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U.S. bishops take action to respond to church abuse crisis



Bishops from across the country gather for the first day of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops General Meeting on June 11, 2019 in Baltimore. (CNS photo/Bob Roller)



Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, president of the USCCB looks on at the conclusion of the second day of the spring general assembly.



Bishop Felipe de Jesus Estevez of St. Augustine, Fla., and other prelates cross themselves during morning prayer.

BALTIMORE (CNS) -- During the June 11-13 spring assembly of the U.S. bishops in Baltimore, it was clear the bishops had to respond to the sexual abuse crisis in the church -- and on the last day of their gathering they approved a series of procedures to begin this process.

On June 13, they voted to implement the document "Vos Estis Lux Mundi" ("You are the light of the world"), issued by Pope Francis in May to help the Catholic Church safeguard its members from abuse and hold its leaders accountable.

The bishops also approved the document "Acknowledging Our Episcopal Commitments" and promised to hold themselves accountable to the commitments of the charter, including a zero-tolerance policy for abuse. The document says any codes of conduct in their respective dioceses regarding clergy apply to bishop as well.

They voted in favor of the item "protocol regarding available non-penal restrictions on bishops," which outlines what canonical options are available to bishops when a retired bishop resigns or is removed "due to sexual misconduct with adults or grave negligence of office, or where subsequent to his resignation he was found to have so acted or failed to act."

Their first action was a vote June 12 to authorize the implementation of a third-party system that would allow people to make confidential reports of abuse complaints against bishops through a toll-free telephone number and online. The system, which would be operated by an outside vendor contracted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, should be in place no later than May 31, 2020.

During the first day of the assembly, several speakers discussed the challenge ahead and the need for the bishops to be both transparent and reliant upon lay leadership. The bishops also examined their plans to vote on procedures and policies in response to the abuse crisis, including some they had put aside during their fall general assembly in November at the Vatican's request.

The bishops' postponement of voting on these procedures was addressed from the meeting's onset June 11 in a message from Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Vatican's nuncio to the United States.

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Quo Vadis Days marks milestone of five years of faith and fellowship



Quo Vadis Days is a summer camp for high school students which includes dynamic talks, sports, activities, prayer, small group discussion, interaction with priests and seminarians and a visit from Bishop Bambera. Nearly 40 students attended *Quo Vadis Days* this week.

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Bishops overwhelmingly approve several

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He noted that there were “some expressions of ‘dissent’” by some U.S. bishops at the previous assembly about postponing votes on items related to the reemergent clergy sexual abuse crisis, but he also stressed that “unity prevails over conflict.”

“Working together provides us with the opportunity to speak and to listen,” said the message from Archbishop Pierre, read by Msgr. Walter Erbi, charge d’affaires at the Vatican’s nunciature in Washington. Archbishop Pierre was at the Vatican for a nuncio meeting.

Archbishop Pierre’s message said that despite the desire among U.S. bishops in November to act quickly to address new crises on clergy sex abuse, the postponement of the votes on the issue allowed the U.S. church to participate more fully at the Vatican’s February summit on the protection of minors.

“One of the reasons the Holy Father asked for a delay was that the whole church needed to walk together, to work in a synodal way,” Archbishop Pierre said, “with the guidance of the Holy Spirit to make the path forward clearer.”

Moving forward was certainly a theme of the assembly, echoed by National Review Board chairman Francesco Cesareo June 11, who called for a greater role for laity in investigating allegations of abuse or reaction to reports of abuse against bishops.

Cesareo also said National Review Board members recommend a thorough review of the “Charter for the Protection of



Judy M. Keane, director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office of Public Affairs, calls on a reporter during a news conference June 13, 2019. Pictured on the press panel are Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Va., Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin of Newark, N.J., and Bishop Robert P. Deeley of Portland, Maine. (CNS photo/Bob Roller)

Children and Young People” and a revision in the audit process regarding diocesan implementation of the charter, which governs the church’s response to clergy abuse allegations.

“A strengthened audit would provide a means for improving your dioceses’ existing methods to protect and heal,” Cesareo said. “Virtually all your dioceses, including those where problems came to light under the microscope of the media and attorney generals, have easily passed the audit for years, since the bar currently is so low. Now is the time to raise the bar on compliance to ensure the mistakes of the past are not repeated.”

Cesareo also recommended that the charter “should be revised immediately to explicitly include bishops and demand for

greater accountability.”

