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Passionist Preachers Leading Faithful on Spiritual Journey at Saint Ann Novena

“Reading the Signs of the Times: A Message of Reassurance in Times of Darkness” is the theme being explored by Passionist Fathers Jack Conley and Rick Frechette at the annual Solemn Novena to Saint Ann, which began July 17 and continues through the Feast of Saint Ann on Friday, July 26, at Saint Ann’s Basilica in West Scranton.

The theme of ever-present hope in difficult moments, through perseverance in faith and prayer, will continuously be reinforced by this year’s Passionist preachers.

Throughout the following days of devotion and preaching, the Saint Ann’s Novena priest speakers will address the overall theme by looking through the lenses of topics of reflection including: Godliness, Gratitude, Grief, Growth and Grace.

All are invited to share the spiritual journey of personal pilgrimage and growth in holiness during this period of special prayer and devotion through the intercession of Saint Ann, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandmother of the Lord Jesus.

Services during each day of the Novena include Mass and Novena devotions at 8:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.; 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. A Novena service only (no Mass) is offered every day at 3:30 p.m.

Weather permitting, the 8 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Masses and Novena services are held in the outdoor sanctuary at Saint Ann’s. Sacrament of confession is available every day before and after each service.

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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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Thousands are expected to attend Novena services

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Special Novena Services

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick — Friday, July 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Upper Basilica.

Outdoor Children's Mass (with special blessing for families and grandparents) — Saturday, July 20, at 10 a.m.

Mass in Tamil Language — Sunday, July 21, at 1:30 p.m. in the Upper Basilica.

Byzantine Divine Liturgy — Tuesday, July 23, at 4:30 p.m. in the Upper Basilica, with Bishop Kurt Burnette presiding. (No 5:30 p.m. Mass that day)

Feast of Saint Ann (Friday, July 26) — Masses begin at 4:30 a.m. and conclude with a closing Mass at 7:30 celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Feast day liturgies will include Mass in Polish at 1:30 p.m. in the Upper Basilica.

Saint Ann Novena on CTV

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton is broadcasting a daily Mass and Novena service Monday through Friday at 12 noon, 3:30 p.m., and 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 20, and Sunday, July 21, at 6 p.m.

The Closing Ceremony held on Friday, July 26, will air on CTV on Tuesday, July 30, at 8 p.m., and Wednesday, July 31, at 10 a.m.



Eucharistic Adoration, Speaker,
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Reconciliation and Social

Monday, July 29
6:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Parish
312 Davis Street, Scranton

For more information:
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Invitation to Catechist Camp



The Office for Parish Life is planning a one-day Catechist Camp for everyone involved in catechetical ministry or family-oriented faith formation. The one-day camp will be presented in five parishes of our Diocese, between August 3– 9, 2019.

Who could attend Catechist Camp...

- A person who loves God and desires a deeper knowledge of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- A person who has a childlike spirit and understands the wisdom of teaching children by example, and using words, when necessary
- A person who ponders the Gospel and finds the joy sharing life stories that echo the Good News of Jesus
- A person who participates in the Eucharist and is humbly aware of living the Works of Mercy
- A person who is a practicing Catholic and feels an inner nudge to learn more about our faith
- A person who is a parent, grandparent, godparent, single person, college student and is not necessarily a person who has studied theology and Scripture, or an experienced teacher

Saturday, August 3 (8:30am-3:30pm)
Resurrection Parish, Muncy

Monday, August 5 (1:00-7:30pm)
Saint John Parish, East Stroudsburg

Tuesday, August 6 (1:00-7:30pm)
Saint Eulalia Parish, Roaring Brook Township

Thursday, August 8 (1:00-7:30pm)
Holy Name of Jesus, Hazleton

Friday, August 9 (1:00-7:30pm)
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Swoyersville

If you are a parent, a parish or school religion teacher/catechist, a youth minister or a volunteer in any parish or school ministry involving children, youth and families, this day is designed for you. Please join us at the location that is most convenient for you.

Cost for the day is \$20.

For more information, contact Jacki Douglas: (570) 207-2213 or jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org. You can also register today by visiting the Diocese of Scranton website at www.dioceseofscranton.org.

Saint Mary of the Lake Parish dedicates new altar

LAKE WINOLA – What started off as a plan to replace the carpet inside Saint Mary of the Lake Parish turned into a much bigger project.

On Sunday, July 7, the Church in Wyoming County showed off extensive interior renovations to parishioners for the first time. The first Mass was celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

“We looked at the rug, we started looking at the walls, we started looking at lighting and we thought, if we’re going to do something, let us do it all now!” Father Patrick L. Albert, pastor, said.

Over the last year, the parish family of Saint Mary of the Lake redecorated a majority of the Church’s interior. The Church received a new altar, furnishings, carpet, lighting as well as a fresh coat of paint.

“The more that we got into it, the painting, the carpeting, it needed a lot so we just did everything,” Bernard Garvey, head of the parish council said. “Just about everything in here is new other than the pews!”

Parishioners formed a redecorating committee to make sure the work went smoothly.



The centerpiece of the renovation project at Saint Mary of the Lake Parish is the new altar that was dedicated on Sunday, July 7, 2019.

“We’re not doing this for us. We’re doing it for the next generation,” committee member Ellen Wengen said.

Bishop Bambera dedicated the Church’s new altar at the Mass on July 7. When the Mass began, the new altar was bare but it was anointed with Holy Oil by the Bishop. Incense was then used and the dedication was finished when the altar was lit with candles and decorated with flowers.

The altar is an important part of the Catholic faith. It is reserved for the sacrifice of Christ, but is also a table of joy, a place of

communion and peace and a source of unity and friendship.

“There is truly a spirit of fellowship and faith that permeates this space, not because of beautiful furnishings or a noble environment in which to worship, but ultimately because of all of you,” Bishop Joseph Bambera said to the packed parish during the Mass.

The total renovation project cost approximately \$75,000. All of the new furnishings in the Church were paid for by memorials and donations.

Wengen was flabbergasted



Over the last year, the parish community redecorated the interior of their Church. New carpeting and lights were installed.

when she initially spoke at Masses about paying for the items while the redecorating project was underway.

“Before I even finished, my phone was ringing with people wanting to buy the big items – the altar, the altar of repose, the crucifix,” Wengen said.

Parishioners say the changes make the Church interior brighter. They feel the finished product gives the parish community new life.

“We have a lot of people moving to this lake from the cities so now they’re enjoying this

Church and it’s making it a very vibrant Church!” Garvey said.

“There’s a wonderful spirit here in the parish and it just lunged forward as soon as we started to talk about it,” Father Albert said.

All of the hard work paid off as parishioners got their first look at the new interior at Saint Mary of the Lake Parish.

“The intake of breathe, the wow, I can’t tell you how many people, including myself, cried when we first saw it for the first time because it’s so different and beautiful!” Wengen said.

Lorenzo’s Lunch provides food and fellowship

SHOHOLA – The smell of chicken sizzling on the grill wafted down Richardson Avenue far beyond the boundaries of Saint Ann’s Parish in Pike County.

With temperatures in the 80s on Thursday, July 11, dozens of people followed their noses to join Lorenzo’s Lunch.

Every Thursday during the summer months, parishioners from Saint Ann’s Parish host a free community lunch for anyone and everyone who would like a meal.

“Lorenzo’s Lunch is all about helping people in the community. Everyone is welcome,” organizer and Saint Ann’s parishioner Laura McBride said. “Anybody that needs a good home-cooked meal is welcome here and everything is cooked from scratch.”

Every Thursday is a different meal. Organizers pride themselves on using local farmers.

“This is what Shohola and

Saint Ann’s is about ... We’re a good community out here in Pike County and we’re all about helping each other!” McBride said.

This summer is the first time volunteer Mary Agnes Dorney has helped in the effort.

“I think it’s wonderful. It got started for people who need it but we found it was important to open it up to the community!” Dorney said. “It’s just a nice way to evangelize and to bring people together. It’s loving God, loving your neighbor, showing them that you do love them.”

Susan Ward of Greeley tries to attend Lorenzo’s Lunch every week.

“We get to meet some of the people that come to the different Masses and different people from the neighborhood because it’s hard in a neighborhood like this, it’s not like living in a city where you can walk down the street and meet

your neighbors. Here, if you go anywhere, you drive,” Ward said.

Ward says Lorenzo’s Lunch is about more than just a meal.

“We’re not like a community that has different clubs and groups so it’s hard getting to know people,” Ward said. “Having something like this is a benefit. It benefits all the people of all the different parishes and the different Masses.”

“We don’t judge. We don’t ask questions. If you’re here, we’re feeding you,” McBride said. “It’s about being nice and kind and showing compassion to other people.”

The first Lorenzo’s Lunch of the 2019 summer was held in late June and more than 60 people attended.

For volunteers, putting the weekly event together is a way to spread the Gospel message and provide hope for people in their community.

“They see people doing things



Volunteers from Saint Ann’s Parish in Shohola serve grilled chicken, roasted potatoes and corn salad to guests on Thursday, July 11, 2019.

out of the goodness of their heart and not looking for anything in return. I’ve had a few people say to us, ‘I’m not Catholic so I don’t feel comfortable coming,’ and we say it’s not about that, it’s about giving you faith and hope and knowing that your community is here to help you and that you shouldn’t have to go hungry,” McBride said.

Lorenzo’s Lunch will continue every Thursday until August 22. Community members are invited

to join each week’s meal from noon until 2:00 p.m.

To assist in offering Lorenzo’s Lunch, Saint Ann’s Parish has applied for and received a social justice grant from the Diocese of Scranton for the last five years. Social justice grants are funded by donations to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

The grants are open to parishes across the Diocese to support parish outreach ministries for their local communities.

Vocations Golf Classic brings seminarians and community together

DORRANCE TOWNSHIP – While rain initially greeted golfers as they showed up for 10th annual Vocations Golf Classic on Monday, July 8, the popular event had a sunny conclusion.

During the dinner program, a surprise announcement was made by Bishop Joseph Bambera. The Bishop said the Saint John Vianney Endowment for Seminarians would receive a large donation from the estate of late John A. Yourishen. An avid sportsman, Yourishen was a participant in the annual Vocations Golf Classic since it began and believed in its mission.

Monsignor John Jordan, an executor for Yourishen's estate, talked about the generous bequest and the faith-filled man who loved the priesthood.

Yourishen, one of the founders and original stockholders of the Paper Magic Group in Scranton, died in December at the age of 75.

"Yourishen was a great churchman and he loved priests and seminarians," Monsignor Jordan said of his great friend and golfing partner. "When he died he left four charities in his will, Saint Jude's (Parish) was one of them and this is another one – for scholarships for seminarians because he wanted to encourage priesthood!"

"He is a great, great friend of the Church. We're all grateful for his remembering because not many people remember to support seminarians in their will but Jack did so; he's a great model for other people to think about that in the future!," Monsignor Jordan continued.

"Jack was affectionately known as 'Coach Jack' from his years coaching the Saint Jude School basketball team," Father Joseph Evanko, pastor of Saint Jude Parish said. "He became an official and spent many

years assisting at the Camp Saint Andrew Basketball camp. He was a kind, generous man of prayer. He went to daily Mass. Jack's family goes back to the founding of Saint Jude's parish on the Mountain."

In recognition of the donation, the annual tournament will now be called the Vocations Golf Classic – John Yourishen Memorial Tournament.

The golf tournament, held annually at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, supports the Saint John Vianney Endowment. The endowment is named for the patron of parish priests and supports seminary education and programs fostering vocation discernment in the Diocese of Scranton. Funds may also be used to alleviate concerns for men responding to God's call who have prior financial obligations.

The tournament grossed a total of \$105,500 this year. Contributing were 285 sponsors and 176 golfers who traveled to the 27-hole golf course in Luzerne County.

"This golf tournament is a tremendous event that supports our vocation efforts to invite men to consider serving our local Church," Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, honorary chair of the event said. "We have golfers from every corner of the Diocese, including people from the business community, parishes and individuals. It's really wonderful!"

The event is a collaboration of the Diocesan Vocations Office and the Development Office.

