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## U.S. Bishops to meet next week in Baltimore

WASHINGTON—The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will gather for the 2019 Spring General Assembly in Baltimore, June 11-14.

During the assembly, the bishops will discuss and vote on bishop accountability measures to respond to the abuse crisis and will also hear reports from the National Advisory Council and an annual progress report by the National Review Board.

The bishops will also discuss and vote on the National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States (2nd edition); and on the final approval of revisions made to the second typical edition of the ICEL Gray Book of the Ordination of a Bishop, of Priests, and of Deacons.

The assembly will also discuss and vote on the revised passage of the death penalty for the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults and subsequent recognition from Rome. The bishops will also hear a report on the Committee on Priorities and Plans on the Strategic Priorities of the Conference for the development of the 2021-2024 USCCB Strategic Plan. They will also hear reports from Bishop Robert E. Barron, Chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis as well as a report on the Bishops Working Group on Immigration Issues and an update from the Bishops' Working Group on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship.

There will also be a voice vote on the cause for canonization of the Servant of God Irving (a.k.a. Francis) C. Houle.

## Louisiana governor signs pro-life “heartbeat bill”

BATON ROUGE, La. (CNS) -- Louisiana's Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards, a Catholic, signed into law a measure that makes nearly all abortions illegal in the state once the fetal heartbeat is detected, which could be as early as six weeks.

“As I prepare to sign this bill,” Edwards said in a statement late May 30, “I call on the overwhelming bipartisan majority of legislators who voted for it to join me in continuing to build a better Louisiana that cares for the least among us and provides more opportunity for everyone.”

The bill has no exceptions for rape or incest but would allow abortions only to prevent a pregnant woman's death or in cases of “serious risk” to her health. It is expected to be almost immediately challenged in the courts.

Louisiana joins several other states with new laws severely restricting or banning nearly all abortions: Missouri, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia and Ohio. None are in effect yet, either because they are being challenged in court or the date

## Mass for Scouts and Parish Youth



**Dozens of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts participated in the Mass for Scouts and Parish Youth which was held on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter.**

SCRANTON -- Bishop Joseph C. Bambera was the principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass for Scouts and Parish Youth on the Seventh Sunday of Easter in Scranton.

Scouts who have earned the *Ad Altare Dei*, *Pope Pius XII*, *I Live My Faith*, *Mary the First Disciple* and *Spirit Alive* religious emblems were invited to receive them at the Mass and be congratulated by the Bishop.

The Saint George Emblem, which is presented to adult members of the laity or clergy who have made significant and outstanding to the spiritual development of Catholic youth, was also given out to Amy Huntington from Gate of Heaven Parish in Dallas and Carter Lynch from Epiphany Parish in Sayre.

During his homily, Bishop Bambera told the crowd: “It’s certainly not by chance but through the providence of God that we honor and celebrate scouting today during this Mass. For all of the good and noble elements of scouting, the spirit of today’s gospel message lies at its heart: service of God and country and respect for the lives that make their way into our own through the relationships that we are given. Thank you for who you are and for the great values that you embrace. As a Church, we are so very proud of you!”

## New Bishop in Syracuse

WASHINGTON—Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham from the pastoral governance of the Diocese of Syracuse and has named the Rev. Douglas Lucia to succeed him. Father Lucia is a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

The resignation and appointment were publicized in Washington, June 4, 2019 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Father Douglas Lucia, 56, was born on March 17, 1963 in Plattsburgh, New York. He attended Wadhamns Hall Seminary College, followed by Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, New York. He then attended the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 20, 1989 for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

The Diocese of Syracuse is comprised of 5,479 square miles in the state of New York and has a total population of 1,199,000 of which 231,621, or 19.3 percent, are Catholic.



**Pope Francis poses for a photo with Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards and his delegation during the pope's general audience at the Vatican on Jan. 18, 2017. (CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano)**

they take effect is weeks or months away.

In South Carolina, the state House of Representatives on April 23 passed a bill that could lead to a ban of nearly all abortions in that state. It moved to the Senate, where it was expected to face serious opposition, but the legislative session ended before that chamber could act on it.



# Hearing God's Call: Three Men Ordained to the Diaconate

MOUNTAIN TOP -- Hundreds of people filled Saint Jude Parish on Saturday, May 25, as three local men were called forth to the Order of the Diaconate for service to the People of God in the Diocese of Scranton.

Jonathan P. Kuhar, Kevin M. Miller and Shawn M. Simchock began the final step of their formation to the priesthood when they were ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

"It's an amazing experience. It's indescribable. I'm moved, I'm touched, I'm blessed, I'm humbled, I'm happy, joyful, at peace, there's so much and so little I could say in the end, it's an amazing thing and to have my family and friends and Shawn and Kevin with me, it was a beautiful experience," Kuhar said following the Mass.

Kuhar was a lawyer for roughly six years before entering the seminary. For most of his life, he admits hearing God's call but says it wasn't until he started asking the question – what does God want from my life – that he started searching for the direction he ultimately took.

"I ignored it for a long time. He (God) kept tugging at me throughout my life and I just ignored it and pushed it aside and hoped that it would go away but ultimately God is patient and He is wonderful and as long as you're open to Him, he will continue to bless your life and after a long time of ignoring Him, I finally responded!" Kuhar said.

The path towards priesthood has been just as interesting for Kevin M. Miller who spent 32 years in the military. While he says those were proud days, he says the idea of being a priest first came to him at a young age and never left him.

"I first felt the call to the priesthood when I was 12 years old and It really came through just some really wonderful pastors that I had back in my home parish of Holy Savior in the east end of Wilkes-Barre, the old Irish Catholic parish up on the hill," Miller said. "The pastors there really encouraged me, they saw a love of God and a love of the Church and a love of people and how the people responded and said -- you might very well have this calling – so they were very close to my mind and in my prayers."



**The three deacons pose for a picture with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera at the end of the Ordination Mass. Pictured, from left: Rev. Joseph J. Evanko, Most Rev. John M. Dougherty, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Scranton, Rev. Donald J. Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians, Deacon Shawn M. Simchock, Monsignor David Bohr, Diocesan Secretary for Clergy Formation, Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, Rev. Jeffrey J. Walsh, V.E., Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, Deacon Kevin M. Miller, Rev. Edward J. Griswold, Saint Mary's Seminary and University, Deacon Jonathan P. Kuhar and Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., Vicar General of the Diocese of Scranton.**

Shawn M. Simchock also knew from a young age that he wanted to be a priest but it wasn't until his mother got sick that he took God's call seriously.

"God's calling came to me through the untimely illness and death of my mother. They all say God writes straight with crooked lines so it was through that experience that I found my calling. It's funny because, my calling, I thought originally was to the permanent diaconate program and that's where I began back in 2014 and then I transitioned out of that after one year to the seminary,"

Simchock said.

Ordination as a transitional deacon generally occurs after a seminarian has completed at least three years of study in theology and takes place usually one year prior to priestly ordination. A deacon will be an ordinary minister of Baptism, and will be able to preside at weddings, assist the priest at Mass, proclaim the Gospel and preach, as well as preside at wakes and funeral services.

During his homily, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera reminded the three men that at the heart of the ministry to which they have been

entrusted are the people of God. The Bishop said they have been called by God and sent forth for mission – sent forth to serve God's holy people.

"You are about to enter ordained ministry at a unique and critical time in the life of our Church. In so many ways, our people are disillusioned and unsettled by actions that should have never taken place and by Church leaders who let them down," Bishop Bambera said. "Yet, these same faithful souls continue to look to the Church and to the Lord whom we proclaim as their

greatest hope. As you yourselves have noted, the Church needs you now, more than ever! Give God's people reason to hope!"

Bishop Bambera also thanked the three men for their willingness to embrace Jesus' call to service and urged them to imitate the servant leadership embodied by Jesus, who washed the feet of his disciples and, in doing so, gave the faithful the supreme example of holiness and mission.

"Brothers, more than ever, God's People are looking for meaning, purpose and peace in their lives and they will look to you to see Jesus. They will look to see Jesus in your prayerfulness, in your words, in your hard work, in the simplicity of your life, and in your love. They will look to you for so much and in return, they will walk with you and they will support you every step of the way," Bishop Bambera said.

The Bishop's words inspired and motivated the new deacons.

"This has always been to me, about service to others, about being that Christ presence in their lives, to find those that are in need, to find the hungry, find the thirsty, find the poor, find those struggling emotionally, and to help people in their search for God so for me it's always, I hope, going to be about Jesus Christ and not about me," Kuhar said.