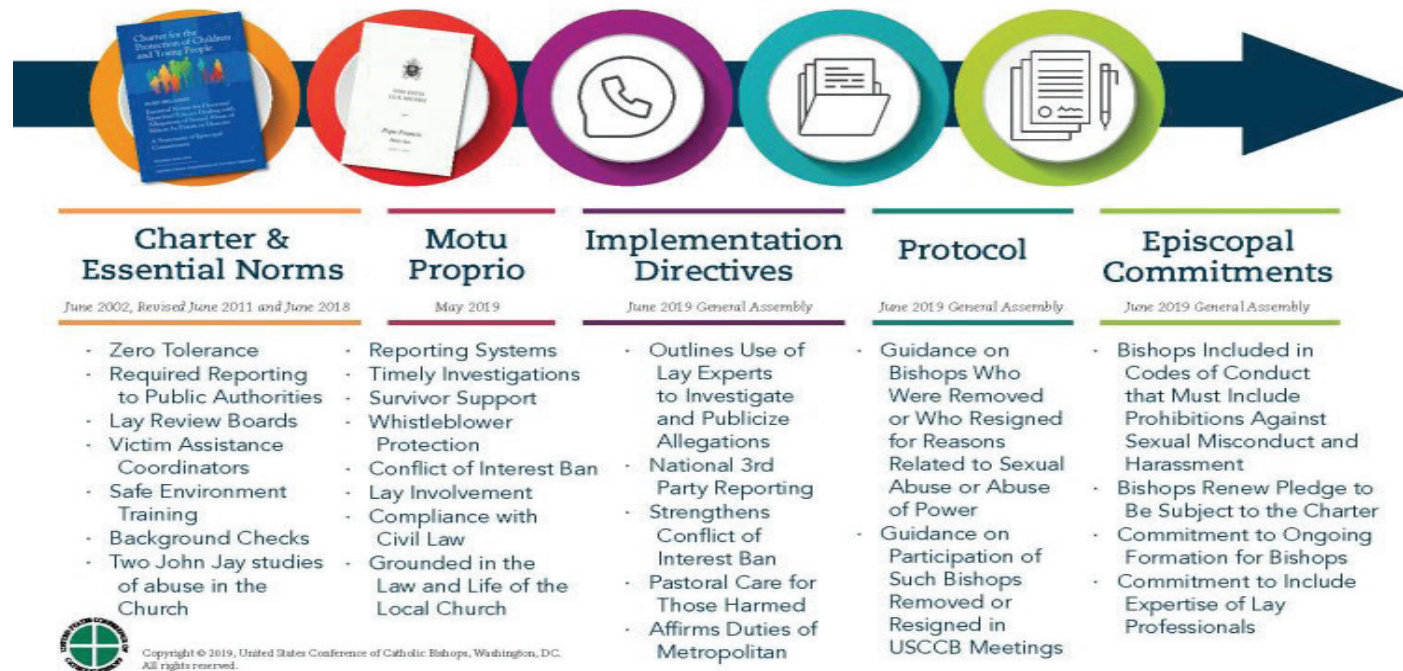
“You have a great opportunity,” he said, “to lead by example and help show dioceses and episcopal conferences around the world not only how important it is for lay involvement to ensure greater accountability and transparency, but also how laity and the episcopacy can be co-responsible for the church’s well-being.”

Both the National Review Board and the National Advisory Council pressed the bishops to encourage Vatican officials to release documents regarding the investigation of misconduct by Theodore E. McCarrick, the former cardinal who was laicized earlier this year. The allegations against him were made public nearly a year ago on June 20, 2018.

The bishops also discussed the

Committed to Accountability ONGOING STEPS

“Be diligent in these matters, be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to everyone.”
(1 Tim 4:15)



key measures to address child safety and protection

upcoming election, the crisis at the border and the issue of young adults leaving the church.

They were urged to do more to support the suffering of immigrant families, to be with them spiritually as pastors and to voice support for legal measures to help them.

“It’s so important that our works match our words on this issue,” said Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento, California, June 11 after a presentation by the working group on immigration issues for the USCCB.

Two bishop members of the group, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles and Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of Austin, Texas, gave an update of what the U.S. church is doing at the national level and in certain regions of the country on immigration issues.

Bishop Vasquez urged the group to “redouble efforts to offer spiritual support and access to legal and social services to affected families,” saying it is “vital that they feel supported by the church during this time of uncertainty.”

Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron of Los Angeles, chairman of the bishops’ Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, spoke about an upcoming presentation at the fall meeting on how to respond to the growing number of young people leaving the church.

He said getting the religiously unaffiliated, or “nones,” particularly young people, back to the Catholic Church, should be a top priority for the church, noting that 50% of Catholics age 30 and younger have left the church.

“Half the kids that we baptized and confirmed in the last 30 years are now ex-Catholics or unaffiliated,” he said, and “one out of six millennials in the U.S. is now a former Catholic.”

In anticipation of the 2020 presidential election, the U.S. bishops’ quadrennial document that provides guidance to voters on Catholic social teaching won’t change, but it will be supplemented by a brief letter and four 90-second videos that reflect the teaching of Pope Francis, the bishops were told.

A small group of no more than 10 protesters stood in largely silent protest June

11 outside the hotel where the meeting was taking place. One of the group’s demands was that the bishops report abuse claims first to law enforcement.

“We don’t think the church can police themselves,” said Becky Ianni, director of Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests for the Washington area.

At the bishops’ Mass at the end of the first day of the spring assembly, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston and president of the USCCB, spoke about the challenges faced by early Christians and urged the bishops to follow the example of Barnabas in the Acts of the Apostles who was respected and trusted.

“Today we honor Barnabas in our desire to do God’s will and to do it carefully and with discretion but also with what the Holy Father calls boldness -- apostolic boldness,” he said.

On the meeting’s final day, the bishops also approved wording to keep treatment of the death penalty in the U.S. Catechism for Adults in line with the revised universal catechism.

During the second day of their meeting, the bishops met by regions and provinces in the morning. In the afternoon, they not only voted on the national hotline, but they also approved by electronic vote:

-- Strategic priorities for the 2021-24 USCCB Strategic Plan, in a provisional vote.

-- The second edition of the National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States for use in U.S. dioceses.

-- An update to texts last changed in 2003 for the ordination of clergy. The action still requires confirmation by the Vatican.

The bishops also gave their assent by voice vote for the Diocese of Marquette, Michigan, to continue to pursue the sainthood cause of Irving “Francis” C. Houle, a man from Michigan who was said to have received the stigmata 16 years before he died in 2009, but who well before that had “many extraordinary physical and spiritual healings” attributed to him, according to a biography.

Four new policies were approved during the June USCCB Meeting

- Voting to implement the document “Vos Estis Lux Mundi” (“You are the light of the world”) which was issued by Pope Francis in May to help the Catholic Church safeguard its members from abuse and hold its leaders accountable.
- Approving the document “Acknowledging Our Episcopal Commitments,” in which bishops affirmed the commitments they made at ordination, including the commitment to respond directly and appropriately to cases of sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable persons.
- Voting for a protocol regarding non-penal restrictions on bishops which outlines what canonical options are available to bishops when a retired bishop resigns or is removed “due to sexual misconduct with adults or grave negligence of office, or where subsequent to his resignation he was found to have so acted or failed to act.”
- Establishing an independent third-party reporting system to accept abuse allegations confidentially, by phone or online. A more detailed proposal for the third-party reporting system, including financial and structural elements, is in the planning process. The reporting system would begin no later than May 31, 2020 but bishops are hoping it can be available sooner.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Diocese of Scranton is committed to protecting its young people and ensuring that the local Church of Scranton continues to address issues of child sexual abuse with vigilance and fidelity.

I attended the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Meeting earlier this month and voted in favor of all four new policies and procedures that were proposed during the meeting. While the revelations of the last year have rightfully angered and outraged many, the overwhelming majority votes by the bishops on all four initiatives shows our collective desire to keep our young people safe.

Throughout the conference, the underlying issue in my mind was the respect and treatment of those survivors who may have not been believed, ignored or even shamed when they came forward with their claims in the past.

For me, one of the documents approved, Affirming Our Episcopal Commitments, was especially important and significant.

In that document, I affirmed once more the commitments I made when I was ordained your bishop, including the commitment to respond directly and appropriately to cases of sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable persons.

Please understand I take this responsibility seriously. They are not just words on a piece of paper.

In the same document, I also re-committed myself to including the help of lay men and women whose professional backgrounds are indispensable. The Diocese of Scranton has been doing this since before the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People” went into effect in 2002. The involvement of the laity in our Diocese, especially the Diocesan Review Board (which is made up of a majority of lay persons) has been both consoling and helpful.