"We have 12 men in formation. Ten out of the 12 are here today," Father Donald J. Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians said. "They help set up, they help with the registration. They're selling raffle tickets but they're also saying thank you personally so I think it's good for



Bishop Bambera poses with the ten seminarians who helped out with the 2019 Vocations Golf Classic on Monday, July 8, 2019. Standing first row from left: Rev. Mr. Kevin Miller, Marc Phillips, Bishop Bambera, David Pirolli and William Asinari. Second row, Rev. Mr. Shawn Simchock, Rev. Mr. Jonathan Kuhar, Mark Watrucki, Jan Carlo Perez, Michael Boris and Andrew McCarroll. Seminarians not pictured are Mark DeCelles and Bernard Gardzalla. (Photos/Michael Straub)

them. It gives them the energy to realize that they're not alone and there's a lot of good support here!"

Seminarians who benefit from the tournament are thankful for that support.

"It's amazing, the generosity that we see from the parishioners. It's overwhelming," seminarian David Pirolli said. Pirolli was recently accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Scranton and will begin his studies on August 21 at Cathedral Seminary House of Formation.

"It's a little bit overwhelming just how many people are praying for me and just wishing the best for me in my discernment," Pirolli said.

Seminarian Mark Watrucki, who is studying at Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, says the golf tournament gives him a chance to bond with his brother seminarians who want to become priests.

"We don't get to see each other that often so when we get to see each other it's a little bit of reconnecting as well as a team building experience," Watrucki said.

While he's not a golfer, Watrucki says

he likes getting to meet all the people who support him.

"It's really wonderful getting to make connections with these people and say thank you to their faces. It's really wholesome and meaningful," Watrucki said.

Donors and golfers from across the 11-county Diocese continue to express their overwhelming support for the priesthood by supporting the annual Vocations Golf Classic.

"Helping the next generation of pastors and ministers that come up through really means a lot to the area itself," Clarence Baltrusaitis, President and CEO of NET Credit Union said. "What I like seeing about these young men is that they're doing something that they love!"

A native of Tunkhannock, Baltrusaitis says the golf tournament is always a fun event. "It's just a good time but the cause is the real reason we like to come out!" Baltrusaitis said.

A complete listing of Vocations Classic donors and sponsors will be included in the August 8 edition of *The Catholic Light*.



Sharing in the announcement of the bequest to Diocesan Vocations at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, are, from left, Steve Hudacek and Monsignor John Jordan, co-executors of the Yourishen estate, and Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.



A participant in the Vocations Golf Classic since it began, the late John Yourishen is shown with his foursome at the first Classic in 2010.

From left, Jonathan Spohrer, Yourishen, Brian A. Clark and Monsignor John Jordan.



The Office for Parish Life encourages parish leaders to consider application for the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry for Fall 2019!

The Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry is a ministry formation program designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals serving their parish in areas such as:

**Parish Pastoral Councils
Directors of Religious Education and Catechists
Liturgical Coordinators
Parish Staff
Volunteer Ministry teams**

Through independent online study with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), as well as regional skills workshops and opportunities for prayer and reflection, Diocesan Certificate candidates enrich their knowledge, while also learning practical tools for effective parish ministry in their faith communities.

The Office for Parish Life looks forward to welcoming new candidates into the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry program!

Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, at 570-207-2213.

You can also email Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org for application information, materials, and application submissions.

Celebrating 45 years of compassionate care and service

WILKES-BARRE – For nearly a half century, the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm provided loving care to elderly residents of northeastern and north central Pennsylvania. With the planned sale of the Diocese's three long-term care facilities, the three Sisters living and ministering at Little Flower Manor, Saint Therese Residence and Saint Luke's Villa are transitioning to new assignments.

"On behalf of all our residents and staff, I extend my sincere gratitude to Sister Barbara, Sister Monica and Sister Maureen. For forty five years, the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm have provided administrative, mission support, and compassionate care to the residents of our facilities," John T. Howells, Executive Director of Long-Term Care Facilities said.

June 30 was the last day for the three Sisters to minister on the three campuses in Wilkes-Barre.

"They'll all be in our hearts always," Sister Barbara Maloy, O.Carm., said as she reflected on her last three years of service to the residents of Little Flower Manor. "One thing that really doesn't change from place to place is your love for the residents."

Sister Barbara says she feels privileged that she was able to form personal relationships with many of the people she cared for.

"I'm a registered nurse so I was dealing a lot with them medically and also I was in the dining room everyday to help them and you look forward to coming to work!"



Sister Patricia Margaret Rawdon, O.Carm., Mother Mark Louis Anne, O.Carm., Sister Barbara Maloy, O.Carm., and Sister Maureen Carroll, O.Carm., stand inside the Chapel at Little Flower Manor in Wilkes-Barre on Thursday, July 11, 2019.

Sister Barbara said. "I don't care what kind of a day you're having, all they have to do is smile at you and it's all okay!"

Sister Maureen Carroll, O.Carm., spent more than two years serving in Wilkes-Barre as well.

"We'll leave a little part of our heart here, or maybe a big part of our heart here, we've made so many connections with the employees and the residents," Sister Maureen said. "So many residents have said, can we have your email address or can we text you or can we write to you? I would love that, to be able to keep in contact with

the residents!"

Besides her most recent assignment, Sister Maureen also served in northeastern Pennsylvania back in the 1990s. She worked admissions and was also involved in pastoral care.

"There is something special about this valley. It was a good experience," Sister Maureen said.

The Carmelite Sisters for Aged and Infirm was founded 90 years ago by Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa, who was dedicated to the service and care of aged people, in the spirit and tradition of

the Carmelite Order. When the Diocese of Scranton formally dedicated Little Flower Manor on November 24, 1974 and it opened on January 20, 1975, Bishop J. Carroll McCormick requested the assistance of the Carmelite Sisters to help in the new ministry.

"We minister to Christ in the person," Mother Mark Louis Anne, O.Carm., said. "It's a way of reaching people, giving loving care."

The Carmelite Sisters currently sponsor 13 homes, co-sponsor others and serve in Diocesan facilities across the country.

"We're in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Iowa, Florida, New York State and Massachusetts and we have a home in Dublin, Ireland," Mother Mark said.

While they admit change is bittersweet, the Sisters understand why decisions had to be made.

"Mother Angeline instilled in all of us that this isn't just a job for us, we just don't get up and go to work every day. This is our life and it's our mission and our ministry," Sister Patricia Margaret Rawdon, O.Carm., said. "For us, the mission is to see Christ in every elderly person we take care of."

Following the completion of their ministry locally, Sister Barbara will be transitioning to Massachusetts to continue serving the elderly. Sister Maureen will also transition to a new assignment in Ohio. Another Sister, Sister Monica Toussaint, O.Carm., has already moved onto her new assignment in Kentucky.

Meet the Deacons



**Deacon
Maurice Cerasaro**

**Saint John Bosco
Parish,
Conyngham**

**Ordination
Year: 2011**

DESCRIBE YOUR ROLE AS A DEACON IN THE PARISH WHERE YOU ARE ASSIGNED. WHAT KIND OF SERVICE MINISTRY ARE YOU INVOLVED IN?

As a Permanent Deacon, my main role is to serve the priests and the Bishop in their sacramental ministry. Besides my ministry in the sanctuary, my other duties include performing Communion services, care for the sick and dying, instructing in the RCIA program, baptisms and baptismal instruction of parents, prayer services for the deceased and burial committals. When asked, I will teach and instruct the youth in our Faith Formation Program and also prepare boys and girls to become altar servers.

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

My most fulfilling work as a Permanent Deacon is to serve the people of God at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is no greater opportunity than at Mass to offer ourselves with our prayers to God, not only for our salvation but for the salvation of the whole world. Refreshed by (Jesus') Body and Blood, we then go out and transform others.

WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING THING ABOUT SERVING AS A PERMANENT DEACON?

I believe the most challenging aspect of serving as a Permanent Deacon is to balance my duties as a husband and father, full time employment, and my Diaconate ministry. There are times you look for strength and guidance. That is when you need to turn to prayer. I believe that we get our gifts that we need for our ministry from God, who is the source of all goodness.

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

In my own experience, I felt the call of the Lord and responded to that call. What I would say to anyone considering a ministry in the Diaconate is: search your heart, listen to the call of the Lord and talk to a Spiritual advisor to discern if you have a vocation. If possible, talk to a Permanent Deacon already in the ministry to get his perspective, and then you can make an informed decision.



CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

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

PASTORS/ASSISTANT PASTORS

Reverend Wilfredo Milan Mamani Cusicanqui to Assistant Pastor, Holy Rosary Parish, Hazleton, effective June 24, 2019. Father Cusicanqui will continue to serve as Assistant Pastor, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Hazleton.

Reverend Michael J. Kloton, to Pastor, Good Shepherd Parish, Drums, effective August 1, 2019. Father Kloton will continue to serve as Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Freeland.

Reverend Connell A. McHugh, from Pastor, Good Shepherd Parish, Drums, to Pastor Emeritus, Good Shepherd Parish, Drums, effective August 1, 2019.

Reverend Brian J.W. Clarke, to Pastor, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, West Hazleton, effective June 24, 2019. Father Clarke will continue to serve as Pastor, Holy Rosary Parish, Hazleton.

Reverend Peter J. O'Rourke, from Pastor, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, West Hazleton, to Pastor Emeritus, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, West Hazleton, effective June 24, 2019.

Reverend John C. Ruth, from Senior Priest, Saint Patrick Parish, Scranton, to Pastor, Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Jermyrn. Father Ruth will continue to serve as Chaplain of the Lackawanna County Prison. Effective July 29, 2019.

DEACONS

Deacon Vincent Oberto, to Deacon, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, West Hazleton, effective June 24, 2019. Deacon Oberto will continue to serve as Deacon, Holy Rosary Parish, Hazleton.

Deacon James M. Rebarchick, to Deacon, Good Shepherd Parish, Drums, effective August 1, 2019. Deacon Rebarchick will continue to serve as Deacon, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Freeland.

PARISH LIFE COORDINATORS

Mrs. Mary Anne Malone, to Parish Life Coordinator, Saint Patrick Parish, White Haven. As Parish Life Coordinator, Mrs. Malone will provide on-site pastoral care in the absence of a pastor. **Reverend Peter J. O'Rourke** will serve as Sacramental Minister providing Mass and the other sacraments on a regular basis. **Reverend Michael J. Piccola**, V.F., Dean of the Hazleton Deanery and Pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Hazleton, will serve as Priest Moderator. Effective August 1, 2019.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

July 18 - Mass for National Cursillo Encounter
University of Scranton, Byron Center, 8:00 p.m.

July 21 - Masses at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
Peckville, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

July 24 - Blessing at CareNet Pregnancy Center
Ultrasound Machine Blessing, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.

July 26 - Blessing - Saint Joseph's Center Festival Grounds
Marywood University, Scranton, 12:45 p.m.

July 26 - Closing Mass at Saint Ann's Novena
Scranton, 7:30 p.m.

July 27 - Installation Mass - Parish Life Coordinator
Saint Patrick's Parish, White Haven, 5:00 p.m.

Relief assistance program of Catholic Social Services provides food and guidance

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

There are many components to Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton. While some programs provide emergency shelter to those in need, others provide meals, offer mentoring services or guidance on maternal health. Other programs assist veterans, offer counseling for those that have had issues with substance abuse or those that are grieving. It is a multi-layered agency which serves thousands of people, in many different ways, each year, throughout the entire Diocese.

The Relief Assistance Program of Catholic Social Services is, historically speaking, what the agency is all about. It is offered to clients in Scranton, Carbondale and Hazleton, and its goal, simply stated, is to help people that are going through a tough time get through it. It also works towards providing clients with the resources to move forward in a positive way so that, eventually, they will no longer need such assistance.

“The program offers emergency financial and non-financial assistance,” Stephanie Miller, community services program manager of Catholic Social Services in Lackawanna County, said. “We help people with rent, we have a client-choice food pantry, and we have a Representative Payee program which handles their financial affairs for them. It’s a program, through the Social Security Administration, where we actually handle the individual finances for our clients. If someone is on

disability, and it’s deemed that they are unable to manage their own money, their checks come to us, and using their own money, we do their budget. We pay their rent and their bills and give them spending and savings money. We also help people fill out applications for help with their utility bills, or housing, or any type of public assistance. Our program offers help in any area for which there is a need.”