"I've been serving people all my life. I'm just looking forward to being able to do it in God's name now and with God's hands on me and it's going to be a great experience and I just look forward to working with and helping whoever I can," Simchock said.

"I'm very energized right now. I'm ready to go out there and start doing exactly what the Bishop said: Proclaim the Gospel, live a good example of a Christian life and serve those that need service!" Miller said.

Mr. Kuhar is from Saint Jude Parish in Mountain Top and is studying at Saint Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Miller is from Saint Nicholas Parish in Wilkes-Barre and Mr. Simchock is from Queen of Heaven Parish in Hazleton. Both Mr. Miller and Mr. Simchock study at Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts.



**Above: Jonathan P. Kuhar participates in the Promise of the Elect, where he declares his intention to be ordained to the Diaconate and to fulfill its duties.**

**Right: Kevin M. Miller kneels before Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. The Bishop lays his hands upon Miller's head and says the Prayer of Ordination.**

*The Catholic Light Photos/Mike Melisky*



**Above: After the Prayer of Ordination, each newly ordained Deacon is vested. Deacon Shawn M. Simchock kneels before Bishop Bambera to receive the Book of Gospels in his hands. During this part of the Mass, the Bishop says: "Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach."**



# Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen helps feed those in need

*The facility, which is operated by Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton, serves an average of 300 meals per day*

By **ALAN K. STOUT**  
Special to *The Catholic Light*

WILKES-BARRE -- Every day, 365 days per year, the Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen provides hot meals to those in need. Guests are offered an assortment of quality meals ranging from baked chicken to meatloaf and pasta. The menu changes daily. The facility is not, as some call it, a “soup kitchen.” Yes, soup might be served as a compliment to the day’s meal, but clients at Saint Vincent de Paul are always offered much more, including fruits, salads, milk and desserts.

Mike Cianciotta, director at Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen, says the facility - which is operated by Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton – provides a basic human necessity to those that it serves.

“Basically, it’s about taking care of the essential need of people – food,” says Cianciotta, adding that, by saving people on the cost of food, they can better pay their other bills. “Especially for the elderly, if they’re on a set budget or pension,” he says. “Also, by coming here, they



can get out of the house and have a bit more of a social life. We see how much they enjoy dining together.”


Cianciotta says the most common mistake that people make about the kitchen is the perception that most of its clients are homeless, which they are not. Some are retired and are on fixed incomes. Some may suffer from a mental or physical disability which prevents them from working. And many are actually the working poor.

“The idea that only homeless people

need this place is a total misconception,” Cianciotta says. “There are people that can afford other things, such as their housing and heating, but they can’t afford food. This enables them not to have ‘luxuries,’ but a ‘necessity’ of life.

“We have families come in,” he adds. “When the children are off from school, it helps parents provide other things for their kids, because they can come here and eat.”

The Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen marked its 35th anniversary last fall. It



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL KITCHEN

*“Give thanks to the Lord,  
He satisfies the hungry with good things.”*

(Psalm 107)

**Left: Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen is located at 39 E. Jackson Street, Wilkes-Barre.**

**Right: Volunteers who help at Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen 365 days per year are a key component to its operation. The kitchen is supported financially by donations received from individuals, civic and church groups and the business community.**



was founded in 1983 under the leadership of Monsignor Donald McAndrews, the former executive director of Catholic Social Services. It serves an average of 300 meals per day. Lunch is served seven days per week, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dinner is served Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m.

“The mission of Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton is to serve individuals and families in poverty and hardship, as we are called by Christ to do, and to respond compassionately to their needs,” says Mary Theresa Malandro, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Human Services and Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Social Services. “As a Catholic agency, we advocate for individual dignity and self-sufficiency and actively give of ourselves to replace despair with hope. One of the locations we have the honor of serving those in need is at Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen.”

In addition to the kitchen, the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 9-11 p.m. and every Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. And the Saint Vincent

de Paul Common Thread Clothing Store is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 9-11 a.m. All items are free. There are six full-time staff members and, on average, 10-12 volunteers on site every day.

“We could not survive without them,” says Cianciotta of the volunteers. “By volunteering, it saves us the expense of having to pay employees, which we could never afford. If you think about it, we’re a catering hall that’s open 365 days a year, and we’re not charging anyone. That’s basically what we are. And so if we had to hire a line of servers, and people to help with food prep, and people to wash dishes, and people to work in the food pantry and clothing store, it would be an astronomical amount of money. The volunteers are a vital part of the operation.”

The cost to operate the Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen is \$498,000 per year. It receives support, funding and grants from agencies such as the United Way of Wyoming Valley, the Commission on Economic Opportunity and the Weinberg Food Bank. Supermarkets such as Sam’s Club, Schiel’s, Walmart and Wegmans also donate food, which helps supplement the

menu. “We have utilities, we have employees, we have insurance, we have maintenance – that’s where the main expenses are,” says Cianciotta. “By not having to use funds on the things that the stores supplement, it enables us take care of this building and keep the place going.”

Still, Cianciotta says that most funding for the kitchen comes from corporate donations and private individual donations. And since most protein items on the kitchen’s menu need to be purchased, such donations are critical. For \$125, any person, family or business can sponsor that day’s meals.

Cianciotta says that, after nearly nine years of managing the kitchen, he’s come to realize just how important it is to the community and to those that visit. Whether it’s a typical summer day, or Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day, he knows people are thankful and appreciative.

“You get to know them and you get to talk to them,” he says. “They’re very grateful for us being here.”

For information about donation needs, call (570) 829-7796, extension 301.

## Can You Help Continue the Mission?



*Serving hot meals,  
365 days a year,  
since 1983*

Children dependent on school lunch programs are now on summer vacation, which means we’ll be seeing more children at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen.

**Please consider a donation to help families in need.**

Please check one and return form along with your donation:  
☐ \$125 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$10 ☐ other

(With a \$125 donation, you can sponsor the day's meals.)



Send to:  
**St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen**  
 c/o Catholic Social Services  
 33 E. Northampton Street  
 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701



# Father Manno, Beloved Diocesan Priest, Dies

WILLIAMSPORT – Bishop Joseph C. Bambera was principal celebrant of a Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Father John K. Manno on June 4 at Annunciation Church (Saint Joseph the Worker Parish). Father Manno died May 30 at UPMC Williamsport.

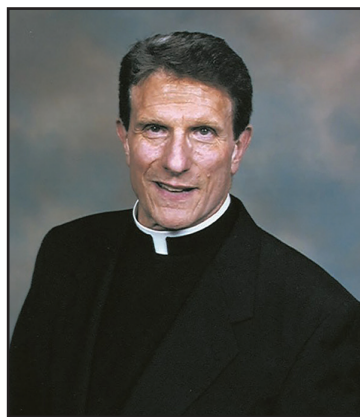
Born April 26, 1941, in Williamsport, he was a son of the late Donald M. and Elizabeth “Betty” (Kiehl) Manno.

Father Manno received his early education in the Williamsport public school system. He continued his education at West Chester State College, Marywood College, earning a Master’s of Arts in counseling, and Loyola University, Chicago. Father attended Saint Pius X Seminary, Dalton, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 25, 1968, at Saint Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton, by Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, late Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton.

Following ordination, Father Manno served as assistant pastor at Saint Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton; Saint John the Evangelist, Pittston, and

Annunciation, Williamsport. Father was Chaplain of Bishop Neumann High School, Williamsport, from 1973-1977. He served as Director of Religious Formation at Pocono Central Catholic, Cresco, from 1977-1984. Father Manno received his first pastorate at Saint John Bosco, Conyngham in 1984, where he was instrumental in the building of the church and served until he was named Pastor of Annunciation Church, Williamsport, in 1998. Father Manno’s last assignment was as Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Montoursville, where he served from 2009 until retirement and being named Pastor Emeritus in 2016.

Father Manno was a kind and caring neighbor who made every town he lived in a better place. He taught students, worked with the Seaman on the Docks in New York City and was employed by the YMCA of New York City, one of many jobs where he was ministering and giving of himself to others. His many awards and accomplishments furthermore showed his servant heart. He received the YMCA Racial Justice Award in 2004, the



**Rev. John K. Manno**

Lycoming College Sister Vincent Humanitarian Award in 2009, National Community Service Award from the American Rescue Workers in 2009, the NAACP Social Justice Award in 2009 and the Alexander Nesbitt Committed to Caring Award in 2016. In the Williamsport area, a place he was extremely proud to call home, he was a member of the Opioid Task Force, Heart of Williamsport, Firetree Place, Project Bald Eagle and creating a Sunday School Educational Curriculum for individuals struggling with heroin

addiction.

