy recognizes all mothers, with a special emphasis on adoptive and foster mothers. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant.

Planning for the Mass is coordinated by the Diocesan Office for Parish Life, and Saint Joseph's Center in Scranton. All are welcome to attend. CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live on Sunday.

TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION AT SAINT JUDE PARISH

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will ordain Mr. Jonathan Kuhar, Mr. Kevin Miller and Mr. Shawn Simchock to the Order of the Diaconate for service in the Diocese of Scranton on Saturday, May 25, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in Saint Jude Church, Mountain Top.

Ordination to the Diaconate is a very important event in the life of the Diocese. Please join us for this special celebration. A reception will follow in the school. All are welcome to attend!

The "young Church" will pray with and for Jonathan, Kevin and Shawn at their May 'XLT' (Exalt) on Friday, May 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish, Nanticoke. The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship music, brief reflection, reconciliation, and a social.

For more information; contact the Diocesan Vocation Office: (570) 207-1452.

You can also get more information at: <http://vocations.dioceseofscranton.org>



YOUTH OF DIOCESE HONORED WITH BISHOP'S AW



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera presented the Bishop's Youth Awards to 774 eighth-and-twelfth grade students representing parishes and Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Scranton during Masses at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton on Tuesday, May 7, and Thursday, May 9.

Awards were given out during Masses that began at 7:00 p.m. on both Tuesday and Thursday.

Since 1996, the Bishop's Youth Award has recognized young people of the Diocese of Scranton for their commitment to faith and service in their parishes and schools.

Nominated by their pastors, parish life coordinators, principals, directors of religious education and/or youth ministers, these young people have been described as devoted to the parish, natural servant-leaders and excellent examples to their peers and others.

The Bishop's Youth Award recipients are young people who serve their parishes and schools as altar servers, lectors, music ministers and cantors. Many are actively involved in parish youth groups. They are integral to the life of the parish, volunteering for missionary service, guiding younger students who are preparing for Confirmation, and assisting in such activities as Vacation Bible School and summer picnics. They serve the poor in many ways and touch the lives of those around them.

The Bishop's Youth Award was developed by the Office for Parish Life and the Office for Catholic Schools. This award is the highest recognition offered to Catholic youth of the Diocese of Scranton.

Read more about the ceremonies and reaction from honorees in next week's *Catholic Light*.

SAINT EULALIA PARISH DEDICATES NEW RELIGIOUS ED CENTER



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera celebrated Mass and helped dedicate the new Monsignor F. Allan Conlan Religious Education Center at Saint Eulalia Parish in Roaring Brook Township on Sunday, May 5, 2019.

After years of planning and a full year of construction and renovation, the new facility is already being used to help educate the next generation of children in the Catholic faith.

The new religious education center has nine new classrooms in addition to remodeling eight existing classrooms. It also features new gathering spaces for youth groups, music ministers, meetings and other celebrations. As part of the roughly \$2 million renovation project, the Parish Center was also remodeled and its kitchen updated. The Choir Loft inside the Church was also expanded to provide music ministers comfortable space to lead liturgical celebrations.

"These resources will be a vibrant center for parish activities, a place where community and church come together, a place where people get to know one another and give witness to faith in Christ, and our children learn the teachings of our faith," Monsignor John W. Jordan, Pastor, Saint Eulalia Parish said.

Described by Parish members as the "Third Cornerstone Project," planning for the new religious education center began in 2014 when it became apparent more space was needed. A groundbreaking ceremony was held in 2017.

Saint Eulalia Parish currently has more than 1,100 families with more than 350 children enrolled in its youth programs. When the Church on Blue Shutters Road was first dedicated in 1984, the Parish consisted of 300 families with 75 kids in youth programs.

"This is a wonderful day for the people of the North Pocono region! This new religious education center is a tremendous sign of growth in the Church and I am so thankful to those who invested their time and talent to make it a reality," Bishop Joseph C. Bambera said.

The new religious education center is named in honor of Monsignor F. Allan Conlan, pastor emeritus of Saint Eulalia Parish who died in 2012.

"He loved the children. There wasn't anything that he wouldn't do for the children. He was a teacher. He came and he made it comfortable," Elizabeth Strasburger, Director of Religious Education said. "If he were here today he would be very, very proud. He would be humbled to think anything was named after him."

UP & OVER RETREAT REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEARING



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RETREAT FOR 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADERS

May 31 - June 2
Camp Orchard Hill - Dallas, Pa

Registration Fee: \$140

Cabin Style Lodging

- Learn Teamwork & Problem Solving Skills
- New Friends
- New Prayer Experiences
- Outdoor Obstacle Course

Arrival:

7:00pm Friday

Departure:

12Noon Sunday

Register Online at
www.dioceseofscranton.org

The Up & Over Retreat is a weekend of fun, friendship and faith at the beautiful wooded Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas.

You will spend time outdoors, meet new friends and learn how your God-given gifts can be used when you work with others as a team!

Built into the weekend are opportunities for Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation.

There will also be a number of fun activities and events, including a movie, free time and an outdoor obstacle course.

Come join us for an outstanding experience! You will have a great time, meet new friends and come closer to God who loves you!

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

Some parishes help with the cost, so don't be afraid to ask!

Deadline for registration is May 24, 2019.

Call (570) 207-2213 for more information or visit

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/word/youth-ministry/up-over-weekend-retreat-for-6th-7th-8th-grade-students/>

2019 MINISTRY FORMATION SKILLS WORKSHOP

2019 Ministry Formation Skills Workshop Series

Ministry of Presence:

Group Dynamics and Boundaries in Ministry

Saturday, May 11, 2019 9:00AM-3:00PM

Our Lady of the Snows, Clarks Summit

Group Dynamics: Drs. LeeAnn Eschbach, Ph.D., NCC, LPC and Julie Cerito, Ph.D., NCC, NCSC, will explore communication within groups as it is enhanced by knowledge of personality types.

Boundaries in Ministry: Dr. Fauve Luckey, Psy.D., will introduce workshop participants to techniques for mediation of relationships, conflict resolution, and boundaries within ministry, and offer resources for addressing a variety of interpersonal encounters.



For more information contact Kitty Scanlan at

570-207-2213, ext. 1157, or kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org.

To register, visit the Office for Parish Life page at www.dioceseofscranton.org

****All Parish Ministers Are Welcome to Attend!****

SUMMER BAZAARS, PICNICS AND FESTIVALS

The Diocese of Scranton's new website is starting to build a master list of summer bazaars, picnics and festivals across the 11-county Diocese.

For the current list, visit:

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/summer-bazaars-picnics-and-festivals/>

If you have an event that you would like to feature in the listing, email information to:

EDeabill@dioceseofscranton.org

For a listing of all Diocesan and parish events, visit: [Calendar](#)

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