Miller says that last year, in Lackawanna County, there were 6,647 clients served by the program and there were 18,236 appointments. In Scranton, intake services are offered at the CSS offices, located at 516 Fig Street. The client-choice food pantry is located at 638 Hemlock Street. In Carbondale, intake services and a client-choice food pantry are located at 34 River Street. The program is funded through grants, the United Way, the Diocese of Scranton and private donations. Its greatest need, regarding donations, are non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products.

“There are things that we provide to the community for which there is no government funding or subsidized funding,” Miller said. “Things like toothbrushes, toothpaste and bathroom tissue. When we get them, we give them all out. There’s a lot of people that can use a fresh toothbrush or the kids, when it’s back-to-school time, a notebook and crayons. Donations of such items are our biggest need.”

Miller adds that another need, around the holidays, is the donation of toys. She says that each year, CSS sponsors a “Gifts For Kids” campaign in Scranton, Carbondale,

Hazleton and Wilkes-Barre. It is done in cooperation with the United States Marines “Toys For Tots” program and local churches.

“We do registration, usually in November, where we register our families,” she says. “Closer to Christmastime, the parents come in, and all of the toys are organized by age and gender, and they can actually select the toys that they’d like to have for the kids.”

Miller says the Relief Assistance Program, with its varied components, helps fulfill the mission of Catholic Social Services.

“We’re helping each other in our community,” Miller said. “That’s what we’re here to do – to serve our community and be there for people, and to give them the tools to better support themselves. We’re not a hand-out. We’re trying to teach people about effective budgeting, and eating healthy, and staying within their limits. Our goal is to see our clients become self-sufficient, and that when an emergency happens, we’ve given them the tools, the resources and the ability to walk themselves through it.”

Neil Oberto agrees. Oberto serves as program manager of Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton’s Counseling Services, serving the Greater Hazleton Area.

In Hazleton, the Relief Assistance Program is primarily run out of the Saint Joseph’s Pantry, which is located at 106-108 South Church Street, in the basement of the Catholic Social Services Family Center. Like the programs in Scranton and Hazleton, it offers not only food to those in need, but also professional guidance. Its history now spans eight decades.

“This was the main thrust of Catholic Social Services, when it was first founded in the community 80 years ago,” Oberto said. “What they did first was relief assistance, and it was from that initiative that all of the other programs developed. And it’s still something that’s very strong within the agency today.”

Oberto says that Saint Joseph’s Food Pantry, which is also client-choice pantry, also



A client looks at some food items, which are offered at no cost, at the Catholic Social Services food pantry in Scranton.

provides other basic necessities besides food, such as toiletries. The pantry, which will soon be renovated and expanded, served approximately 1,200 families and more than 3,000 individuals in Luzerne County last year. It also offers Thanksgiving food baskets in cooperation with Commission on Economic Opportunity and United Charities. And like its counterparts in Lackawanna County, its program also offers much more than just food.

“It’s not just, ‘Here’s your food and go,’” Oberto said. “It’s also, ‘How can we help you to help yourself?’ When someone comes in, we take the time to sit down and talk with them. And it’s through those initial interviews that we hear the needs of individuals and families. Our worker will then try to help get them connected to other resources for rent, or counseling, or any other needs that they may have. If somebody that has maternal health needs, we’ll connect them with our Pregnancy and Maternal Health services. It’s comprehensive in its approach. We try to get individuals and families to take advantage of the full scope of services within the agency, and if we’re not able to help, to try to the best of our ability to connect them to other resources. And a lot if it emulates from the pantry.”

In Hazleton, the Relief Assistance Program also offers intake services at its offices on

200 West Chapel Street. It receives support from local foundations, churches, schools, individual donations and supermarkets. Oberto says that sometimes, simply by providing those in need with an order of groceries, it allows them the funds to pay other bills and utilities.

“If we can help people with food, a basic need – those extra dollars can go towards other necessities,” Oberto said. “If the resources aren’t there for direct relief assistance, we hope to at least make the program at the food pantry stronger.”

In Scranton, Carbondale and Hazleton, volunteers are a key component to operating the food pantries, and at each location, there has been no shortage of volunteers. The commitment to provide help, from both CSS and the community, is steadfast.

“These are very much mission-driven programs,” Oberto said. “They are really, truly, at the core of what we do as an agency.”

For more information on Catholic Social Services programs, contact:

Scranton
(570) 207-2283

Carbondale
(570) 282-0460

Hazleton
(570) 455-1521



The Catholic Social Services office in Scranton offers a Relief Assistance Program that can provide clients with guidance in financial planning and in finding programs which provide financial assistance.

SCRANTON – Valentine's Day may have been five months ago but love was certainly in the air at the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Sunday, June 30, 2019.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera was the principal celebrant and homilist for the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass which recognizes married couples who are celebrating their 25th and 50th (or higher) anniversaries this year.

"We've been through hard times but we're still here," Ralph Peranich of Scranton said.

Ralph Peranich and his wife Barbara were recognized for 50 years of marriage. Speaking after Mass, Barbara said despite good times and bad, the important thing is she and her husband have always stuck together.

"Three weeks after we were married, he was shipped to Vietnam, he was in combat over there so that was a hard year so today meant a lot to us!" Barbara Peranich said.

A total of 205 couples across the 11 county Diocese were honored this year and more than



More than 140 couples celebrating milestone anniversaries attended a special Mass with Bishop Bambera on Sunday, June 30, 2019.

140 attended the Mass.

"There are days when it's a struggle, especially when children come along, you're not getting the right sleep and you're edgy but you have to hang in there and fight through it," Chris Kelechowa of Dickson City said.

Chris Kelechowa and her husband Conrad are also celebrating 50 years of marriage.

"It (Mass) was just wonderful and to have it done with Bishop Bambera, we've known him since he was just a priest!" Conrad Kelechowa said.

During his homily, Bishop Bambera congratulated those celebrating, saying, "your marriages of 25, 50 or more years is not merely endurance and determination but the mystery of God's love for us and how that love is revealed and lived out in your lives."

As he asked the couples to reflect on the stories and events that they have been through, Bishop Bambera said, "Your stories and lives likely reflect hard work, struggle and pain and a selflessness that seeks the

well-being of another. They likely reflect your determination to face life as it comes – with its challenges, disappointments and fears – and the resolve to live each day not bemoaning the loss of the past but with hope for what the next day will bring. Your marriage has endured not because your years together have been perfect, but because you have come to see your marriage as part of something much bigger than yourselves – the mystery of God's love woven into creation – embraced in your lives – and lived through God's grace."

Weaving in the Gospel message from the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Bishop Bambera urged the audience to forget about the "baggage" many of us dwell on.

"Jesus challenges those of us who seek to live lives of faith to let go of those things to which we cling that tear us down and that amount to so little. Instead, he invites us to hold fast to the true blessings of faith, family, forgiveness and love, in and through which, we ultimately find our peace!"



Above: Judith and Robert Guman participate in the Renewal of Commitments for their 50th anniversary.

Below: Elizabeth and James Klein, who are celebrating 50 years of marriage, hold hands during the Wedding Anniversary Mass. (Photos/Mike Melisky)



First deadline for Independent Survivors Compensation Program approaching

It has been nearly six months since the Diocese of Scranton launched its Independent Survivors Compensation Program, an independent Program designed to compensate survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

An important deadline for the Program is approaching at the end of July. The submission period for the registration of new claims expires on July 31, 2019.

Individuals who have not previously filed a complaint with the Diocese may register to participate in the Program online on or before July 31. Information about how to register such claims can be found at www.ScrantonDioceseISCP.com.

The Diocese's Program includes all survivors of childhood sexual abuse,

whether the abuser was a priest from the Diocese of Scranton, from a religious order, or was a lay employee of the Diocese.

Program administrators have already reached out directly to those individuals who had previously reported a claim of abuse to the Diocese of Scranton. Claims for previously reported cases can be submitted to the Program until September 30, 2019.

For more information on the Independent Survivors Compensation Program, visit www.ScrantonDioceseISCP.com.

The Diocese of Scranton plans to fund the Program through the sale of its long-term care facilities which was previously announced in March. The sale remains pending at this time.

Pope to canonize Blessed John Henry Newman in Rome October 13

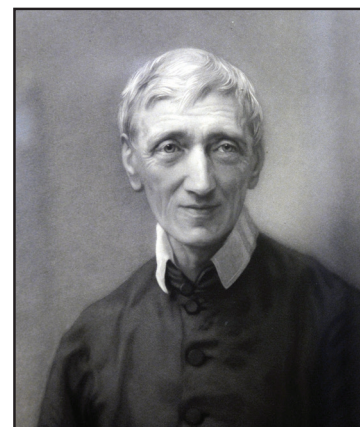
VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis will declare Blessed John Henry Newman, the 19th-century British cardinal, a saint Oct. 13.

The British theologian will be canonized during a Mass at the Vatican along with a Swiss laywoman, an Indian nun, an Italian nun and a nun known as the "Mother Teresa of Brazil."

The date for the canonization Mass was announced July 1 during an "ordinary public consistory," a meeting of the pope, cardinals and promoters of sainthood causes that formally ends the sainthood process.

Born in London in 1801, John Henry Newman was ordained an Anglican priest in 1825. He later founded the Oxford Movement, which emphasized the Catholic roots of Anglicanism.

After a series of clashes with Anglican bishops made him a virtual outcast from the Church of England, he joined the Catholic Church at the age of 44 and was ordained a Catholic priest in 1846. Pope Leo XIII made him a cardinal in 1879 while respecting his wishes not to be ordained a bishop.



Blessed John Henry Newman is seen in a portrait provided by the Catholic Church in England and Wales. (CNS photo)

A theologian and poet, he died in 1890 and his sainthood cause was opened in 1958. Pope Benedict XVI beatified him in Birmingham, England, in 2010.

The others who will be declared saints are:

-- Blessed Dulce Lopes Pontes, who was a member of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

Born in 1914, she was known to Brazilian Catholics as Sister Dulce, the mother of the poor. She

founded the first Catholic workers' organization in the state of Bahia, started a health clinic for poor workers and opened a school for working families. She created a hospital, an orphanage and care centers for the elderly and disabled.

She was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by then-President Jose Sarney in 1988. St. John Paul II, who called her work "an example for humanity," met her in 1980 during his first trip to Brazil and, returning in 1991, he visited her in the hospital. She died in 1992 at the age of 77 with tens of thousands attending her funeral and even more gathering for her beatification in 2011.

-- Blessed Marguerite Bays, a laywoman from Switzerland known for her spirituality in the face of great physical suffering and for bearing the stigmata of Christ. She died in 1879.

-- Blessed Josephine Vannini, co-founder of the Daughters of St. Camillus, who served the sick and elderly. She died in 1911.

-- Blessed Mariam Theresia Chiramel Mankidiyan, the Indian founder of the Sisters of the Holy Family, who died in 1926.

Becoming the “Now of God”

Hundreds attend 13th Annual Light the Fire Youth Rally



Wearing their conference t-shirts, four friends who attended the Light the Fire Youth Rally embrace as the day-long program came to a close. (Photo/Mike Melisky)

DALLAS – Pope Francis may not have been at Misericordia University for the 2019 Light the Fire Youth Rally but his words certainly became the day’s central theme.

During the closing Mass for the annual World Youth Day in January, Pope Francis told more than 700,000 young people in Panama that “you are not the tomorrow, you are not the ‘meantime,’ you are Now of God.”

That theme was brought back and made visible not only on signs hanging on the walls at the Light the Fire event but also printed on t-shirts that most of the high school students wore.

The annual day-long event on Wednesday, June 26, which was put together by Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Pittston and Gate of Heaven Parish in Dallas, with help from the Diocesan Office for Parish Life, brings together hundreds of high school students and their chaperones.

The students attend workshops, enjoy music and take part in Adoration among many other things.

Dominic Tavani of Towanda, a parishioner at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, has been attending Light the Fire for four years.

“The thing that keeps bringing me back is how much I love seeing everybody share the same passion in the Church and just express their faith,” Tavani said.

Tavani’s sister Hannah has been attending the event for two years.

“The atmosphere I find so moving and so engaging and I love being here with all of the young people in our Diocese and expressing our faith together and showing

our love of God,” Hannah Tavani said.