Father Manno was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was instrumental as an original organizer and the chaplain of the 9/11 Memorial Collation Ride, which allowed him to combine two things that he loved: honoring veterans and service members, and showing his patriotism while enjoying a ride on his own Harley Davidson motorcycle. He was the very proud chaplain of the Williamsport Fire Department and an excellent ambassador of the MDA “Fill the Boot” Campaign. Father John remained a lifelong Millionaire at heart, cheering on the cherry and white during basketball games and at other sporting events. Following retirement he became a Facebook user extraordinaire where he continued to deliver love and support to the communities and people he so dearly loved.

Family was of the utmost importance to Father Manno. Surviving are a sister, Dona E. Grayson (Clarence), of Williamsport; a niece, Geneva Sitler of Williamsport, a nephew

Keanu Bunting of Alaska, two great nieces, Brittany Dressler and Cheyanne Dressler; two great nephews, Scott Sitler, III, and Keanu Sitler; cousins; Cindy Cendoma (Gregory, Sr.), of Williamsport, Mary Rucinski, of Williamsport, Michael Casale (Margaret) of Saginaw, Mich., Julia Manno and Nicolina Turi both of Williamsport; his spirit brother, Dr. Lee M. Ciccarelli of Williamsport, good friend, Allen “Unk” Lorson, and all those special people too numerous to mention.

Father Manno was grateful for the wonderful care and attention he received from his recent caregivers, with whom he shared a special bond. He also leaves behind his beloved dog Minx, who was his companion after his beloved dogs Toby and Theo crossed the rainbow bridge.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by an infant brother, Michael K. Manno.

Entombment was held at Wildwood Cemetery, Williamsport.



## **Second Annual Catholic Women’s Conference is quickly approaching**

The countdown to the Second Annual Catholic Women’s Conference is on! Pamper your inner spirit and give your faith a makeover at this year’s conference, Come to the Well, on June 22, 2019 at the Byron Center at the University of Scranton. The window of opportunity is closing to purchase tickets at the early bird price of \$40 until June 9.

Come to the Well is the theme of this year’s conference, hosted by the Catholic Women’s Conference, in partnership with the Diocese of Scranton.

Plan to attend this special annual event with someone dear to you - your mom, your sisters or a group of friends! Registration is easy and takes only a few minutes if you visit CWCNEPA.com. Tickets are \$40 if you register before June 9. After June 9 the ticket price will increase to \$50. Students pay only \$20. Women Religious attend for free.

**For a Registration Form...See Page 18**

## **Conference Schedule**

8:00 a.m.	Check-In - Registration Opens
8:45 a.m.	The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Most Reverend Bishop Joseph C. Bambera with music by <i>His Own</i> ; dedication of Saint Rose Venerini painting
10:00 a.m.	BREAK - Browse vendors’ booths to find items to <i>Refresh Your Faith!</i> The Sacrament of Confession will be available.
10:15 a.m.	Keynote Speaker: Teresa Tomeo - Meeting Jesus at the well. Embracing your personal encounter with Christ.
11:30 a.m.	Guest Speaker: Jill Metz - Becoming Catholic, Conversion by the Saints and the Miracle
12:15 p.m.	Lunch/Vendors/Confession
1:00 p.m.	Rosary
1:30 p.m.	Keynote Speaker: Teresa Tomeo - <i>Beyond Sunday: Becoming a 24/7 Catholic</i>
2:15 p.m.	BREAK - Browse vendors’ booths to find items to <i>Refresh Your Faith!</i>
2:30 p.m.	Guest Speaker: Sister Mercy Marie, SV, Sister of Life - Meeting Jesus at the well.
3:00 p.m.	Eucharist Adoration with <i>His Own</i> and Sister Mercy Marie
4:00 p.m.	Musical encore with <i>His Own</i>
4:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks



## Mausoleum Groundbreaking



**Bishop Joseph C. Bambera participates in a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Mausoleum at Mount Olivet Cemetery. From left, Dominic Rinaldi, Director of Diocesan Cemeteries, Bishop Bambera and John Gabriesheski, Cemetery Superintendent.**

After more than a year of planning, ground has been broken and work is officially underway on a new Mausoleum at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Kingston Township, Luzerne County.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera visited the site and participated in a ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

The beautiful new Mount Olivet Cemetery Mausoleum will offer space for people who wish to be entombed in an above-ground setting. The building of granite and marble will accommodate caskets and cremains, providing a final resting place in pleasant landscaped surroundings easily accessible to family and friends.

The Mount Olivet Mausoleum will also feature companion crypts which accommodate placement of two caskets with one plaque for engraving of both names of the deceased interred therein.

Construction on the new Mausoleum is expected to cost roughly \$350,000 and be completed by August.

One of life's most difficult decisions should be made before the need arises – while those concerned are able to consult and discuss options together.

The Mausoleum at Mount Olivet may provide an appropriate, attractive and affordable memorial for your family's needs in the following ways:

- Mausoleum entombment eliminates many expenses associated with traditional in-ground burials
- Options may be available to exchange existing plots for crypts
- Individuals of all faiths are welcome to be interred at Diocesan cemeteries
- Burial plots and cremation niches are also available

If you'd like more information on the new Mausoleum, you can contact the Mount Olivet Cemetery staff at (570) 696-3636 or visit [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org).

**Bishop Joseph C. Bambera helped to dedicate a new Youth Ministry room at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton on Thursday, May 16, 2019.**

**During the blessing, Bishop Bambera reflected on the many opportunities available for young people in the Diocese. He hopes the new space, which was renovated and created by youth ministry members, will be used to help them deepen their relationship with God.**

**Bishop Bambera said, "I'm just so grateful that you who represent so many young people in the Church of Scranton are willing to engage that journey!"**



## CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

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

### ASSIGNMENTS

**Reverend David P. Cappelloni**, to Administrator *pro tem*, Saint Eulalia Parish, Elmhurst. Father Cappelloni will remain Pastor, Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish, Dunmore. Effective June 24, 2019.

**Reverend Brian J.T. Clarke**, from Pastor, Ascension Parish, Forest City, and St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Pleasant Mount, to Pastor, Christ the King Parish, Archbald. Effective July 1, 2019.

**Reverend Gerard M. McGlone**, to Administrator *pro tem*, Ascension Parish, Forest City, and St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Pleasant Mount. Father McGlone will remain Pastor of Queen of Angels Parish, Jessup. Effective July 1, 2019.

**Monsignor John W. Jordan**, from Pastor, St. Eulalia Parish, Elmhurst, to Pastor Emeritus, St. Eulalia Parish, Elmhurst. Effective June 24, 2019.

**Reverend Jeffrey D. Tudgay**, from graduate studies in Canon Law at Catholic University of America, Washington DC, to Pastor, Saint Eulalia Parish, Elmhurst, and Judge in the Diocesan Tribunal. Effective August 19, 2019.

### ASSISTANT PASTOR

**Reverend Dominic Obour**, from Assistant Pastor, Christ the King Parish, Archbald, to further studies for the Diocese of Sunyani, effective May 31, 2019.

**Reverend Clement Kwabena Amankwah Yeboah**, from further studies for the Diocese of Sunyani, to Assistant Pastor, Christ the King Parish, Archbald, effective May 31, 2019.



## BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

**June 9 - Pentecost Sunday Mass**  
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.

**June 10-14 - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Meeting**  
Baltimore

**June 17 - Holy Family Residence Mass**  
Scranton, 11:00 a.m.

**June 20 - Jubilarians' Mass**  
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.

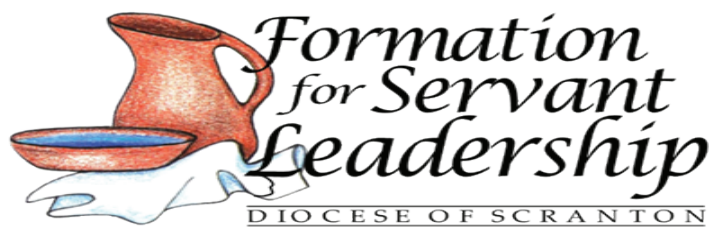
**June 22 - Second Annual Catholic Women's Conference**  
University of Scranton, 8:45 a.m. Mass

**June 25 - Quo Vadis Visit**  
Misericordia University, Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

**June 26 - Light the Fire Mass**  
Misericordia University, Dallas, 7:00 p.m.

**June 27 - Mass for Commissioning of Lay Ministry Certificate Candidates**  
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 7:00 p.m.