I fully understand that, as bishops and a Church, our level of credibility has been challenged. When we say we are committed to this work, we are going to need to show it. These new policies and procedures are just the latest in a series of steps the Church has taken to respond to the sin and crime of sexual abuse.

As a Diocese, we welcome the opportunity to talk with anyone on the work of the Church to address abuse situations and to develop a shared understanding of the work that remains.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ *Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton



Upcoming VIRTUS Training

July 9

Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish
Kington
6:00 p.m.

September 8

Saint Luke Parish
Stroudsburg
1:00 p.m.

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Quo Vadis Days mark five year milestone

Camp provides faith and fellowship for high school students

DALLAS -- Spending several days away from home on a college campus can be intimidating for any high school student, but for nearly 40 students, it has been a life changing event this week.

The Diocesan Vocations Office once again hosted *Quo Vadis Days* at Misericordia University June 23-26.

"From my experience, *Quo Vadis* is a great opportunity for a lot of high schoolers and young adults to just come together and have a lot of fellowship together. We have a lot of sports, a lot of group activities and overall it's just us trying to get closer to God," Paul Binner, a senior at Tunkhannock Area High School said.

Binner, who is an altar server and sings in the choir at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, says the best part of the week is about making new friends.

"You start seeing familiar faces. You develop relationships," Binner said.

Max Vega of Towanda, a high school senior and parishioner at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, agrees.

"I get to be with other guys around my age and we all get to connect to God in ways we've never felt before," Vega said.

Vega has been coming to *Quo Vadis* for three summers. When he started, he admits he was shy but says all of the team-building activities have helped him grow personally.

"Once I broke that shyness that I had, it was the most fun I've ever had and I had to come back again," Vega said.

The goal of *Quo Vadis Days* is to bring together men of high school age who are committed to their Catholic faith and actively involved in the life of their parishes and schools.

Quo Vadis – which means "Where are you going?" – poses the question that every person faces as their life unfolds and they make decisions about their vocation, be it as a single or married person, or someone called to serve as a priest or religious.

"God is always initiating a relationship with us, even if we're not paying attention!"



Bishop Bambera poses with the high school students, volunteers, seminarians and Diocesan priests who attended Quo Vadis Days at Misericordia University on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. (Photos/Mike Melisky)

Father Joseph Evanko, an assistant vocation director, said during a small group discussion on Monday.

Father Evanko used sports analogies to help the students understand that the decisions they make in life are always bigger than themselves.

"The game is always bigger, the reality is always bigger...Life is about more than 'me,'" Father Evanko said.

During *Quo Vadis Days*, campers get to interact with seminarians, young adult volunteers, assistant vocation directors and priests from around the Diocese of Scranton. The students engage in small group discussions, games, prayer, sports, activities, music, liturgy and much more.

"I have always questioned whether or not I should become a priest or not because I honestly have no idea what I want to do with my future. I was thinking about doing economics and if not, priesthood," Matthew Kreciewski of Effort said.

A parishioner at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Brodheadsville, Kreciewski says he likes being able to occasionally ask the Diocese's young priests and seminarians

about their personal journey.

"Everything is laid back," Kreciewski said.

There is no pressure during the four day camp.

"Do not think of this as a priest camp because that's what some people coming into it are like...here they go, they're going to tell us to go into the priesthood. That's not what this is!" Kreciewski said.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera visited on Tuesday for an outdoor cookout and a question-and-answer session with the participants.

For more information about the *Quo Vadis* program, please call (570) 207-1452.



Students enjoy playing sports, including frisbee, during Quo Vadis Days.



Above: Students take part in the celebration of Mass, while many also served as singers, musicians and lectors for the services.



Bishop Bambera participates in a question-and-answer session with the students after dinner on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

Don't take a summer break from your faith...Join XLT!



Dozens of people turned out for a night of prayer, music and more at Christ the King Parish in Archbald on Monday, June 17, 2019. All are welcome to come and join us for the monthly XLT (Exalt!) gatherings which feature Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship music and a social.

The next gathering is scheduled for **Monday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m.** at Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis Street in Scranton. For info: Call (570) 780-2996.



Father Don Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians (left) and Monsignor David Bohr, Diocesan Secretary for Clergy Formation welcome David Pirolli.

Congratulations to David Pirolli who was accepted by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera as a seminarian for the Diocese of Scranton. He will begin in the fall at Cathedral Seminary House of Formation.