The 2019 Light the Fire Youth Rally welcomed guest speakers Katie Prejean McGrady, Bob Perron, and Noelle Garcia. The Full Armor Band also shared their talents, especially during Adoration, which is one of the events students enjoy the most.

“Adoration is by far my favorite part of Light the Fire. It’s so moving and for some reason I always forget how moving it is! To be in the seats and seeing the monstrance with the body of Christ on the stage underneath the lights and it seems to be glowing. It’s so touching and moving to see our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in that state every year!” Hannah Tavani said.

High school students say Light the Fire is a chance to make new friends and spend time with other students from across the Diocese who share their morals, values and love for their Catholic faith.

“It’s about deepening our faith and making us feel lit with the fire of Christ and ready to go out and preach to the world!” Marcus Binner of Tunkhannock, a parishioner at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish said.

The day ended with the celebration of Mass with Bishop Joseph Bambera who echoed the words of Pope Francis in January, telling students their place in the Church is today and urging them to get involved.

In response to the Bishop’s Mass, Dominic Tavani said, “I feel like he enjoys it a lot! He loves coming down to see the young people of his Church expressing their faith every year!”

ISLI helps inspire teenagers

Four day retreat teaches leadership skills

DALLAS – High school students may be out of class for the summer but that doesn’t mean the learning has stopped.

A total of 47 high school students and 13 student team members took part in the International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) at Misericordia University between Monday, July 8 and Thursday, July 11.

Michael Fellin, 15, attended the retreat for the second time.

“It’s a big gathering that happens twice a year where a bunch of teens just come together to bond and learn how they can become better leaders in society, their parishes and their communities,” Fellin said.

The Sheppton teenager says ISLI is a fun time where learning comes easy.

“I love coming to retreats and this is probably one of my favorite ones. I love being around everyone. It’s comforting,” Fellin said.

Aaron Lamos of East Stroudsburg agrees that ISLI is a comforting experience.

“I was a little bit shy when I came here but then when I realized how everyone else around me was feeling the same, I had to come out of my shell!” Lamos said.

ISLI is a peer-facilitated faith-based leadership retreat. It is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in both leadership and membership roles in task-oriented groups. ISLI also empowers students with the skills necessary to make decisions, develop positive communication skills and learn self-motivational skills.

“I couldn’t be more grateful,” Magnolia Jones of Clarks Green said about her experiences at ISLI. “When you see someone who was like me, so shy and so scared, and seeing them blossom into someone who is willing to show who they really are, no matter who that is, they’re in

the right spot.”

Lamos, a parishioner at Saint Matthew Parish in East Stroudsburg, says events like ISLI give him hope for the future.

“We’re in a time when everyone is consumed by media but this ISLI brings about a certain energy in people where they want to go out and help, they want to go out into the communities to show what they can do and what they’ve learned,” Lamos said.

Fellin plans to bring the skills he learned back to his parish and school.

“It actually inspires me when I see someone going down and sharing their faith with someone else. It inspires me to proclaim my stories to more people!” Fellin said.

The four days of ISLI include both large and small group sessions, prayer, adoration, singing and dancing and more. Bishop Bambera visited with students and celebrated Mass on Tuesday, July 9.

During his homily, the Bishop said that God calls us as we are to be his disciples, engaging us in an incredible journey of faith.

The Bishop ended his homily by sharing words that a friend told him approximately 40 years ago while he was still discerning what he wanted to do with his life. He hoped the words could also console the students at ISLI – and anyone – who may be struggling to sort out God’s plan for their life.

The Bishop said, “There is a realm in the Christian experience where God never says “No.” He never says “No” to your desire to be like his Son, Jesus. So ask – seek – knock – struggle – until God does something and he will! He surely will. He eagerly waits to answer your prayer!”

ISLI is organized by the Diocesan Office for Parish Life. Some of the funding for ISLI is provided by your generous donations to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.



Bishop Joseph Bambera poses for a picture with the students and student team members involved in ISLI after celebrating Mass on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

Bishop Bambera’s Challenge Given During Mass

“Go to your parish. Speak with your pastor. Talk with your youth minister if you have one. If you need an excuse, tell them I sent you. Let them know that you are there because you believe in the Church that Jesus founded. Tell them that you have been called to work with them now – today – to recreate our Church into the image of Jesus. Then use whatever opportunities you are given to make God’s love real and present in our midst.”

Bishop Bambera to lead pilgrimage to Passion Play in 2020

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera invites the faithful from the Diocese of Scranton and beyond to join him on a special pilgrimage next year.

The Bishop is planning to lead a nine-day Oberammergau Passion Play Pilgrimage from August 3 – 11, 2020. The trip will include stops in Innsbruck, Austria along with Vipiteno, Italy and Munich, Germany.

The Passion story will be presented for the 42nd time in Oberammergau next year. For the past two years, a team under the direction of the producer-director Christian Stuckl has been preparing the production, which will feature more than 2,000 citizens of Oberammergau.

Bishop Bambera, who has witnessed the Passion story before, says this is a trip that shouldn't be missed.

"I went in 1984 with my parents. The Passion story is a truly incredible and powerful performance where all the townsfolk are involved in the daylong production. It is magnificent!" Bishop Bambera said.

The Oberammergau Passion Play is held in an auditorium with

approximately 4,200 seats that are completely covered. The rows ascend for a guaranteed excellent view of the open-air stage.

Features of the Pilgrimage Tour includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation to Newark Liberty International Airport and roundtrip airfare via LUFTANSA German Airlines.

Besides a ticket for the Passion Play in Oberammergau, the tour will also include Masses celebrated by Bishop Bambera at various Cathedrals, Shrines and Churches.

The total cost of the pilgrimage is \$4,195 per person based on double occupancy or \$4,795 per person based on single occupancy. An initial deposit of \$500 per person is needed to reserve a spot. Full and final payment is due on May 18, 2020.

Travel arrangements are being provided through Travelworld. For more information or to make reservations, call (570) 342-5790 in Scranton or (570) 288-9311 in Kingston or toll-free 1-800-828-6029.

More information can also be found by visiting the website: www.asktravelworld.com.

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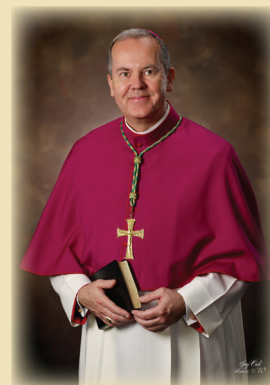
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Part of Delegation that
Witnessed Human Rights Abuses
Leading to Mass Migration
of Honduran People

(Editor's Note: During the early spring, a group of about 75 religious leaders from the United States traveled to Honduras to explore the root causes of migration. The interfaith delegation was hosted by Radio Progreso/ERIC (Jesuit-run radio station and a research, investigation and communication team), the Sisters of Notre Dame and the Religious Sisters of Mercy. Among the fact-finding missionaries was Mercy Sister Mary Ellen Brody, a member of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and the RSM religious community of Dallas in Luzerne County. As a spiritual director, Sister Mary Ellen has been deeply involved with the vulnerable, including abused children, the homeless, immigrants, and those suffering from physical, emotional and spiritual pain. Her extensive ministry has taken her far from the Diocese of Scranton — from across America to Guyana and Honduras. Following are excerpts from Sister Mary Ellen's reflection on her recent experience in the Central American country.)

As a former resident of Honduras, the reconnection theme seemed very important to me. As our purpose was to understand the root causes of migration, I think that it was also important for all of us immigrant North Americans — even those who had no former Honduran connection.

In our welcome, Jesuit Father Ismael Moreno (affectionately called Padre Melo) told us that Honduras is a country of about nine million people with about seven million (currently) residing there. Migration isn't something new for them; however, today it is forced. Of those millions of remaining residents, 150 families are mega-millionaires, with five individuals possessing an equivalent income of two million Hondurans. Of every Lempira (local currency) in the economic system, 96 cents go to those 150 families, leaving only four cents for the rest of the populace. Immediately we understood one root cause of migration — poverty.

The size of our group necessitated dividing us into three smaller segments to visit different parts of the country. One group went to an area oppressed by an extractive

industry where they heard of deaths, threats, and beatings of human rights defenders. While these delegates connected with the locals visiting an endangered river, a group of armed military came to the other riverbank where they stayed for 20 minutes with their guns ready. Violence threat — another reason that people are forced to leave.

The second group connected with communities in an area where a hydroelectric dam is endangering the people. Some of the threats are not only those that result from the presence of the dams, but also those against protesters who are criminalized for the act of protesting.

My group stayed in San Pedro Sula and Progreso, an urban area. Some of the areas we visited included three communities that were being threatened with displacement from their lands, a women's forum with members in 16 areas of the country, a group that monitors and educates about labor rights (EMIH), a home for children with the HIV Virus (Casa Corazon), and a Catholic school (kindergarten to high school). All this in three days!

Afterwards, we joined the other two groups for a night vigil outside the U.S. embassy, five hours from where we were staying! While in the country's capital we also had the opportunity of meeting at the U.S. embassy with the Charge d'Affaire about what we had seen and heard, followed by a press conference outside the embassy.

The stories that I'll tell now are obviously only a small part of what we experienced but give us a clear idea of what underlies the thousands who migrate each week: Militarization of the country, criminalization of those defending human rights, violence (particularly against women), organized crime and a government fraudulently elected. The increase in migration of women and children from Honduras is due to a failed state where people leave to seek a life free from violence and threats, and to find health, employment and respect for human rights.

Their Stories

Karen, in one of the three communities facing displacement, told us how one night the police came and violently began to put them out of their homes. When her daughter's face was cut, they began to run toward an exit. There they found a machine ready to tear down the buildings. She jumped onto the equipment with her daughter and began to demand to know why they were doing this, earning her the attention of the media! What an opportunity to tell her president, Juan Orlando Hernandez (JOH), of this situation. Her message? "What do you want us to do? Where are we to go? Are we too to join the caravans?"

In still another community threatened with displacement, a woman told us how they've lived on this land for several years after being displaced from another area and are again being threatened. Nearby condos want the area for parking. The reporter from Radio Progreso/ERIC introduced us to a young woman whose son suffers from hemophilia. She told how he was denied treatment by the public hospital in San Pedro Sula until a lawyer from ERIC helped them get the needed treatment.

At the women's forum, we heard how abuses against women (rapes, disappearances, murders) often go unreported, and, if reported, remain unprosecuted. In a report published in 2018, based on data from



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state organizations, 6,111 femicides were documented between the years 2000 and August of 2018.

Yulisa, a domestic worker, told us how through EMIH (Equipo Monitoreo Independiente de Honduras) an independent labor monitoring team, she has learned much about labor law or lack thereof. There are 134,000 domestic workers in the country; 100,000 are women. Most work seven days a week from 4 a.m. until 8 or 10 p.m. and earn the equivalent of \$120/month. There is no law protecting domestic workers who suffer all types of abuse: verbal, labor and sexual.

Lorena, a factory worker told us that EMIH is for them like a school where they've learned labor law, health and safety rights. Even though there is a law that gives workers the right to organize, that law is not respected. Most workers make less than \$300/month and must endure problems with bosses, work-related illnesses, sexual assault/harassment as well as harassment if they try to organize. Many abandon these jobs and migrate.

Bete at the "Foro de Mujeres" (women's forum) talked about the increase in violence since the 2009 coup in Honduras — a coup that was condemned by the United Nations, OAS (Organization of American States, and the EU (European Union). Honduran women now experience fewer job opportunities, a fear of sending girls to school because of the increased militarization of the country, fear of gang violence in their neighborhoods, and the killing of women with impunity (femicide). The killing of 6,300 women has been documented since 2002. Many abuse cases are not documented, not reported because women don't trust police, many of whom collaborate with the fraudulently elected government.

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Delegation members gather for the press conference staged at the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

‘Living with Each Other in Partnership for the Good of the Human Family’



By Monsignor Vincent J. Grimalia
Diocesan Coordinator
for Ecumenical
and Interfaith Relations

Nostra Aetate (The Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions) begins: “In our time, when day by day mankind is being drawn closer together, and the ties between different peoples are becoming stronger, the Church examines more closely her relationship to non-Christian religions. In her task of promoting unity and love among men, indeed among nations, she considers above all in this declaration what men have in common and what draws them to fellowship.”