Since May 2014, Formation for Servant Leadership has provided parishioners with a chance to grow spiritually as individuals, while also contributing to the life of their faith communities. In the five years since the Office for Parish Life started this initiative, men and women from across Northeastern and North Central Pennsylvania serving in a variety of ministries have invested themselves in answering their baptismal call to holiness through participation in the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry. This program seeks to cultivate the leadership capacities of members of the lay faithful who desire to serve their parish more actively, as well as those individuals who already minister in some of the following capacities: Parish Pastoral Council, Directors of Religious Education and Catechists, Liturgical Coordinators, Parish Staff, members of Volunteer Ministry teams, and more!



Students in the Holy Name of Jesus Parish English as a Second Language Program enjoy their end of semester field trip to Eckley Miners' Museum on May 10, 2019.

## Johanna Milot

### Luzerne County

Wanting to have a better understanding of scripture and what it means to be Catholic, Johanna Milot joined the Diocesan Lay Ministry Certificate Program two years ago.

She believes the journey has been very worthwhile.

"It's very well organized. The courses are very interesting and the workload and the organization of assignments are very well done," Milot said.

After reading about the program in her Church bulletin, and being approached by her pastor, Father Peter J. O'Rourke, at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in West Hazleton, Milot decided to focus on social justice coursework.

For her final project, she created an English as a Second Language, or ESL, tutoring group at her parish.

"We have a large Spanish-speaking population at our church so we opened it up to them," Milot said.

For the first two years the sessions were small, but this past spring semester there were three different classes of ten people thanks to additional volunteers that joined.

"It's not just our parish. Someone from another Catholic Church came over to volunteer and then also two people from the Methodist Church so it really turned into an ecumenical project!" Milot said.

As an occupational therapist, Milot has always liked to help people, but says growing the ESL program in her parish has been a personal, spiritual experience.

"For me personally, the biggest revelation was the understanding that God loves me. It's not about what I do, he just loves me," Milot said.

While many have benefitted from the ESL tutoring sessions, Milot says she is the one who has gained more.

"I am sure I got more out of this project than all of the participants in the various groups combined. It was just an absolutely wonderful experience," Milot said.

Milot's efforts have been supported by two \$4,000 grants through the Diocese of Scranton. She believes her project has made her parish and community stronger.

"We have food sales together, we have events together, and we have a lot of bi-lingual events and services together. It has opened up a lot of areas for communication and interaction!" Milot said.

The next ESL tutoring sessions at Holy Name of Jesus Parish are expected to begin after Labor Day.



As part of a Lenten Outreach project, families from Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish make stained glass cross bookmarks to be distributed to home bound parishioners.

## Sarah Hazelton

### Tioga County

As a full-time Catholic School teacher in Elmira, New York, with three children of her own and a dairy farm, Sarah Hazelton is constantly busy but that didn't stop her from wanting to deepen her faith.

After first learning about the Lay Ministry Program through *The Catholic Light*, Hazelton wanted to learn more about WORD formation to better serve her parish.

Currently a parishioner of Saint Peter Parish in Wellsboro, Tioga County, Hazelton liked the online courses that are part of the program.

"I had never taken an online course before so I was a little wary of that but it's been great. They were so user friendly and flexible and fit with my schedule," Hazelton said.

For her final project, Hazelton concentrated on something that is important to her: religious education. Her focus revolved around another nearby parish, Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Elkland.

"The issue they were running into was they didn't have enough students enrolled in the program to do a traditional grade level catechesis where you have an eighth grade and a seventh grade and so on," Hazelton said.

As a result, Hazelton created a hybrid model, or blended model, of religious education where the majority of content can be delivered in an online format and supplemented with monthly face-to-face gatherings in the parish.

"I tried to target it as a family program. Everything was geared towards lessons you could do as a family!" Hazelton explained.

Besides helping small parishes, Hazelton believes the model she created can help reach families who can't get their children to religious education classes because of sports commitments or could even be used because of bad weather conditions in the winter.

"We're so rural that in the winter the weather is so unpredictable and we'd plan something and we'd have to keep postponing it because the roads were impassable but they were still able to get the content online!" Hazelton said.

As someone who enjoys developing curriculum, Hazelton says the entire experience helped her focus on her faith.

"I did learn more about my faith. I had to sit down and think what are the core things that I think a family should know about their faith so it made me really reflect on what are the important things about our faith!" Hazelton said.

**The Commissioning of Lay Ministry Candidates will be held at 7:00PM on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter.**

**For anyone wishing to learn more about the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry, contact Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation at 570-207-2213 or [kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org)**



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**10th Vocations Golf Classic slated for July 8**

Parishioners and friends of the Diocese of Scranton have expressed their overwhelming support for the priesthood through the Vocations Golf Classic since it began 10 years ago.

"Each year, donors and golfers from throughout the 11 counties of our Diocese participate in this event to help foster vocations and provide direct assistance to seminarians on their journey to the priesthood. We are very grateful," the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, said.

Bishop Bambera is honorary chair for the 10th Annual Vocations Classic to be held Monday, July 8, at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, Mountain Top. The tournament features a captain and crew format on the 27-hole course. The day begins with lunch at 11 a.m., 12 noon start and reception and dinner immediately following. Reverend Donald J. Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians, is event chair.

Tournament proceeds fund discernment programs for men considering the priestly vocation as well as help cover costs for men in seminary formation. Funds may also be used to alleviate concerns for men responding to God's call who have prior financial obligations.

Donations of any amount are welcome.

***Meet the Deacons***

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- + Serving Others
- + Sharing Faith

**WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING THING ABOUT  
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+ Not sure. Been doing the same things so long;  
not much of a challenge any more.

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

- + Pray, Pray, Pray
- + Talk to your family. They always come first.



# One God, One Human Family



*By Monsignor Vincent  
J. Grimalia*

**Diocesan Coordinator  
for Ecumenical  
and Interfaith Relations**

the right to take away, threaten or manipulate to suit oneself. Indeed, everyone must safeguard this gift of life from its beginning up to its natural end. We therefore condemn all those practices that are a threat to life such as genocide, acts of terrorism, forced displacement, human trafficking, abortion and euthanasia. We likewise condemn the policies that promote these practices...

"We thus call upon all concerned to stop using religions to incite hatred, violence, extremism and blind fanaticism, and to refrain from using the name of God to justify acts of murder, exile, terrorism and oppression. We ask this on the basis of our common belief in God who did not create men and women to be killed or to fight one another, nor to be tortured or humiliated in their lives and circumstances. God, the Almighty, has no need to be defended by



In "Fraternity, The Foundation and Pathway to Peace" — his World Day of Peace Message for 2014 — Pope Francis spoke of "fraternity" as the foundation of peace, recalling the words of Saint Paul VI and Saint John Paul II, as well as Pope Benedict XVI. Sadly, regardless of what Francis does or writes, there are critics who make negative comments and comparisons with his predecessors, blindly unaware of how often he makes reference to them.

During the apostolic journey of Pope Francis to the United Arab Emirates, the Supreme Pontiff and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, signed a significant document, "Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together." Critics of the document need to read Pope Francis' first World Peace Day Message, along with documents of the Second Vatican Council, to help them to understand how he is in continuity with the developing teaching of the Church.

The "Human Fraternity" document begins: "Faith leads a believer to see in the other a brother or sister to be supported and loved. Through faith in God, who has created the universe, creatures and all human beings (equal on account of His mercy), believers are called to express this human fraternity by safeguarding creation and the entire universe and supporting all persons, especially the poorest and those most in need."

Furthermore, it reminds us: "The first and most important aim of religions is to believe in God, to honor Him and to invite all men and women to believe that this universe depends on a God who governs it. He is the Creator who has formed us with His divine wisdom and has granted us the gift of life to protect it. It is a gift that no one has



Since 1984, the Scranton-based Polish National Catholic Church and the Roman Catholic Church have engaged in dialogue meetings on various topics of mutual concern. Pictured are those clergy from both Churches who attended the most recent dialogue session held May 14-15 at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral in Lancaster, N.Y. Shown foreground, from left, are Father Michael Pierz, Monsignor Vincent Grimalia, Scranton Diocesan Coordinator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Rt. Rev. John Mack, co-chairman; Most Rev. Mitchell Rozanski, co-chairman; and Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski Background, Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Saint Stanislaus PNCC Cathedral, Scranton; Very Rev. Robert Nemkovich Jr., Most Rev. Andrzej Zglejszewski, Most Rev. Joseph Kopacz, Bishop of Jackson, Miss., and native priest of the Diocese of Scranton; Father Wojciech Kowal, Father Ronald Roberson and Very Rev. Gregory Mludzik. Current members of the Roman Catholic delegation also include Archbishop Thomas Wenski of Miami, Fla. Scranton Bishop Joseph C. Bambera serves as chairman of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

anyone and does not want His name to be used to terrorize people."