Pirolli is a member of Saint Jude Parish in Mountain Top. He has been involved and attended Quo Vadis Days, XLT, International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI), Diocesan Day of Service, #LeaveaMark, Up and Over, Come and See weekend retreats, National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), World Youth Day and more!

Let us all pray for him as he continues to discern God's call!

Rite of Candidacy celebrated for Seminarian



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera recently celebrated a Mass and the Rite of Candidacy for seminarian Mark DeCelles.

Candidacy marks a seminarian's public announcement of his intention to be ordained and the Church's acceptance of him as a candidate for Holy Orders, affirming that his vocation is authentic and he possesses the qualities necessary for the ordained ministry.

Pictured are (L to R): Mildred DeCelles, mother of Mark DeCelles, Bishop Bambera and Mark DeCelles.

Father Cipriano Passes Away

OLD FORGE — Bishop Joseph C. Bambera was principal celebrant of a Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Father Joseph F. Cipriano on June 21 at Prince of Peace Parish. Father Cipriano, Pastor Emeritus of Saint Mary of the Assumption Church, Old Forge, and a former resident of Villa Saint Joseph, died at Allied Services Hospice Center on June 16.

Father Cipriano, son of the late Rocco and Philomena DeVito Cipriano, was born in Scranton on April 29, 1932. He received his early education in Scranton public schools, and his high school education at Saint Paul's High School, Scranton. He attended the University of Scranton and continued his studies for the priesthood at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md. He was ordained on May 23, 1959 in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, by the Most Reverend Jerome D. Hannan, D.D., late Bishop of Scranton.

Father Cipriano served as assistant pastor at the parishes of Saint Elizabeth, Bear Creek;



Rev. Joseph F. Cipriano

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Carbondale; Holy Rosary, Wilkes Barre; Our Lady of Grace, Hazleton; Immaculate Conception Church, West Pittston; and Saint Mary of the Assumption, Old Forge.

On September 6, 1977, Father Cipriano returned to his home parish of Saint Rocco in Dunmore to begin serving in his first pastoral assignment.

Seven years later, on September 6, 1984, Father received the pastorate of Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, Old Forge, where he served until

his retirement and appointment as Pastor Emeritus on July 10, 2007.

In addition to his parochial duties, Father Cipriano also served as Dean of the Old Forge Deanery.

In his younger days, Father Cipriano was an accomplished boxer. It was a sport that he thoroughly enjoyed. He was also a catcher for St. Paul's in Scranton. It was a position he played during his baseball days at the University of Scranton as well. Father Cipriano faithfully served the Diocese of Scranton, recently observing his 60th Anniversary of ordination.

Father Cipriano is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and great grandnieces and great grandnephews; and a sister-in-law, Ellen Cipriano, of Dunmore.

He was preceded in death by eight siblings; Frances Golden, Mary Ardoline, John Cipriano, Louis Cipriano, Rocco Cipriano, Benjamin Cipriano, Michael Cipriano and Anthony Cipriano.

Entombment was held at Cathedral Cemetery, Scranton.

Father Washington Elevated to Monsignor

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera was recently informed that His Holiness, Pope Francis, has named Reverend Christopher T. Washington, a priest of the Diocese of Scranton, a Chaplain of His Holiness, with the rank and title of Monsignor.

Monsignor Washington has been serving in the Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See for the past four years. During the period of preparation for this service, he studied International Law at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, Rome, and obtained a Doctorate in both Theology and Canon Law.



Monsignor Christopher Washington

He is fluent in the foreign languages of Italian, Spanish and French.

A Wilkes-Barre native son who was ordained for his home Diocese in 2006, Monsignor Washington began his diplomatic service in July 2015, when he was

appointed by Pope Francis to serve as Deputy Head of Mission of the Apostolic Nunciature (Embassy of the Holy See) in Bolivia.

Following the completion of the three-year appointment, he was named to the same position at the Apostolic Nunciature in Lithuania, which also encompasses Latvia and Estonia.

"I am truly humbled and grateful to the Holy Father," expressed the new Monsignor upon learning of the nomination. "(I realize) when one is honored, all are honored, so this recognition belongs to the entire Diocese of Scranton."