Ecumenical and interfaith dialogue builds bridges of understanding and cooperation among all people. How can we follow the challenge of the Second Vatican Council and recent Popes? How can we build bridges of understanding and a culture of encounter in the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton? Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Social Justice Committees can learn how to develop a culture of encounter in their community.

During his recent visit to the United Arab Emirates, Pope Francis, along with the Grand Imam, signed the document entitled “Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together.”

Of the document, the Pontiff said: “It is a text that has been given honest and serious thought so as to be a joint declaration of good and heartfelt aspirations. It is a document that invites all persons who have faith in God and faith in *human fraternity* to unite and work together so that it may serve as a guide for future generations to advance a culture of mutual respect in the awareness of the great divine grace that makes all human beings brothers and sisters.”

The words of Pope Francis on September 20, 2016, during his visit to Assisi, are clear: “Our religious traditions are diverse. But our differences are not the cause of conflict and dispute, or a cold distance between us. We have not prayed against one another today, as has unfortunately sometimes occurred in history. Without syncretism or relativism, we have rather prayed side by side and for each other.”

In his address at the Basilica of Saint Francis in 1986, entitled “To the Representatives of the Christian Churches and Ecclesial Communities and of the World Religions,” Saint Pope John Paul II said:

“For the first time in history, we have come together from everywhere, Christian Churches and Ecclesial Communities, and World Religions, in this sacred place dedicated to Saint Francis, to witness before the world, each according to his own conviction, about the transcendent quality of peace. The form and content of our prayers are very different, as we have seen, and there can be no question of reducing them to a kind of common denominator...In the face of such a problem, two things seem to have supreme importance and both of them are common to us all...The first is the inner imperative of the moral conscience, which enjoins us to respect, protect and promote human life, from the womb to the deathbed, for individuals and peoples, but especially for the weak, the destitute, the derelict: the imperative to overcome selfishness, greed and the spirit of vengeance...The second common thing is the conviction that peace goes much beyond human efforts, particularly in the present plight of the world, and therefore that its source and realization is to be sought in that Reality beyond all of us...”

John Paul II, during his Damascus visit in May 6, 2001, noted: “I truly hope that our meeting today in the Umayyad Mosque will signal our determination to advance interreligious dialogue between the Catholic Church and Islam. This dialogue has gained momentum in recent decades; and today

we can be grateful for the road we have travelled together so far...It is important that Muslims and Christians continue to explore philosophical and theological questions together, in order to come to a more objective and comprehensive knowledge of each other’s religious beliefs. Better mutual understanding will surely lead, at the practical level, to a new way of presenting our two religions *not in opposition*, as has happened too often in the past, *but in partnership for the good of the human family*.

“Interreligious dialogue is most effective when it springs from the experience of ‘living with each other’ from day to day within the same community and culture... For all the times that Muslims and Christians have offended one another, we need to seek forgiveness from the Almighty and to offer each other forgiveness. Jesus teaches us that we must pardon others’ offences if God is to pardon us our sins.” (cf. *Mt 6:14*)

In an address to the young Muslims of Morocco on August 19, 1985, Saint John Paul II stated: “Christians and Muslims, we have many things in common, as believers and as human beings. We live in the same

world, marked by many signs of hope, but also by multiple signs of anguish. For us, Abraham is a very model of faith in God, of submission to his will and of confidence in his goodness. We believe in the same God, the one God, the living God, the God who created the world and brings his creatures to their perfection.”

The Second Vatican Council and the example of recent Popes encourage us to practice dialogue, learn more about other religious communities, learn ways of “living with each other” and “in partnership for the good of the human family.”

We need to learn how to understand our Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Baha’i and other religious neighbors in Northeastern Pennsylvania. We need to find ways to enter into partnership and work for justice and peace, work to overcome racism, and hatred that comes from fear of those who are other than we are.

There is one God and one human family made in the image and likeness of God; there is no place for prejudice, hatred or violence, in the minds and actions of religious believers.

Sister Mary Ellen Brody: Mission of Mercy

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Kenia, a young woman at Casa Corazon de la Misericordia (Heart of Mercy House for children with the HIV virus) told of her gratitude for the opportunities that growing up at Casa had provided her: food, clothing, medicine and most importantly a family. Kenya now studies media at the University in Honduras. Twenty-six children (ages one to 22) reside at Casa attending schools in the neighborhood or participating in job training programs until they can achieve some degree of independence. One who recently left, although well prepared to work, joined one of the caravans because there was no work available.

How does someone dependent on meds survive that experience of travelling almost 2,000 miles through dangerous conditions? We also noted that although Casa seemed a very safe and hospitable refuge, they had to build walls around residence space to protect the children from neighborhood gangs, and assure children aren’t alone walking in the neighborhood.

Wendy, a teacher who gave us a tour of the school we visited, told us that some of their students had to migrate, but they would only learn of their leaving by their absence. As I entered each classroom I asked if anyone had family members who had migrated. Each time there were only one or two students who didn’t raise their hands.

Transforming Experience

This pilgrimage has been transformative for me offering many opportunities for reconnecting with others in the group, my-

self, mystery and the depth of life. We stood in solidarity with those telling their stories, those demonstrating outside the embassy with banners reminding others that land, water and people aren’t to be sold but to be cared for and defended. We prayed with communities resisting displacement, with women and children living in precarious positions, with workers barely subsisting, with a mother and sister of a young boy immigrant killed in Mexico. All these experiences have connected me with a part of myself that says “no more.”

What have I learned through these reconstructions? I’ve learned that the face of resistance (often a woman’s face) is also the face of hope, not terrorism. I’ve learned that I’d rather connect than divide, build bridges not walls. I’ve learned that one can be patriotic and still question. Praying with one of the communities facing displacement, they sang their national anthem with a phrase that aptly illustrates the depth of life: “Many, Honduras, shall die for you but all will fall in honor.”

How am I to respond? I’m challenged to help others see and hear what I saw and heard, and to visibly live the values that all faiths and our country were founded upon, and to challenge untruths as I hear them spoken. The increase in migration of women and children from Honduras is due to a failed state where people leave to seek a life free from violence and threats, and to find health, employment and respect for human rights.

(Anyone interested in presentations about Root Causes of Immigration may contact Sister Mary Ellen Brody at 570-255-4166.)



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The Diocese of Scranton is committed to educating our students in an environment that is academically excellent and facilitates the development of moral judgment and Christian decision-making. We are proud to share the following successes of our students in the classroom and in their service to others. Each day, our schools are fulfilling their mission of preparing today's youth and young adults to become tomorrow's faith-filled leaders.



The boys' basketball players and coaching staff from **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore** recently invited students entering fourth through ninth grade to a summer camp at the school so they could review player fundamentals, preparing for their time as future Crusader basketball superstars.



Emily Ortiz, the Student Council Treasurer at **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg**, performs a final count of the money NDHS students donated to Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton to assist those in need. A total of \$660.20 was collected thanks to a bake sale and a dress-down day.



Promoting the love of learning new things, students in third through eighth grade participated in the Annual Science Fair at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton**. Students in first and second grade could also present if they wished. The winners are pictured proudly displaying their awards for the top presentations.



Jenny Mertes and Anne Weller, seniors at **Saint John Neumann High School in Williamsport**, put the finishing touches on the senior mural just before graduation. This year's artwork depicts a dandelion's transformation from a flower, with the name of each senior added as a seed in the wind of their future.



The eighth grade history class of **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** presented a Wax Museum featuring figures that shared interesting facts about their life. Technology, writing, speaking skills, history, and research were all brought together in a cross-curricular approach. Pictured are: Olivia DeSena as Maurine Dallas Watkins; Ashely Abplanalp as Elizabeth Taylor; Adina DeStefano as Audrey Hepburn; Brielle Scheland as Pierina Legnani; Hailey Halagarda as Betsy Ross; Paige Skibitsky as Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis; Gloria Tabone as Amelia Earhart; Karli Mahasky as Whitney Houston; Paige Kryptovich as Hedy La Marr; Sarah Lyons as Eliza Hamilton; Jessica Ostrowski as Pocahontas; Hailey Sebastian as Anne Frank; Carsyn Cole as Mona Lisa; Gisele Falzone as Prince; Kyle Skutack as Ted Williams; Henry Rosen as Steve Jobs; Dino DiMauro as Elvis Presley; Louis Lussi as Lou Gehrig; Andrew Bender as Vladimir Lenin; and Ethan Licari as Bob Ross.



Using paint, feathers, glitter, and a lot of imagination, students at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco** created these unique masks at the school's annual Summer Art Camp.



The eighth grade class at **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston** finished their final year at the school with a rousing performance of "The Magical Land of Oz," a musical based on the book by L. Frank Baum.



The first grade students at **Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton** end the school year by focusing on coding activities. Coding allows students to tell the computer what they want it to do. Shown are some of the students working on a program that allows them to add Christmas lights to a home.



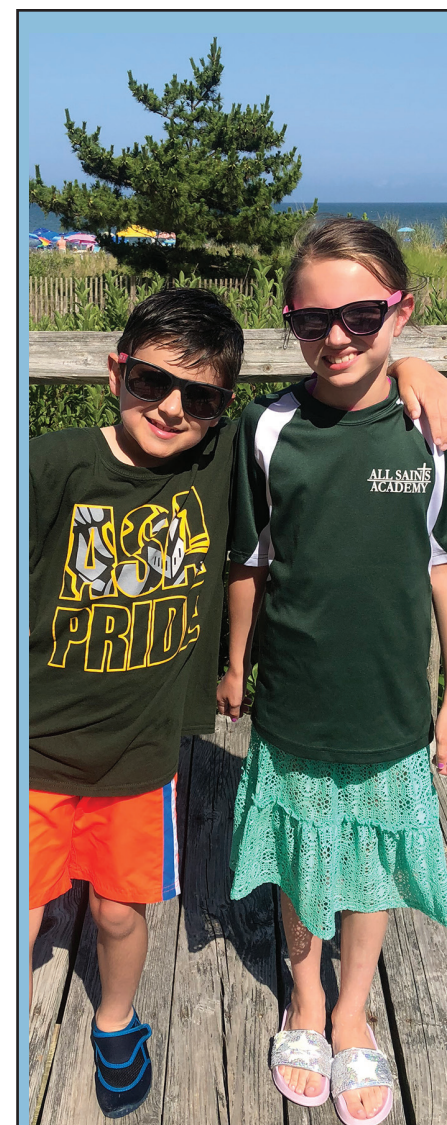
Egypt became the center of the world for sixth graders at **Epiphany School in Sayre** just before summer vacation. Students studied Ancient Egypt in their history class that included lessons about mummies, which they then replicated using paper mache for an art class project.



Students in the third and fourth grades at **La Salle Academy in Jessup** made dreams come true by sending birthday wishes to WWII veteran Duane Sherman for his 96th birthday. Their cards and letters were some of the 50,000 he received this year. Shown are the students and the thank you letters from Mr. Sherman and his daughter, Sue, who helped organize the card-sending campaign.



Students attending the Summer STREAM Camp at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green** learned an ancient Japanese technique called Gyotaku, or “fish rubbing,” to create T-shirts while using actual perch. Pictured are the campers with their creations: Daniel Stofko, Tucker Abrahamsen, Bridget DeRiancho, Eliana Pilone, Giuseppe Pilone, Dominick Kuna. Luke Paulino, Marco Paoli, Corey Seliga, Aidan Lalley, Colin Lalley, Cole Spinelli, Carter Kowalski, Darsh Patel and Jake Millett.



Savanna and Tommy, students at **All Saints Academy in Scranton**, show off their school spirit this summer while visiting Ocean City, Maryland.



As part of their preparation for their First Holy Communion, the second grade class at **Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore** collected 157 take-home bags for Saint Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen in Scranton. They added a friendly note and drawing to each bag for a very personal touch.



Stephen Renfer, Hayden Foland, Joyce Renfer, Talia Lasota, Kendall Hadley and Valerie Werhun, students at **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter**, have been selected as recipients of the 2019 National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award. To be nominated, students must be a National Junior Honor Society member in good standing in scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship. Each winner received a \$500 award, which was placed in a college savings account for future use.

Faith leaders decry ICE deportations, say action causes anxiety, fear

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Many Catholic and other faith leaders noted that the Gospel reading for July 14 — the day U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was to carry out deportation orders for some immigrants — was the parable of the good Samaritan from the Gospel of Saint Luke.