These words are a challenge to everyone. As more people of various cultures and religions settle in Northeastern Pennsylvania, we need to learn more about our new neighbors, and they need to learn more about us.

Pope Francis, by his actions and words, continues the teaching of the Second Vatican Council that is a challenge to all.

In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Francis writes: "Our relationship with the followers of Islam has taken on great importance, since they are now significantly present in many traditionally Christian countries, where they can freely worship and become fully a part of society. We must never forget that they 'profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, who will judge humanity on the last day.'"

The sacred writings of Islam have retained some Christian teachings; Jesus and Mary receive profound veneration and it is admirable to see how Muslims, both young and old, men and women, make time

for daily prayer and faithfully take part in religious services. Many of them also have a deep conviction that their life, in its entirety, is from God and for God. They also acknowledge the need to respond to God with an ethical commitment and with mercy towards those most in need.

Prejudice, ignorance, hatred and acts of violence like the killings in the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and the massacre in two mosques in New Zealand, remind us of the need for prayer and acts of solidarity as members of one human family and education to overcome fear of different races, cultures, and religions.

During his papal general audience immediately following his trip to Morocco in late March, Pope Francis stated, "What God wants is for there to be fraternity among us. This is why, in a special way, I made this trip to be with our Muslim brothers and sisters, children of Abraham, like us."

Our challenge is to learn how we can overcome ignorance and hatred, through dialogue and collaboration, and build fraternity with all people.



# Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

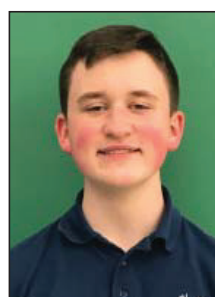
The Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools Office recognizes these Seton Award winners for their achievement on the high school entrance examination and their enrollment in a Diocesan high school for the 2019-2020 school year. Families of these individuals are commended for their commitment to Catholic education, and the students are congratulated for this distinguished honor. For these students and for all young people in our Catholic schools, Catholic education impacts their formation by incorporating a strong emphasis on the spiritual that is evident in all components of the learning process. Our vision for these students is to provide them an educational experience that promotes a lifelong learning in the faith, and one that prepared them to be responsible, competent, and confident persons as citizens of our country and world. In addition, our schools are dedicated to providing a loving, safe and nurturing environment where the young learn respect for themselves and for all persons.



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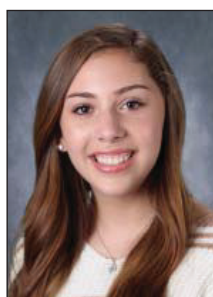
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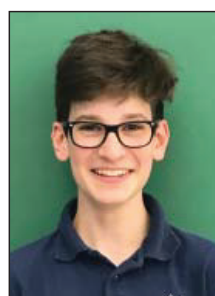
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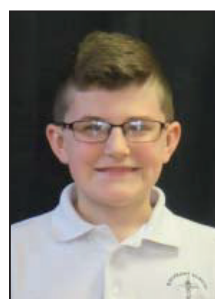
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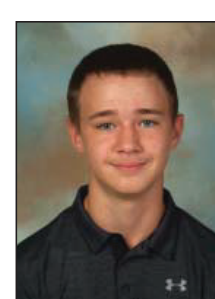
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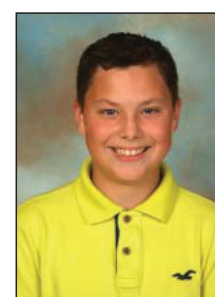
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To the students who have benefited from a Catholic education, and to those  
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we salute you and pray that God, through the intercession of  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, guides you in

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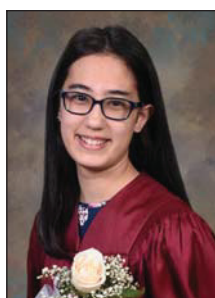
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Madison Rae Emans

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Brielle Ella Francois  
Tammy-Lee Garcon  
Jonathan Gordon Glaskey  
William George Gore III  
Margaret Rose Gottschau  
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Yanna D. Jackson  
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Dylan P. Parris  
Dante Anthony Pestano  
James Potter  
Silvana Ramirez  
Liam D. Reilly  
Austin Leonard Smith  
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Molly Rose Foresman ✱  
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Marcus Joseph Helminiak  
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# Diocese of Scranton Catholic High Schools Class of 2019

## Notre Dame High School



**Erin  
 Duffy**



**Rachel  
 Flynn**

EAST STROUDSBURG — Commencement exercises were held June 1 for Notre Dame High School, during which 60 graduates received their diplomas from Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who also offered the principal address and closing benediction.

The school theater provided the setting for the graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2019 at Notre Dame, where Jeffrey N. Lyons serves as principal.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated May 28 in the school's theater by Monsignor John Bergamo, chaplain of Notre Dame High School.

Earning valedictorian honors for this year's Notre Dame graduating class was Erin Duffy, daughter of Dennis and Ann Duffy of Stroudsburg. Class salutatorian is Rachel Flynn, daughter of Kevin Flynn and Susan Murphy, East Stroudsburg.

Nearly the entire 2019 Notre Dame senior class will continue their education at the university/college level, including six students who will be attending Catholic institutions of higher learning. The class received close to 120 scholarship awards valued at more than \$5.7 million.

**“In order to be extraordinary, rather than ordinary, we must explore new activities outside of our routines”**

**Erin Duffy  
 Valedictorian Speech**

## Holy Redeemer High School



**Sarah  
 Liskowicz**



**Bianca  
 Mazzarella**

WILKES-BARRE — Holy Redeemer High School was the first Diocesan secondary school to hold spring commencement exercises when graduation ceremonies were staged on May 29 at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts.

A total of 138 Holy Redeemer seniors, led by Principal Michael S. Reese, were conferred their diplomas by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who also addressed the graduates and offered benediction.

The class' Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated May 28 at Saint Mary Church of the Immaculate Conception Church in Wilkes-Barre. Serving as principal celebrant and homilist was Father Alex Roche, chaplain of Holy Redeemer High School.

The 2019 Holy Redeemer class valedictorian is Sarah Liskowicz, daughter of Robert and Susan Liskowicz of Laffin. This year's Holy Redeemer salutatorian is Bianca Mazzarella, daughter of Joseph and Tiziana Mazzarella, who reside in Pittston.

Of the total number of graduates, 130 will be enrolling in colleges or universities to further their education, including 46 who will be attending Catholic institutions of higher learning. The 2019 Holy Redeemer senior class merited a total of 417 scholarship awards worth more than \$19.3 million.

**“We all have a special purpose and because each one of us has our own individual and unique talents, only we can do what we are meant to do!”**

**Sarah Liskowicz  
 Valedictorian Speech**



**314**

*The total number of young men and women who graduated from the four Catholic High Schools in the Diocese*

**\$46 million**

*Graduates earned nearly 1,000 scholarships, cumulatively earning this much towards their future schooling*

**95%**

*Nearly 300 seniors will continue their education in college. More than 34% will attend Catholic institutions*

## Holy Cross High School



**Caroline Kranick**



**Hannah Carr**

DUNMORE — The Sette LaVerghetta Center on the campus of Marywood University provided the setting for the annual commencement of Holy Cross High School.

Graduation ceremonies for the 98 members of the 2019 Holy Cross senior class were held on May 31, led by school Principal Benjamin D. Tolerico.

Presiding over the commencement exercises and conferring the high school diplomas was Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who addressed the Holy Cross graduates and gave the benediction.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated May 30 at Saint Peter's Cathedral in Scranton, with Father Cyril D. Edwards, school chaplain, serving as principal celebrant and homilist.

The 2019 Holy Cross valedictorian is Caroline Kranick, daughter of Colleen and Robert Kranick of Jessup. Class salutatorian is Hannah Carr, daughter of Maurya and Thomas Carr, Throop.

Nearly 95 percent of the Holy Cross graduation class will be attending institutions of higher learning, with 45 graduates planning to enroll at Catholic colleges or universities. As a whole, the class earned 423 post-secondary scholarship awards totaling almost \$20 million.

**“Take pride in what you have accomplished, but know that you are far from done; however, remember that you’re already built on a great foundation!”**

**Caroline Kranick**  
Valedictorian Speech

## Saint John Neumann Regional Academy



**Molly Foresman**



**Lydia Nemeth**

WILLIAMSPORT — Graduation ceremonies were conducted for the Saint John Neumann Regional Academy Class of 2019 on June 4 in the Klump Academic Center at the Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Saint John Neumann Principal Richard Cummings presided over the presentation of diplomas to the 18 members of this year's graduating class, which were conferred by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who also offered remarks and the closing benediction.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated June 3 at Saint Joseph Worker Parish in Williamsport, where Father Brian VanFossen, host pastor, served as principal celebrant and homilist.