Bishop Bambera celebrated a Mass for priests who are observing their 60th, 50th and 25th years of ordination on Thursday, June 20 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. Pictured after the Mass are, from left: Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., Vicar General of the Diocese; Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, V.E., Episcopal Vicar for Clergy (25 years); Father Louis A. Grippe (50 years); Bishop Bambera; Monsignor Constantine V. Siconolfi (60 years); Reverend Daniel J. Doherty S.S. (25 years); Reverend Joseph M. Horanzy (60 years). Jubilarians who did not attend the Mass are Reverend Raymond L. Deviney (60 years); Reverend Kenneth G. Kizis (60 years); Reverend Albert E. Oldfield (60 years); Reverend Joseph A. Greskiewicz (50 years); and Monsignor John W. Jordan (50 years).

Bishop honors Carmelite Sisters for 45 years of service



Bishop Bambera honored and thanked the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm for 45 years of service to the Diocese of Scranton on Thursday, June 6, 2019. On June 30, the three Sisters living and ministering at Little Flower Manor, Saint Therese Residence and Saint Luke's Villa will transition to new assignments as part of the planned sale of the long-term care facilities. Since 1975, the Sisters have provided unwavering administrative and mission support, along with compassionate, loving care to our residents.

Pictured are, front row, from left: Sister Monica Toussaint, O.Carm., Sister Barbara Maloy, O.Carm., Bishop Bambera, and Sister Maureen Carroll, O.Carm. Back row: Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, V.E., and Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

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

Most Reverend John M. Dougherty, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Scranton, to Administrator, *Pro Tem*, Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Jermyn, effective June 21, 2019.

Reverend Stephen A. Krawontka, from Senior Priest, Saint Jude Parish, Mountain Top, and Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish, Dorrance, to Pastor, Ascension Parish, Forest City, and Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, Pleasant Mount, effective July 15, 2019.

Reverend Francis Landry, C.P. from Pastor, Saint Ann Basilica Parish, Scranton, to Leave of Absence for personal reasons, effective June 17, 2019.

Reverend Sibi Padinjaredath, C.P., from Assistant Pastor, Saint Ann Basilica Parish, Scranton, to Administrator, *Pro Tem*, Saint Ann Basilica Parish, Scranton, effective June 17, 2019.

Reverend Philbert Takyi-Nketiah, from Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana, West Africa, to Assistant Pastor, Saint Jude Parish, Mountain Top, effective July 15, 2019.

Reverend James T. Tracy, from Administrator, Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Jermyn, to retirement, effective June 21, 2019.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

June 29 - Mass at Saint Lawrence Parish
South Williamsport, 4:00 p.m.

June 29 - Mass at Saint Boniface Parish
Williamsport, 6:00 p.m.

June 30 - Wedding Anniversary Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 2:30 p.m.

July 7 - Blessing of the Altar and Mass
Saint Mary of the Lake Parish, Lake Winola, 9:00 a.m.

July 8 - Vocations Golf Tournament
Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, Mountain Top

July 9 - International Student Leadership Institute
Misericordia University, Dallas, 6:30 p.m.

July 11 - Mass of Remembrance
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 7:00 p.m.

July 13 - Mass at Most Precious Blood Parish
Hazleton, 4:00 p.m.

July 13 - Mass at Queen of Heaven Parish
Hazleton, 5:30 p.m.

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

BIG need for Big Brothers Big Sisters

More than 300 local kids on waiting list for mentors

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

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a nationally recognized mentoring program which has been in existence for more than 100 years. In Northeastern Pennsylvania, under the name Big Brothers Big Sisters of The Bridge, it has been in place since 1974. Over the past 45 years, it has helped match thousands of children with caring adults that have tried to make a difference in their lives.

Those that work closely with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, such as Jenna Sargent Thorn, program manager of Big Brothers Big Sisters of The Bridge, say that its positive impact is undeniable and that Big Brother and Big Sister volunteers do indeed change lives.

“Having a mentor gives our children the opportunity to engage with a community member who cares about them,” says Thorn. “It’s someone who can help steer our kids in the right direction. It’s all about engagement and learning new things. There are a lot of opportunities for the children to do things that they wouldn’t normally get to do, to help expand their world, and to help them think bigger. With a Big Brother or Big Sister, they come to realize their potential.”

Big Brothers Big Sisters of The Bridge is a program of Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton. It serves children from the ages of seven to 17. According to studies, it works. Children with a Big Brother or Big Sister will do better in school. They will have higher self-esteem. They will be less likely to experiment with alcohol and drugs and they will be more likely to go on to higher education.