The story admonishes people to put aside their differences and “help those who are in need of help,” such as the immigrants coming across the U.S.-Mexico border seeking asylum, faith leaders said.

Among leaders criticizing the ICE actions was Dominican Sister Donna Markham, president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, who said July 13 that her organization strongly opposed “the reported plans of ICE raids this weekend.”

“The threats of deportation and family separation are causing anxiety and fear within the vulnerable communities our agencies serve, endangering immigrant rights and safety. Most significant is the lasting psychological damage family separation inflicts upon children,” she said. “Such cruel behavior will impact children for the rest of their lives.”

“Our Catholic Charities agencies stand committed to providing legal and humanitarian assistance for our immigrant brothers and sisters,” she said. “We support the pursuit of legal immigration but recognize that all immigrants,



In this 2014 ICE handout photo, federal agents with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Dallas detain a suspected gang member. (CNS photo/ICE, Charles Reed via Reuters)

regardless of status, must be treated with basic human dignity and respect.”

Sister Markham urged Congress and the Trump administration “to enact comprehensive immigration reform and address the root causes of migration rather than pursue enforcement raids on America’s immigrant community.”

In Texas, Brownsville Bishop Daniel E. Flores echoed the same concerns, saying: “The threat of mass deportation raids is psychologically cruel to families and children. The actual separation of parents from their children without even a chance for a court appearance is simply reprehensible. Laws ought to treat families and children differently than drug lords.”

News reports estimated that about 2,000 people were going to be arrested for deportation. ICE actions were taking place in at least nine cities: New York, Baltimore, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Chicago, Houston, Atlanta

and Miami. Some news reports reported that ICE actions also would take place in New Orleans.

Mayors in those cities announced they would not allow their law enforcement agencies to cooperate with ICE agents. Thousands across the country protested the agency’s actions.

In New York, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan July 13 decried a general negative attitude toward refugees and immigrants that he said he sees among many in this country, a nation of immigrants. His remarks were not issued in direct response to the announced ICE deportations but came after he celebrated Mass that day in the chapel at the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine in New York City.

The saint, also called Mother Cabrini, is the patroness of immigrants and refugees. An Italian American, she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a religious community that was a major support to the Italian immigrants to the United States.

“I was moved as I recalled her work among Italian immigrants in the United States in the 19th and early 20th century,” Cardinal Dolan wrote in a blog post. “This work inspires me today as the church continues to welcome immigrants from so many different countries, particularly in these troublingly uncertain times.”

Bishop Bambera’s Statement on Immigration Situation

The image of Oscar Alberto Martinez Ramirez, and his 23-month-old daughter, Angie Valeria, both of whom drowned trying to cross the Rio Grande from Mexico to the United States will remain in many people’s hearts and minds for years to come.

When we preach about love and human dignity, we are talking about our moral values. As Catholics, we do not have the privilege of compromising our moral values to match our pre-existing stereotypes or beliefs. When we preach a pro-life ethic, we must stand by this value to defend the unborn, the immigrant, the imprisoned, and all those who are left in vulnerable positions by their government or social circumstances. We cannot rank one of these groups above the others. The Catholic Church is called to seek out those silences and give voice to the voiceless.

We have a responsibility to all people, regardless of race, religion, or immigration status. It is not our role to condemn a family for leaving their country of origin in search of a better future for their children. It is our role to love these people as members of one human family. We must continue to advocate for safe spaces for migrants and especially for children. The privately run detention centers where children are waiting to be reunited with their families are not acceptable. It is time for our leaders to set aside partisan politics and to fix a broken system. At the center of our faith is mercy without judgment; our pro-life values teach us to protect the innocent at all costs. These children deserve more from America.

Recently, vigils were held in support of migrant families across the Diocese, in communities including Scranton, Stroudsburg and Wellsboro. As these events show, we are called to fight for justice for immigrants and for comprehensive immigration reform. Today and always, we are called to continue the fight for all who are vulnerable: for the unborn, for the struggling mother, and for the father who faces an impossible decision to leave his homeland.

I ask you to continue not only your prayers, but your efforts to speak up against injustice and protect the basic humanity of migrants and refugees.

“It saddens me to admit that many, some even in the church, opposed Mother Cabrini’s work. It troubles me that today in too many places hate and malice are directed against immigrants and refugees — in both words and actions,” he added.

“As a pastor, I pray that understanding, respect and love might grow in dealing with newcomers to our land. I am proud of the welcoming that our parishes, schools, charitable, and health care ministries have and do provide,” Cardinal Dolan said.

In a July 14 interview on Fox News Channel, Matt Albence, acting ICE director, said “using the term ‘raid’ does everybody a disservice. We are doing

targeted enforcement actions against specific individuals who have had their day in immigration court and have been ordered removed by an immigration judge.”

“We are merely executing those lawfully issued judges’ orders,” he said.

Albence said he could not give details of what the agency was calling “Operation Perspective,” but said individuals ICE was targeting came “to this country illegally, had the opportunity to make an asylum claim before an immigration judge, and most of them chose not to avail themselves of that opportunity and didn’t even show up for their first

hearing.”

Albence added that in February, ICE gave these individuals an opportunity to turn themselves and arrange “processes for leaving the country.” Just 3%, he said, “actually responded, the rest ignored (the request).”

Back in June, when the Trump administration indicated it planned enforcement operation in major cities to remove thousands of migrant families with deportation orders, the chairman of the U.S. bishops’ migration committee criticized the decision, saying broad enforcement actions “instigate panic in our communities and will not serve as an effective deterrent to irregular migration.”



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera (not pictured) joined a peace vigil for immigrant children which was held on Courthouse Square in Scranton on Friday evening, July 12.

Pennsylvania Catholic Conference Legislative Recap

The state budget agreement prior to July 1 marked the end of the spring session in Harrisburg. The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, which is the public affairs arm of Pennsylvania’s Catholic bishops and the Catholic dioceses of Pennsylvania, was active on a number of bills during the session. Below is a brief rundown on some of the noteworthy issues:

Down Syndrome Protection Act (House Bill 321)

Sponsored by Rep. Klunk (R-York), it would ban abortions for the sole reason of a possible Down Syndrome diagnosis. The PCC staff stood with lawmakers and advocates when the legislation was introduced. On the day of the committee vote, the PCC passed out roses as a symbol of the support of life.

Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)

This program gives tax breaks for donations to scholarship funds that help needy private school students. It has greatly benefitted Catholic schools and their students. House Speaker Mike Turzai proposed a \$100 million increase in the program but that was vetoed by Governor Tom Wolf. Thanks to Speaker Turzai, the final budget included a \$25 million increase for the EITC program.

PIAA Championship Bill

The PCC worked closely with Rep. Aaron Bernstine (R-Beaver, Butler, Lawrence) to craft a bill that would create separate championships for public and private schools with the winners coming together for a state title game. The PCC had become increasinly concerned that several public schools in the western part of the state would break away from the PIAA to form their own conferences and shut out Catholic schools.

Buyer Beware Act

Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York) and Rep. Seth Grove (R-York) introduced companion bills to increase penalties for human traffickers and those who patronize them. The PCC was there with both lawmakers as they unveiled their legislation at the Capitol and testified on the bill at two legislative town hall meetings.

Perinatal Hospice Bill

The bill sponsored by Rep. Kathy Rapp (R-Crawford, Forest, Warren) would require that information be given to a woman on the option of perinatal hospice care after her unborn child is diagnosed with a life-limiting condition. The PCC supported the measure throughout the process and sat in on committee hearings.

Marriage Bill

Companion bills were introduced by Rep. Jesse Topper and Senator John Sabatina to establish 18 as the minimum age for marriage in Pennsylvania. The PCC has been a staunch supporter of the measure, which is seen as a way to help combat human trafficking. Topper found out that many children are being forced into pre-arranged marriages that were permitted because of parental consent.

Heartbeat Bill

Rep. Stephanie Borowicz (R-Centre, Clinton) is sponsoring a bill which would prohibit abortions once a heartbeat is detected in the unborn baby. The PCC has talked with Rep. Borowicz about her planned introduction of the bill and has worked to help her acquire co-sponsors.

Religious Garb Bill

This bill would remove a prohibition forbidding teachers from wearing a crucifix or another representation of their faith while teaching. Pennsylvania is currently the only state in the nation that hasn’t repealed such a law. The PCC has worked with legislative leadership and is hopeful for final passage in the fall.

OCTC and Private School Security Grants

This allows Catholic schools to apply for security grants. There is a list of items they can chose from, like building enhancements to keep intruders out of school buildings or paying for a school psychologist to help students. The PCC supported this.

Career Licensing Bill

Companion bills were introduced by Senator John DiSanto (R-Dauphin, Perry) and Rep. Sheryl Delozier (R-Cumberland) that would permit people convicted of crimes to get certain occupational licenses as long as their convictions were unrelated to that profession. The PCC supported this as a way to give people a second chance at life and stay out of prison.



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	SUNDAY 7-21	MONDAY 7-22	TUESDAY 7-23	WEDNESDAY 7-24	THURSDAY 7-25	FRIDAY 7-26	SATURDAY 7-27
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		EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY
2:30 AM	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	SPECIALS	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	LIFE ON THE ROCK	BATTLE READY	CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY
3:00 AM	EWTN ON LOCATION	DEFENDING LIFE		PAPAL AUDIENCE	SAINTS SCOUNDRELS	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG	YOU'RE AMAZING
3:30 AM			HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH		BOB AND PENNY LORD PRESENT	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH
4:00 AM		HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE	BEAUTY COMING ALIVE	(4:40) REGINA COELI FROM NAZARETH	OUR FAITH IN ACTION	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	EXTRAORDINARY FAITH
4:30 AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)		THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	THE 4TH CUP	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS
5:00 AM	FR. RUTLER: CHRIST IN THE CITY	EWTN BOOKMARK	APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION	FUNDAMRNTALS OF CATHOLICISM			CATHOLICS COME HOME
5:30 AM	GRANDPARENTS	A FORCE FOR GOOD					
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 JESUS	ICONS SPOTLIGHT	THE CHOICES WE FACE	SAINTS vs. SCOUNDRELS
7:00 AM	THE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL					STATIONS OF THE CROSS	CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL
7:30 AM	ROSARY FROM LOURDES	LITANY OF LORETO	LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME	LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH	LITANY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD	PAPAL AUDIENCE	THE HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES
7:50 AM							
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 CLASSICS	LIVE WITH PASSION	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	SALT & LIGHT TV SPECIALS	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN #4	MY CATHOLIC FAMILY
10:30 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY		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 #3	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	WAY OF THE CROSS FOR KIDS	LIVE WITH PASSIO	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES
12:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	MASS AND SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST ANN					EWTN DAILY MASS (Encore)
12:30 PM							
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		SAINTS FOR TODAY	FORGOTTEN HERITAGE	SPECIALS	SAINTS ALIVE	SAINTS: A CLOSER LOOK	EWTN BOOKMARK
2:00 PM	IN CONCERT						
2:30 PM		CALLED TO COMMUNION	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	THE JOURNEY HOME	SPECIALS	EWTN ON LOCATION
3:00 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG						
3:20 PM	REFLECTIONS						
3:30 PM	THE HOLY ROSARY IN STAINED GLASS	MASS AND SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST ANN					ROSARY FOR LIFE
4:00 PM	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM						CALLED TO COMMUNION
4:30 PM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	MASTERPIECE DONUT SHOP	WE ARE CATHOLIC	MY TIME WITH JESUS	CAT CHAT	BUGTIME ADVENTURES	
5:00 PM	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHOICES WE FACE	CONVERSATIONS FROM THE WORLD OVER SHOW	BOB & PENNY LORE PRESENT	A FORCE FOR GOOD	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE
5:30 PM	PASSIONIST SUNDAY MASS	SPECIALS					THE 4TH CUP
6:00 PM	MASS AND SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST ANN	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)					FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM
6:30 PM		CATHOLICS COME HOME	REAL LIFE CATHOLICS	CHURCH UNIVERSAL	VATICANO	SAVORING OUR FAITH	CHURCH AND POOR
7:00 PM		MASS AND SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST ANN					DAILY MASS
7:30 PM	THE JOURNEY HOME						
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 #2	THE CHOICES WE FACE	FOCUS	LIVE WITH PASSION	SALT & LIGHT TV SISTERHOOD	
10:00 PM							
10:30 PM	EWTN SPECIALS	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (ENCORE)	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	PRO-LIFE WEEKLY	LIFE ON THE ROCK	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY
11:00 PM	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS	BATTLE READY	THE CARPENTER'S SHOP	CROSSING THE GOAL	LONG RIDE HOME	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	WEB OF FAITH 2.0
11:30 PM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	WOMEN OF GRACE					GRANDPARENTS

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Icons Arrive for New Chapel at King's



WILKES-BARRE — King's College announces two life-sized icons that will eventually be placed about the altar at the college's new Chapel of Christ the King (the former Memorial Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre) were delivered recently by Connecticut iconographer/artist Grace Zazzaro.