This year's Saint John Neumann valedictorian is Molly Foresman, daughter of Brian and Julie Foresman of Muncy. Salutatorian honors were bestowed upon Lydia Nemeth, daughter of Mark Nemeth and Renee Duran, residents of Williamsport.

Nearly all of the 2019 Saint John Neumann graduates will be pursuing further education on the university/college level, including five class members who plan to attend Catholic institutions of the higher learning. As a class, the Saint John Neumann seniors amassed approximately 30 academic scholarships worth nearly \$1 million.

**“You all possess the talent and knowledge to succeed, but do you have the guts to fail? Raise your hand. Take risks. Look stupid. Fail. Fail BIG. You just might learn something!”**

**Molly Foresman**  
Valedictorian Speech





## Holy Cross High School

*Graduates are attending universities such as:*

The University of Notre Dame  
The Catholic University of America  
Temple University  
Saint Joseph's University  
Cornell University  
The Citadel  
Saint John's University  
Marywood University



## Holy Redeemer High School

*Graduates are attending universities such as:*

Villanova University  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Marist College  
Thomas Jefferson University  
College of the Holy Cross  
The University of Scranton







## St. John Neumann High School

*Graduates are attending universities such as:*

Thomas Jefferson University  
 Elizabethtown College  
 University of Dayton  
 Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
 Slippery Rock University  
 Tec De Monterrey in Mexico  
 Misericordia University  
 King's College



## Notre Dame High School

*Graduates are attending universities such as:*

Virginia Tech University  
 University of Southern California  
 Loyola University  
 John Jay University  
 Stevens Institute of Technology  
 Culinary Institute of America  
 Alvernia University  
 Penn State University





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JUNE SCHEDULE

CTV LOCAL ORIGATION IS BOXED IN BOLD BORDER, OTHER PROGRAMMING IS FROM EWTN

	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	SPECIALS	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	LIFE ON THE ROCK	BATTLE READY	CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY				
3:30AM		DEFENDING LIFE		PAPAL AUDIENCE	SAINTS VS SCOUNDRELS	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG	YOU'RE AMAZING				
4:00 AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE	HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH	(4:40) REGINA COELI FROM NAZARETH	BOB AND PENNY LORD PRESENT	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH				
4:30 AM			BEAUTY COMING ALIVE		OUR FAITH IN ACTION	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	EXTRAORDINARY FAITH				
5:00 AM	FR. RUTLER: CHRIST IN THE CITY	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	THE 4TH CUP	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS				
5:30 AM	GRANDPARENTS	A FORCE FOR GOOD	APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION	FUNDAMRNTALS OF CATHOLICISM		DR. RAY	CATHOLICS COME HOME				
6:00 AM	REGINA CAELI 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. SCOUNDRLS				
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				PAPAL AUDIENCE	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						
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)	THE FRIAR				
9:30 AM	EWTN BOOKMARK	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE					STORIES FROM THE BIBLE				
10:00 AM	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	MOTHER ANGELICA	LIVE WITH PASSION	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	SALT & LIGHT TV SPECIALS	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	MY CATHOLIC FAMILY				
10:30 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	LIVE CLASSICS	SALT & LIGHT TV- THE CHURCH ALIVE			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	WAY OF THE CROSS FOR KIDS	LIVE WITH PASSION	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										
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 DIOCESAN DATEBOOK					CALLED TO COMMUNION				
4:30 PM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	MASTERPIECE DONUT SHOP	WE ARE CATHOLIC	MY TIME WITH JESUS	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						THE 4TH CUP			
6:00 PM	HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)						FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM			
6:30 PM	CATHOLICS COME HOME REAL LIFE CHURCH UNIVERSAL VATICANO SAVORING OUR FAITH							CHURCH AND POOR			
7:00 PM	THE JOURNEY HOME	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						DAILY MASS			
7:30PM		THE HOLY ROSARY POPE'S AUDIENCE 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	SALT & LIGHT TV SISTERHOOD	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY				
10:00PM	EWTN SPECIALS	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (ENCORE)	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	DEFENDING LIFE	ICONS SPOTLIGHT					
10:30PM											
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						GRANDPARENTS			



*The Diocese of Scranton Congratulates the 2019 Graduates  
of Marian Catholic High School and Scranton Preparatory School*

**Marian Catholic High School**



**Zachary  
Boyer**



**Emma  
McClafferty**

TAMAQUA — Commencement ceremonies were held recently for the 2019 Class of Marian Catholic High School in Schuylkill County, Diocese of Allentown, where a number of students from the Scranton Diocese attend high school.

Marian’s graduation took place on May 31 at the Catholic high school in Tamaqua, with 65 seniors receiving their diplomas — 20 of whom reside in lower Luzerne County in the Diocese of Scranton.

Marian Catholic Principal Jean Susko also announced that Baccalaureate ceremonies were conducted on May 30. Serving as principal celebrant for the Mass was Monsignor David James, Vicar General of the Allentown Diocese.

Garnering top academic honors as this year’s Marian Catholic valedictorian was Zachary Boyer, son of William and Lori Boyer of Tamaqua. The class salutatorian is Emma McClafferty, daughter of Mrs. Casey Daubenspeck, Lehighton.

**Scranton Preparatory School**

SCRANTON — The Jesuit-run Scranton Preparatory School in downtown Scranton conferred diplomas to 193 seniors at commencement ceremonies June 2 in Scranton Prep’s Saint Francis Xavier Center. The graduation exercises were led by Principal Kristin Cupillari.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated on June 1 in the Saint Francis Xavier Center.

Scranton Preparatory’s 2019 valedictorian is Claire Sunday, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Sunday of Clarks Summit. The salutatorian is Daniel Zych, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zych, who reside in Waverly.

All of the members of the Scranton Prep Class of ’19 will go on to further education, with 104 graduates attending Catholic colleges or universities.



**Claire  
Sunday**



**Daniel  
Zych**



**Fall?**



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*JUNE*

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Holy Rosary, Ashley, parish  
grounds, 33 Manhattan St.

20, 21, 22 — Mary,  
Mother of God, Scranton,  
Holy Rosary Center and  
grounds, West Market St. &  
Wayne Ave., North Scranton.

20, 21, 22 — Corpus  
Christi, West Pittston,  
Immaculate Conception  
Church grounds, 601  
Luzerne Ave., West Pittston.

21, 22, 23 — St. Faustina  
Kowalska, Nanticoke,  
St. Faustina Grove, Old  
Newport St., Sheatown  
section.

22, 23 — St. Mary's (Our  
Lady Help of Christians),  
Dorrance, church grounds,  
3529 St. Mary's Road.

28, 29 — Resurrection,  
Muncy, church grounds,  
Musser Lane & Main St.

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**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
**7:00PM - 10PM**  
**Blue London Duo**

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# Enthronement Guild to Host Celebration for Feast of the Sacred Heart on June 27

PITTSTON — The Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild in the Diocese of Scranton announces its annual Eucharistic celebration commemorating the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on the vigil of the feast of the Sacred Heart, Thursday, June 27, at 5 p.m. in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at Saint Joseph Mareello Parish, William St., Pittston.

Serving as principal celebrant for the liturgy will be Father Daniel Toomey, spiritual moderator of the Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild.

Mass concelebrants include the guest homilist, Saint Joseph Oblate Father Paul McDonnell, rector of the Oblates' Guardian of the Redeemer Shrine in Santa

Cruz, Calif., who served as pastor of the former Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Pittston; and Saint Joseph Oblate Father Joseph Sibilano, director of Saint Joseph's Oblate Seminary in Laflin.

Music ministry for the celebration will be provided by the Sacred Heart Singers, directed by Ernie Pappa. A musical prelude will begin at 4:30 p.m.

A dinner reception will follow the Mass in the Saint Joseph Mareello parish hall adjacent to the church. Stephen Englot, Enthronement Guild board pres-

ident, and Patrick Williams, vice president, will serve as masters of ceremonies.

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart apostolate enables families and individuals to consecrate their homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Homes that have been enthroned become an extension of the liturgy, whereby faithful can follow up their Eucharistic devotion in church with prayerful devotion in their own private settings.

For further information on Enthronement to the Sacred Heart, contact Maria Pappa, coordinator of the Enthronement Guild, at (570-587-0805) or visit: [www.scrantondiocesansacredheartguild.com](http://www.scrantondiocesansacredheartguild.com).



**Father Paul McDonnell, OSJ**

## Oblates to Host Sacred Heart Feast Day Mass

PITTSTON — A Mass celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 28, will be offered at 7 p.m. in the chapel of Saint Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laflin.

The Eucharistic celebration will include prayers for those seeking Enthronement of their home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus or renewal of previously received Enthronements.

Saint Joseph Oblate Fa-



**Father Joe Sibilano, OSJ**

ther Joseph Sibilano, seminary director, will serve as principal celebrant of the Mass, during which Ernie Pappa, communications director for the Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild in the Diocese, will present

a talk on the significance of the Enthronement apostolate.

For nearly 75 years, the Guild has endeavored to spread devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary through home Enthronements throughout the Scranton Diocese.

Music ministry for the liturgy will be provided by the Sacred Heart Singers, with a prelude of contemporary selections beginning at 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided after the Mass.

Anyone wishing more information on Sacred Heart Enthronement may contact Maria Pappa, Guild coordinator, at (570-587-0805).

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## 5th Annual Quo Vadis Days June 23-26 at Misericordia

The Diocesan Vocations Office is gearing up for their annual *Quo Vadis Days* at Misericordia University in Dallas June 23-26.

The camp is designed for Catholic men in high school to deepen their faith, learn more about all vocations, and better discern God's call in their lives. It will feature dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports, activities, and music.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet Bishop Bambera, priests, college students and young adults serving on the leadership team and seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton.

Father Don Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminar-ians, is looking forward to the camp once again this year.

"This is the fifth year our office is sponsoring *Quo Vadis Days*," he said. "Because of our gatherings throughout the year and other programs we have been sponsoring, we are anticipating an increase in attendance this year."

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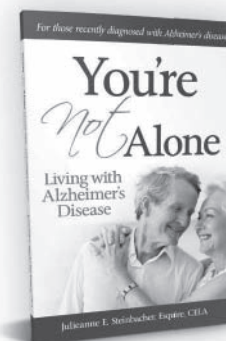
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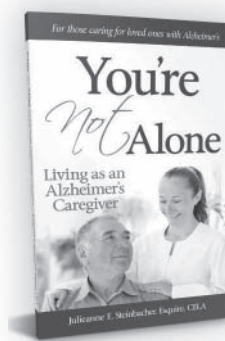
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## Mission Message

# Go Forth

**By Father Brian J.T. Clarke**  
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This past Monday — June 3 — the Church commemorated the Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and his companions, 19th-century martyrs from Uganda. Saint Charles and several Catholic men, along with nine Anglicans, were burned alive for resisting a royal decree that all Christians abandon the faith. Because they refused to accept something so foreign to them — not living the faith — they were persecuted and savagely murdered.

Given another opportunity to free himself from his execution (if he renounced his faith), Charles responded, “You are burning me, but it is as if you are pouring water over my body.”

The details of the lives of the martyrs that we read from the early Church and throughout Church history are often sobering, but they should inspire us, give ardor to our faith. Tertullian, an early Christian writer, wrote of what the martyrs accomplished by their very public and often painful deaths: “The blood of the martyrs is the

seed of the Church.” Tertullian’s sentiments unravel the mystery of why so many chose to embrace the Christian faith knowing that it could be the vehicle of their own death.

The mystery is not so difficult to unravel, though, is it? Those who witnessed martyrs’ deaths and saw the serenity that washed over these men and women as they were tortured and executed convinced so many that the Christian faith had to be such a profound gift from God and an abiding connection with Him if so many were willing to die for Him rather than renounce who and what they were.

We must be careful in our own time not to be blind to the reality that Christian persecution and martyrdom is still very much a part of the Christian experience. The hearts and minds of the world were drawn to the plight of the Christian faithful of Sri Lanka as three churches were bombed on Easter Sunday — killing 258 people and injuring hundreds more as they celebrated Mass. With an unsettling degree of regularity, Christians in the Middle East are threatened, persecuted, marginalized and killed because of their faith.

Martyrdom is not some “romantic” part of our Church’s storied history; it’s very much something of a current trend within the life of many throughout our world. As people of mission — men and woman called not only to empathize but also called to be

proactive defenders of the faith — we must stand up in the face of these persecutions.

While martyrdom might inspire others to embrace the faith because they witness the truth pouring forth from the unflinching embrace of persecution of the martyrs, we certainly don’t want this to be the norm. Christianity is a faith that is founded upon love and reconciliation. It is a faith that pursues justice and peace, a pursuit that flows from who we are and from the One whom we worship and adore.

We humbly look to the lives of the early Church martyrs and the witness of Charles Lwanaga and his companions as sources of strength and resolve for the persecuted Church of today. We don’t seek martyrdom for the sake of gaining converts but if it comes, we pray that it will bear a fruit greater than we can imagine.

For now, our goal is peace and reconciliation, for patient suffering and zeal: “O God, who have made the blood of Martyrs the seed of Christians, mercifully grant that the field which is your Church, watered by the blood shed by Saint Charles Lwanga and his companions, may be fertile and always yield you an abundant harvest. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.”

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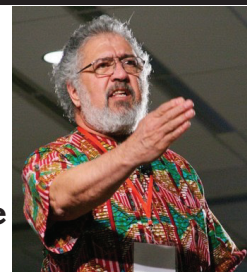
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The event is planned as a three-day program for students in grades 9 thru 12 seeking to learn more about various life vocations for young women.

"Amata Days" will include

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Open free of charge, the camp begins on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. and continues through Wednesday morning at 9 a.m., at which time shuttle service will be provided to the Light the Fire Rally being held on June 26 at Misericordia.

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It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the *Code of Canon Law* and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

## Aviso al Respetto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor de Edad

Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley.

Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley.

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**First Friday Pro-Life Prayer Vigil** — JUNE 7, monthly pro-life gathering to offer prayerful witness at the new Planned Parenthood location in Wilkes-Barre at 101 North Main St. (across from King's College); recitation of the Rosary begins at 10 a.m. for the special intentions of an end to abortion and closure of the Planned Parenthood facility.

**Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil** — JUNE 7, sponsored by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team; group gathers every Friday from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at Lackawanna County Courthouse Square (corner of Linden St. & North Washington Ave.) in downtown Scranton. Recitation of the Rosary offered, along with pro-life meditations, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayer devotions for the respect and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Pro-life signs are welcome.

**Weekly Bible Study** — JUNE 7, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; held on Fridays at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Center, adjacent to St. Lawrence Church.

**Weekly Queen of Our Hearts Rosary Prayer Service** — JUNE 8, 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.

**Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry** — JUNE 8 & 22, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for individuals who are experienc-

ing 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 at the Cathedral, (570-344-7231).

**Monthly Meeting of the Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic** — JUNE 9, hosted by St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter 413; afternoon gathering held on the second Sunday of every month at St. John the Evangelist Church, Honesdale. All professed members, those in the process of formation or anyone interested in deepening their faith by following the Dominican spirituality and its four "pillars" (prayer, study, community and apostolate) are welcome. For more information, call Lay Dominican MaryAnn Cavanaugh, formation director, at (570-228-8624) or catholichomeschoolmom@hotmail.com.

**Gathering of the Secular Discalced Carmelites** — JUNE 9, 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.

**Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Devotion** — JUNE 9, hosted by St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., West Scranton; devotion held every Sunday evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the church or at the outdoor grotto (weather permitting). Includes recitation of the 15 decades of the Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries) and additional prayers offered for the special intentions of world peace, an increase in vocations to the priesthood/religious life, and an end to abortion.

**Weekly "Flame of Love" Prayer Group Meeting** — JUNE 10, hosted by St. Barbara Parish at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Memorial St., Exeter; prayer group meets every Monday at 11:15 a.m. Mass is celebrated at 12:10 p.m. following recitation of the "Flame of Love" Rosary.

**Weekly Bible Study** — JUNE 12, 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.

**Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration** — JUNE 12, 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.

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# Spiritual Offerings Around the Diocese

**Weekly Divine Mercy Devotion** — **JUNE 12**, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; Hour of Mercy devotion held every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in St. Lawrence Church.

**Bereavement Support Group Session** — **JUNE 12**, series conclusion of weekly meetings addressing topics dealing with the grief process in order for participants to find healing; Bereavement Support Group meets 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).