The icon images represent two religious figures key to King's history and mission — Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of the Holy Cross which established the Wilkes-Barre Catholic college, and the Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows, one of three patrons of the CSC congregation.

Drawn in a style blending Byzantine iconography with other influences and surrounded with 23-karat gold leaf, the icons will be blessed at a later date and ultimately head for the King's chapel at its new home in the historic

Memorial Presbyterian church on North Street, originally dedicated in 1874.

The renovated church will officially be named The Chapel of Christ the King at the George & Giovita Maffei Family Commons. The crucifix for the new chapel comes from the former Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on North Main Street in the city.

Also adorning the King's place of worship will be an altar sculpted from a block of coal in 1956 by area resident Charles Edgar Patience. The unique altar currently sits in a side meditation room in the current chapel located in the Campus Ministry Center at North Franklin and West Jackson streets.

Pictured with the icons are, from left, Holy Cross Father Thomas Looney, King's Director of Campus Ministry; Holy Cross Father John Ryan, King's President; and artist Grace Zazzaro.

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Pictured, from left, are Cathy Fitzpatrick, Grants and Scholarship Manager, Scranton Area Community Foundation; Mary Theresa Malandro, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Human Services; Sandra Snyder, Diocesan grant writer; and Laura Ducceschi, President & CEO, Scranton Area Community Foundation, administrator of Robert H. Spitz Foundation.

The Robert H. Spitz Foundation, administered by the Scranton Area Community Foundation, supported Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton with a \$7,500 grant to assist with case-management expenses in the battle against local poverty.

The grant helped Catholic Social Services increase its ability to offer one-on-one counseling services to Scranton clients who are homeless or on the verge of homelessness or eviction.

“Effective case-management services that aim to move clients toward permanent shelter and self-sufficiency as soon as possible help us make the greatest impact on those facing homelessness,” said Mary Theresa Malandro, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Human Services. “Our case managers are educated, highly trained and certified but often see their lives as a calling, and the services they provide for our most vulnerable neighbors are invaluable.”

Case management is among Catholic Social Services’ highest priorities, especially as the problem of hidden homelessness grows in Scranton.

Hidden homelessness, as opposed to visible homelessness, manifests itself off the streets and finds people in hardship staying on friends’ couches, hopping from residence to residence, sleeping in vehicles or using other temporary accommodations. With proper case management, those experiencing hidden homelessness have the possibility to become high-functioning and self-sustaining.

CSS case managers help clients create and stick to workable household budgets, open and manage bank accounts, manage rent or mortgage payments and determine the affordability of housing in relation to other expenses, identify and eliminate unnecessary expenses and make proper use of surpluses by using savings accounts.

For more information about the program, contact Steve Nocilla, Diocesan Director of Housing and Residential Programs, at 579-209-9200, ext. 2103, or snocilla@casscranton.org.



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Catholic Women Hosting Day of Reflection August 7

The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will sponsor a Retreat Day of Reflection on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at The Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, 245 Meadows Road, Mount Pocono.

The women's retreat begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 3 p.m. Monsignor Vincent Grimalia, Diocesan Coordinator for Ecumenism and Interfaith Affairs, will conduct the reflection day with its theme, “Works of Mercy.”

Mass will be celebrated during the day-long event that will also include the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions), private time, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

All Catholic women of the Diocese are invited to attend. Cost is \$35 per person and includes a continental breakfast and luncheon.

Deadline for reservations is July 30 and may be secured by forwarding payment to: Helen Oravec, 814 Theresa St., Peckville, PA 18452. Checks should be made payable to Scranton DCCW.

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Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — **JULY 19**, 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 — **JULY 19**, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; held on Fridays at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Center, adjacent to St. Lawrence Church. All are welcome.

Weekly Queen of Our Hearts Rosary Prayer Service — **JULY 20**, hosted every Saturday morning at Good Shepherd Church in Drums; group gathers weekly beginning at 3 p.m. Devotion includes recitation of the Chaplet of the Infant of Prague, the Holy Rosary, and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Prayer petitions may be submitted at the church. All faithful are welcome.

Meeting of Lay Carmelites — **JULY 20**, 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, Laflin (Pittston). For more information, contact Rose at (570-507-2373) or Chris at (570-239-8094).

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Mission Message

Go Forth

By Father Brian J.T. Clarke
Diocesan Director,
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Who is my neighbor? This question posed to Jesus by the scholar of the law is one that is relevant even now. As Jesus broadens the scholar's notion of whom he is called to love and support, we, too, are challenged to see all people as our neighbor, as those deserving of our care and concern. However, there is a troubling trend that has unfolded over a generation or so that has me concerned.

Consider this, how can we love the stranger in need of our support when those that live closest to us, literal neighbors in our communities and family and friends, rarely receive our love, or even our glance.

How many names of individuals and families do you know on your street? It seems that many of us have become rather insular in our social habits within our communities. We much prefer the secu-

rity of our backyards with high and broad privacy fences which have served their purpose well. Without a doubt, they definitely keep people out. But as much as we would want to keep out unwelcomed individuals and animals from our yards, we are also keeping out people of good will and are shutting ourselves off from meaningful relationships with people with whom we share a community.

Gone are the days of families sitting out on the front porch and sharing stories of life, being a sympathetic ear to a struggling neighbor or rejoicing with them in times of great happiness.

The truth is we make ourselves vulnerable when we come out into the open, when we move from our protected existence in the fenced in yard and come out to be seen — and, heaven forbid, be available — to our neighbors. Didn't the Good Samaritan make himself vulnerable when he went right over to the robber's victim, rather than crossing by the opposite side to avoid him altogether as the priest and the Levite did?

It is apparent that Jesus wants us to shun the insular life. He so desires that we come out of our comfort zones and encounter God's people. In challenging us

to see that each individual is our neighbor, Jesus wants to broaden our vision of our common sonship — that we are all His and that we share a beautiful common bond.

How will we notice the stranger in need when we don't bother to even make eye contact with the people who literally live next door to us? How will we be able to serve the needs of our poor neighbors when we're so apathetic to the spiritual and emotional poverty of those that live right in front of us?

And how can we be an advocate for the hopeless and bring their names into the consciousness of those who can lift their burdens, when we don't even know the name of the person whose privacy fence abuts ours? Jesus challenged the scholar of the law to "go and do likewise," to do as the Good Samaritan had done. I suspect the Good Samaritan was free to cast aside his own self-concern to help the robber's victim because he already had a heart that saw his literal neighbor as his neighbor, as is brother, as his sister.

From that flows an attitude of truly seeing each man, woman, and child as an extension of ourselves — a brother, a sister, a friend — our neighbor.

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Gathering of the Secular Discalced Carmelites — **JULY 21**, 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.

Meeting of the St. Joseph Secular Franciscan Fraternity — **JULY 21**, hosted at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laffin. Liturgy of the Hours recited at 2 p.m. in the seminary chapel. Fraternity meets regularly on the third Sunday of every month; all professed members of the Secular Franciscans and interested men and women are welcome. Anyone interested in attending may contact Jim Gaffney at (570-575-1703).

Bereavement Support Gatherings — **JULY 21 & AUG. 7**, hosted by Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Clarks Summit; support group meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10 a.m., and the third Sunday of the month, at 2 p.m., in the Gathering Room (lower level) of Our Lady of the Snows Church, 301 South State St., Clarks Summit. All are welcome; no registration is required.

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Masses & Devotions

— Hosted by Holy Name of Jesus Parish in West Hazleton; held at the parish's Church of the Transfiguration, 213 W. Green St., West Hazleton. Holy Hour and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament held from 5 to 5:45 p.m., followed by celebration of Mass at 6 p.m.

— Sponsored by the Men of the Sacred Heart; hosted at Saint Andre Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre at the parish worship site, 672 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Confessions are heard beginning at 6 p.m., followed by recitation of the Rosary and Litany of the Sacred Heart at 6:30 p.m. Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated at 7 p.m.

Pro-Life Rosary Vigil

— Held outside the offices of Planned Parenthood, 101 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre; group gathers at 9 a.m. Rosary prayers are offered for an end to abortion and closure of the Planned Parenthood facility.

Eucharistic Adorations

— Hosted by Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 1101 Willow St., Peckville; exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins following the celebration of the 7 a.m. Mass and continues until 12 noon in the chapel.

— Sponsored by the Men of the Sacred Heart; hosted each month by Queen of Heaven Parish at Our Lady of Grace Church, Hazleton. Begins with Mass at 12:05 p.m. and concludes at 4 p.m. with the Rosary, Litany of the Sacred Heart, Communion service and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

— Offered for the special intention of vocations to the priesthood; hosted by Saint Ann Basilica Parish, Saint Ann's St., West Scranton. Adoration begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass and concludes with benediction at 3:30 p.m.

Healing Masses

— Hosted by Saint Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., West Scranton, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a prelude of contemporary music and Marian hymns. Celebration of Healing Mass follows at 7 p.m. and includes anointing blessing and prayers for healing; recitation of the Rosary will also be offered, led by Adele Garofalo. Music ministry for the evening provided by Ernie Pappa.

— Hosted by Queen of the Apostles Parish, Avoca; celebrated at 7 p.m. in Saint Mary Church, 715 Hawthorne St. For more information, call the parish rectory (570) 457-3412.

Blue Army Reparation Vigil

The next monthly First Friday Reparation Vigil, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and sponsored by the Blue Army, will be held **August 2** at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, 1880 Highway 315, Laflin (Pittston).

Devotions begin Friday evening at 8 p.m. with recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, during which time confessions are heard. Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated at 8:55 p.m., followed by benediction, litany and consecration to the Sacred Heart.

The vigil continues with the crowning of the Blue Army Pilgrim Virgin Statue, the Blue Army Pledge, Fatima prayers and Marian hymns, followed by litany and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The vigil concludes with scapular enrollment at 10:15 p.m.

Prayer Requests for Priests

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

July 18, Sulpician Father Daniel Doherty; July 19, Father John Doris; July 20, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John M. Dougherty; July 21, Father Michael Drevitch; July 22, Passionist Father Brice Edwards; July 23, Father Cyril Edwards, V.E.; July 24, Father Joseph Elston; July 25, Monsignor John Esseff; July 26, Father Joseph

Evanko; July 27, Monsignor William Feldcamp; July 28, Father Samuel Ferretti; July 29, Father Michael Finn; July 30, Father Paul Fontanella; July 31, Father Richard Fox; August 1, Pope Francis; August 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; August 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; August 4, Father Martin Gaiardo; August 5, Father Andrew Gallia; August 6, Father J. Duane Gavitt. August 7, Father Anthony Generose, J.V.

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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).

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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.

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Pictured, from left, are Mark Stibitz, Anne Stibitz, Joe Brennan, Mike Cianciotta, program supervisor, Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen; Bill Leer and Joe Blain. For information about donation needs of the Wilkes-Barre soup kitchen, call (570-829-7796 ext. 301).

Spiritual Offerings

Weekly "Flame of Love" Prayer Group Meeting — JULY 22, 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. All faithful are welcome.

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).

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration — JULY 24, hosted by All Saints Parish in Plymouth; Eucharistic exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the daily chapel of the parish worship site of Nativity of the BVM Church, 66 Willow St., Plymouth.

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration — JULY 24, hosted at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laffin; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. in the seminary chapel.

Includes recitation of the Rosary and opportunity for confessions. Mass celebrated at 7 p.m., followed by Novena prayers to St. Joseph and St. Joseph Marelo, founder of the Oblates of St. Joseph religious congregation. For more information, contact the OSJ seminary at (570-654-7542).