**Fatima Shrine Pilgrimage** — **JUNE 13**, bus excursion to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Washington, N.J.; sponsored by the Blue Army of the Scranton Diocese. Bus departure from St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laflin (Pittston) at 8 a.m. Pilgrimage includes visits to the Shrine's Rosary Walk & Garden, Stations of the Cross path, and gift shop; celebration of Mass, Eucharistic adoration, and opportunity for sacramental confessions. Cost: \$35 per person. For more information and reservations, contact John Witkosky at (570-288-4311).

**Annual Novena to St. Anthony of Padua** — **JUNE 13**, hosted by Our Lady of Hope

Parish, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre; conclusion of the 13-week St. Anthony Novena devotion, beginning 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).

**Evening of Marian Devotion** — **JUNE 13**, hosted by the Diocesan Legion of Mary in response to the Blessed Mother's request at Fatima for prayers for world peace; devotion begins at 6 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, Oram St., West Scranton

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(near Cathedral Cemetery). Prayer service includes recitation of the Rosary, Fatima prayers, hymns and music for the Scriptural mysteries, led by Ernie Pappa. All are invited to attend and offer devotional prayers to Mary for peace throughout the world.

**Meeting of Lay Carmelites** — **JUNE 15**, hosted by Our Lady of the Mountains Lay Carmelite Chapter; meetings held on the third Saturday of each month, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, 1880 Route 315, Laffin (Pittston). For more information, contact Rose at (570-507-2373) or Chris at (570-239-8094).

**Catholic Charismatic Prayer Breakfast** — **JUNE 15**, sponsored by prayer groups of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Scranton; held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca (across from St. Mary Church). Featuring songs of praise, teaching, witness, and buffet breakfast. All are welcome. Reservations requested by June 10; contact Jim at (570-267-1614) or jim@echoes.net.

**Annual Community Memorial Event: "A Butterfly to Remember"** — **JUNE 15**, sponsored by AseraCare Hospice; hosted at St. Gabriel's Monastery, 631 Griffin Pond Road, South Abington Township, beginning at 1 p.m. Special gathering of remembrance will include reflections, music, refreshments and live butterfly release to honor the memory of deceased loved ones. All are welcome free of charge. For more information, call Chrissy Jacoby (570-586-4573).

**Monday Evening Marian Devotion** — **JUNE 17**, hosted by the Oblates of St. Joseph, Diocesan Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild and Legion of Mary; evening of Marian devotion begins at 6 p.m. in the chapel of St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laffin (Pittston). Prayer service includes recitation of the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, Fatima prayers, hymns and music for the Scriptural mysteries. All are invited to attend and offer devotional prayers to the Blessed Mother.

**Day of Eucharistic Adoration: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ** — **JUNE 23**, hosted by Our Lady of

Fatima Parish at St. Mary Church of the Immaculate Conception, 134 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre; held from 1 to 4 p.m. All faithful are invited to spend time in prayerful adoration of the Eucharistic Lord present in the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration closes at 4 p.m. with Evening Prayer (vespers).

**Weekly Bereavement Support Group Sessions** — **JULY 22-AUG. 12**, hosted by St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Milford; group will meet on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the parish hall, 101 St. Vincent Drive (Route 739), Milford. Bereavement support sessions address topics dealing with the grief process to aid in healing. All are welcome; no registration required. Men's group will meet simultaneously. For more information, call the parish office (570-686-4545).

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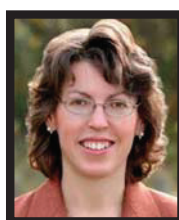
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**Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo — JUNE 19**, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn; games usually held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the parish center, 624 Madison Ave., Jermyn. Doors open at 5 p.m.; early-bird 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).

**Knights of Columbus Baseball/Old Timers Day Trip to Yankee Stadium — JUNE 23**, sponsored by the Knights

of Columbus Council 10729, Jessup-Peekville; motorcoach excursion for the New York Yankees-Houston Astros baseball game, preceded by the Old Timers Day game, at Yankee Stadium in Bronx, N.Y. Bus departs Jessup Hose Company No. 2 at 8:30 a.m.; return trip follows the game. Cost: \$95 per person, including round-trip transportation and game ticket. For more information and reservations, contact John Bogdanovicz (570-687-6522) or Bob Wasilchak (570-383-0347).

**Annual Pig Roast — JULY 7**, hosted by Queen of the Apostles Parish in Avoca; held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the parish hall and grounds, 742 Spring St., Avoca. Take-out dinners available throughout the day. Dinner features

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## World Refugee Day Celebration June 22

Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton will note "World Refugee Day" on Saturday, June 22, with a special event at Nay Aug Park in Scranton. The celebration and festival will take place from 1 to 4 p.m.

World Refugee Day honors the strength, resilience and courage of millions of refugees throughout the world.

All are welcome to come to this free event to share in the rich cultural heritage of the refugee communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania. It will feature cultural music and dance, games and crafts for children, chances to win gift baskets and light refreshments.

The event is being sponsored by Catholic Social Services, in cooperation with United Neighborhood Centers, the University of Scranton, Head Start, Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit and The Hexagon Project.

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Members of the Youth Ministry at Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke presented the “Living Way of the Cross” — a prayerful journey through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ — in anticipation of the Easter season. Sandy Repak is director of the parish youth ministry; serving as chairman for the dramatic performance was Len Golobek.

## IHM Sister Michel Keenan, Former Congregation Superior, Buried

SCRANTON — Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister M. Michel Kennan, former superior general of the Congregation of Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Scranton, was buried following a Mass of Christian Burial on May 6. She died May 1 at Our Lady of Peace Residence.

Born Patricia Keenan on March 28, 1924, in Payette, Idaho, Sister Michel entered the IHM Congregation on Feb. 6, 1946, and professed final vows Aug. 2, 1951.

She earned both her Bachelor of Arts degree in English/social sciences and master’s degree in education from Marywood Col-

lege, and a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Notre Dame.

Following her doctoral studies at Notre Dame, Sister began her long and illustrious career at Marywood from 1958 to 1978, serving as a faculty member, graduate dean, and vice president for academic affairs. During 1974-79, she fulfilled her appointment by the Governor of Pennsylvania to the State Board of Education, Council of Higher Education.

Upon her election in 1978, Sister Michel served as superior of the Scranton IHM Congregation until 1986, after which she

assumed the directorship of the Office of Justice and Peace for her religious community.

Throughout her religious life, Sister Michel’s knowledge and love for the congregation’s history and heritage led her to write several historical volumes on the IHM order and its superiors general. During 2001-06 and again from 2010 until the time of her death, she served as a researcher and writer with the IHM Archives Office.

Sister also served as an instructor at the Marywood University Writing Center and on various diocesan and community boards.

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all-you-can-eat roasted pork (pig on the spit); event includes grand prize cash raffle drawing, basket & baby quilt raffles, and children’s games. Dinner cost: adults, \$20; children (ages 6 to 12), \$10; tickets available in advance or at the event. For more information and advance tickets, call the parish office (570-457-3412).

**Adult Field Day Fundraiser** — **JULY 20**, sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Brodheadsville; held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. (rain or shine) on the parish grounds. Event designed for co-ed teams includes relay races, obstacle course, basketball competition and other friendly field games; teams may consist of young adults, high school-age youth, and any interested adults. Prizes awarded for top place-finishers in each event. Participation cost: \$20 per person, includes food

and refreshments. Registration deadline: July 6; contact: hurley@qopchurch.org. All proceeds benefit the parish’s youth ministry.

**Seventh Annual Lady Crusader Girls Basketball Camp** — **JULY 22-26**, sponsored by the Lady Crusaders basketball program of Holy Cross High School in Dunmore; held at the Holy Cross High School gymnasium, Drinker St., Dunmore. Open to girls entering grades 4 thru 9. Camp sessions held each day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and include instruction in all facets of basketball fundamentals and competitive games; instructors include high school coaches and players. Fee: \$60 per camper, includes commemorative camp T-shirt and end-of-camp pizza party. For more information, contact Coach Bob McCormack at (570-309-1635) or email: rmack0423@comcast.net.

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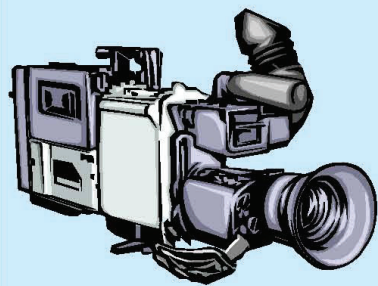
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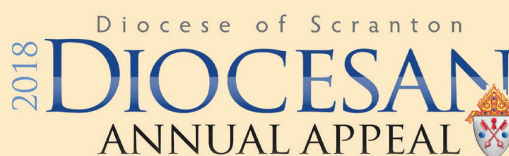


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