Weekly Bible Study — JULY 24, hosted by Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge; weekly sessions offered on Wednesdays from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at St. Lawrence Church, Main St., Old Forge. Guest facilitator: JoAnn Wilbur. All faithful are welcome; refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration — JULY 24, hosted by Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Tunkhannock; exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament offered every Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. in Nativity BVM Church, 99 East Tioga St., Tunkhannock. All faithful are welcome. For more information, call (570-881-9916).

Weekly Divine Mercy Devotion — JULY 24, hosted by St. Lawrence Parish in Great Bend; Hour of Mercy devotion held every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in St. Lawrence Church. All faithful are welcome.

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Spiritual Support Group:
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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).

Scranton Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Family & Friends — **AUG. 8**, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for parents, family members and friends of individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener at the Cathedral, (570-344-7231).

Monthly Meeting of the Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic — **AUG. 11**, 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 catholichome schoolmom@hotmail.com.

Evening of Marian Devotion — **AUG. 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 St. Ann's Basilica in West Scranton. 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.



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All conference sessions for this 36th annual Charismatic Renewal gathering will be held in the university's Byron Center, and meals for the attendees will be served in the nearby DeNaples Center Cafeteria.

On-site weekend registration for the CCR event is \$65 person. Single-day and partial-day registrations will also be available throughout the weekend in the lobby of the John Long Center on the U of S campus.

Weekend schedule for the conference is as follows:

FRIDAY — 5 p.m., Travelers' Mass (First Friday); **5 to 7 p.m.**, Dinner; **7 to 10 p.m.**, Worship & Session 1: "Healing Increases Our Faith and Hope," presented by Father Raymond Francis.

SATURDAY — 6:30 to 9 a.m., Breakfast; **9 to 11:30 a.m.**,

Worship & Session 2: "Healing in the Ministry of Jesus," Dr. Mary Healey; Session 3: "Spiritual Healing is a Priority," Patrick Reis; **11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Lunch;

2 to 5 p.m., Worship & Session 4: "Healing and Evangelization in the Church," Patrick Reis; Mass: Celebrant, Father Gus Ricciardi; Homilist, Father Raymond Francis;

5 to 7:30 p.m., Dinner; **7:30 to 10 p.m.**, Worship & Session 5: "Receiving the Healing Jesus," Dr. Mary Healey; Ministry Time, Adoration & Benediction.

SUNDAY — 6:30 to 9 a.m., Breakfast; **7 a.m.**, Travelers' Mass; **9 to 11 a.m.**, Worship & Session 6: "The Role of Healing in the New Evangelization," Father Raymond Francis; Session 7: "Missionary Disciples as Instruments of Healing," Bob Valiante;

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Lunch; **1:30 p.m.**, Closing Mass: Celebrant, Scranton Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John M. Dougherty; Homilist, Father Jeffry Dillon.

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Pig Roast & Barn Dance — **JULY 20**, sponsored by the Juventutem Scranton youth ministry group from St. Michael's Parish in Scranton; event held from 2 to 8 p.m. at Scranton's Nay Aug Park. Featuring complete pig roast dinner, games, and live entertainment provided by an Irish fiddle band, and Barn Dancing with caller. Admission cost: \$15 per person; \$40 per family (children ages five and younger admitted free); tickets

must be purchased in advance. For more information, call (570-815-1141) or email: juventutemscranton@gmail.com.

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. 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.

18th Annual Lebanese-American Food Festival — **AUG. 9-11**, hosted by St. Joseph Melkite

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UPCOMING PICNICS

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18, 19, 20 — St. Nicholas, Wilkes-Barre, church/school grounds, 226 South Washington St.

18, 19, 20 — St. Eulalia's, Roaring Brook Township, church grounds, 214 Blue Shutters Road, Elmhurst.

19, 20 — St. Barbara's, Exeter, parish center grounds, Erie St., Exeter.

19, 20, 21 — Holy Name of Jesus, West Hazleton, Transfiguration Church grounds, 213 West Green St., West Hazleton.

19, 20, 21 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Hanover Township, church grounds, 420 Main Road.

26, 27, 28 — St. Maria Goretti, Laflin, church grounds, Laflin Road.

26, 27, 28 — Christ the King, Archbald, St. Mary of Czestochowa Church grounds, Eynon.

27, 28 — St. Luke's, Stroudsburg, parish grounds, Ninth & Main streets.

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1, 2, 3 — St. Robert Bellarmine, Wilkes-Barre, St. Aloysius Church grounds, Barney & Division streets, Wilkes-Barre.

1, 2, 3 — Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupont, church grounds, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont.

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Catholic Happenings

Chicken Barbecue & Basket Raffle — **AUG. 11**, sponsored by Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge; held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of Arcaro and Genell Restaurant, located on Main St., Old Forge. Take-out dinners available, with limited outside seating. Dinner includes half of barbecued chicken, pasta salad, corn on the cob, roll and dessert. Cost: \$10 per person; dinner order deadline: Aug. 1. For advance ticket information, call Francis at (570-451-0112). Walk-ins are limited.

Seventh Annual Parish Golf Outing — **AUG. 18**, sponsored by St. Monica Parish in West Wyoming, to benefit projects of the parish's Christian Society; hosted at Four Seasons Golf Club in Exeter. Begins with registration at 12 noon, followed by tournament play at 1 p.m.

Cost: \$55 per person, includes raffle drawings, prizes, on-course refreshments and awards dinner at St. Monica parish hall. Registrations available following all weekend Masses; deadline is Aug. 14. For more information, sponsorships and donations, call Howard Kelley (570-574-1677) or John Piszak (570-313-8586).

Annual Festival for the Intellectually Disabled — **AUG. 18**, sponsored by the local Alhambra Caravan (No. 4) of Alhambra, an international Catholic group of men and women dedicated to serving persons with special needs; held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Plains American Veterans Pavilion in Plains (Wilkes-Barre). Open to the public free of charge. For reservations or for volunteer information, contact Ray Kownacki, Grand Advocate, at (570-823-2894).

Who makes house calls?

As of October 2015, I will now meet clients either at their home, or at a location they choose and no longer require clients to meet at my office. I have decided that I would change the way I meet with people so it will be as easy and as convenient as possible for the client.

Based on my practice, which consists of estate planning and administration along with elder law, I find that clients are more comfortable discussing such matters in familiar surroundings. While I know this may seem unconventional to some, I believe I will be able to serve clients much better in this fashion.

If anyone is uncomfortable with home visits, I have a few locations where I can meet in an office setting. I look forward to meeting with my existing clients and especially meeting new clients that are looking for any assistance in estate or elder law matters.



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UPCOMING PICNICS

AUGUST

2, 3 — Our Lady of Victory, Tannersville, church grounds, 327 Cherry Lane Road.

2, 3 — Annunciation, Hazleton, St. Gabriel Church grounds, 122 South Wyoming St., Hazleton.

2, 3, 4 — St. Mary's Byzantine, Wilkes-Barre, parish hall & grounds.

8, 9, 10 — St. John the Evangelist, Pittston, church grounds, Church & Broad streets.

9, 10, 11 — St. John the Baptist, Larksville, parish grounds, 126 Nesbitt St.

9, 10, 11 — St. Jude's, Mountain Top, parish grove, 420 South Mountain Blvd.

9, 10, 11 — St. Matthew's, East Stroudsburg, parish grounds, 78 Ridgeway St.

9, 10, 11 — Most Precious Blood (La Madonna del Monte Festival), Hazleton, parish grounds.

9, 10, 11 — SS. Anthony & Rocco, Dunmore, St. Rocco Church grounds, 122 Kurtz St., Bunker Hill section.

11 — St. Augustine's, St. Brigid Parish at Neumann Hall, Route 267, Choconut.

15, 16, 17 — St. John Neumann, Scranton, Nativity of Our Lord Church grounds, 633 Orchard St., South Scranton.

16, 17, 18 — Blessed Sacrament, Throop, parish grounds, 215 Rebecca St.

17 — St. Juliana's, Rock Lake, church grounds, Route 247-North (Creamton Drive).

17, 18 — Queen of Heaven (St. Mauro Festival), Hazleton, parish grounds, 750 North Vine St., Hazleton.

For the complete up-to-date picnic listing,
visit: **www.dioceseofscranton.org**

SOLEMN NOVENA

IN HONOR OF

St. Ann

JULY 17 to 26, 2019

PREACHERS: FR. JACK CONLEY C.P., & FR. RICK FRECHETTE, C.P.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS

After 8 & 11:45 A.M. Masses
After 5:30 & 7:30 P.M. Masses & at 3:30 P.M.

DIVINE LITURGY - BYZANTINE RITE

Tuesday, July 23, 4:30 P.M.

DAILY MASSES

7, 8 and 11:45 A.M.; 5:30 and 7:30 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

Before all Masses and after all Services

MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Friday, July 19, 1:30 P.M.

CHILDREN'S MASS & NOVENA PRAYERS

Saturday, July 20, 10:00 A.M.;

Special Blessing for Families and Grandparents

SUNDAY JULY 21, 2019

MASSES

8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:45 A.M.
5:30 P.M. & 7:30 P.M.

1:30 P.M. in **TAMIL** Language
in Upper Basilica

NOVENA DEVOTIONS

After 8:00 A.M. & 11:45 A.M. Masses

After 5:30 & 7:30 P.M. Masses

and at 3:30 P.M. (Devotions Only)

SAINT ANN'S FEAST DAY FRIDAY, JULY 26

CONFESSIONS 4:00 AM

MASSES & DEVOTIONS 4:30 AM,
6:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM,
10:00 AM, 11:45 AM, 5:30 PM, 7:30 PM

DEVOTIONS ONLY 3:30PM

LANGUAGE SERVICE

1:15 PM - **POLISH** in Upper Basilica

BLESSINGS WITH RELIC OF ST. ANN AFTER EACH DEVOTION

All-Night Adoration: Eve of the Feast, 9 p.m., to First Feast Day Mass at 4:30 a.m.

SOLEMN CLOSING FRIDAY, JULY 26, AT 7:30 P.M.

Pontifical Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

• CTV COVERAGE •

The Annual Solemn Novena to Saint Ann being held from July 17-26 at Saint Ann's Monastery in Scranton, PA, will be broadcast on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton, weekdays at 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

The Closing Ceremony being held on Friday evening, July 26, will air on CTV on Tuesday, July 30 at 8:00 p.m., and Wednesday, July 31, at 10 a.m.

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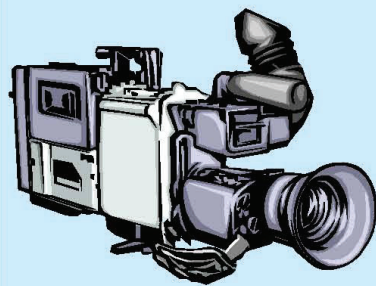
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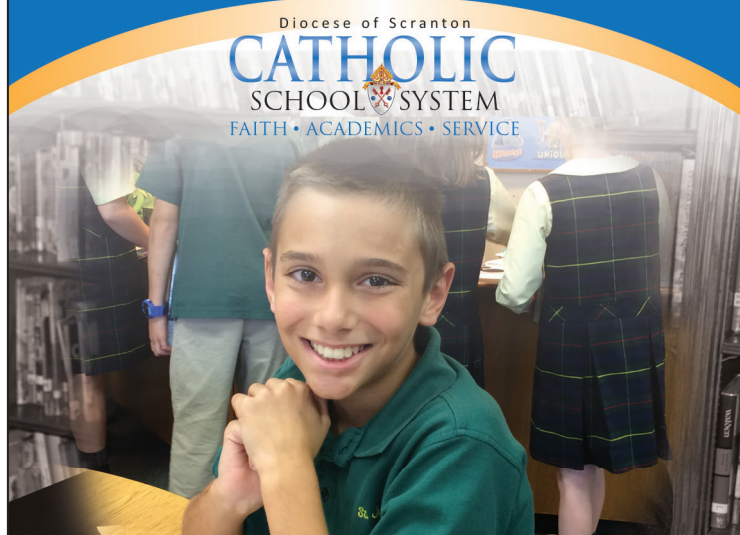
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