In the Diocese of Scranton, the program serves children in Luzerne, Wyoming, Monroe and Lycoming counties. There are currently 118 Big Brother/Big Sister matches in the program. There are also, however, more than 309 children on the waiting list,



Left: Jenna Sargent Thorn is not only the program manager of Big Brothers Big Sisters of The Bridge but she is also a Big Sister volunteer.

Right: Suzanne Kapral and her Little, Harley, have been matched for two years.



hoping to find a new Big Brother or Big Sister mentor. The waiting list, says Thorn, is the part of the job that frustrates her the most.

“It breaks my heart that there are kids out there whose families reach out for help, and they feel empowered to reach out, but we can’t offer them what they want,” Thorn says. “It weighs very heavily on us. Sometimes, you think about how many children that is - more than 300 - and it would be like an entire auditorium full of kids. You think about the potential that’s in that room, and what that might develop into, if each of them were given the extra resource of having a mentor!”

One reason that some might be reluctant to become a Big Brother or Big Sister volunteer is because of the misconception that it’s very time-consuming. Volunteer mentors are only asked to try and spend an hour or two per week with their match. Unlike other volunteer opportunities, the schedule is flexible. Whatever day and time works best for the volunteer is fine. All that matters is that the Big and Little spend some time together.

Suzanne Kapral of Kingston is a Big Sister and has been matched with her Little, Harley, for the past two years. She says she would recommend the program to anyone that’s ever considered becoming a Big.

“My experience as a Big Sister has actually exceeded any expectations that I had,” says Kapral. “I knew that I wanted to be involved as a Big Sister, and serve in the role of a mentor, and a friend, and a guide. But what I find so wonderful is that I get as much from Harley, and spending time with her, as she receives from me. It’s a terrific match for us both.”

Kapral, who works at Hillside Farms in Shavertown, Luzerne County, says that Harley sometimes helps out doing light chores around the farm, which she feels gives her a sense of responsibility. Whatever they do, she says it’s always fun.

“We do all kinds of things together,” Kapral says. “It’s everything from helping her with homework, to spending time at Hillside Farms, to fun kids things – manicures, pedicures – just being girls. It’s really just helped ground me in my own life.”

Like many other children, Kapral says that Harley was on the Big Brothers Big Sisters waiting list for about a year before being matched. She hopes more adults will consider becoming a part of the program.

“You don’t have to do this for 10 hours a week,” Kapral says. “That’s not what it’s about. It’s about a time that works for you, within your schedule, and in the child’s schedule. Even if it’s only

a few hours a month, it does make a world of difference for the child. And you don’t have to spend a lot of money. These kids are just looking for quality time. Often, it’s just someone who will listen to them, and maybe share some advice and life stories. In this incredible world of technology, we’re finding that kids just want some down-time and one-on-one time, where they can just be a kid and talk to their Big. That’s still something that children are seeking.”

Thorn agrees.

“The nice thing about our mentoring services is that our matches meet at mutually convenient times,” she says. “They’re not expected to be at their Little’s door step on a certain day at a certain time and remain on a rigid schedule. They can see their ‘Little’ whenever it’s convenient for them and the family.”

Thorn speaks from experience. In addition to serving as program manager at Big Brothers Big Sisters of The Bridge, she is also a Big Sister volunteer.

“It’s just a blast,” she says. “I think back to some of the things we’d done, like going to Knoebels, and it was so much fun. When she got older, and she got her first job, she sent me a picture of her first paycheck.”

In addition to helping facilitate matches, Big Brothers Big Sisters of The Bridge also

offers quality match support which allows volunteers to interact with a professional caseworker for advice and guidance. This relationship continues throughout the duration of the match.

“Speaking from being a Big Sister, match support was critical for me,” says Thorn. “Being able to bounce ideas off of a caseworker, when I wasn’t sure how to handle something, was really helpful and, in turn, it has made me realize that we really need to be available for the Bigs, to help coach them, during their time with their Littles. Our program does that. There is great professionalism involved in maintaining engagement with our matches.”

Last year, the national office Big Brothers Big Sisters unveiled a new slogan: “Defending Potential.” Thorn says that as soon as she heard it, she loved it, and that she hopes more people in Northeastern Pennsylvania will feel such a calling.

“It sounds heroic, yet without putting the expectations on volunteers that they need to be a hero,” she says. “All they need to do is show up when they say they’re going to, and by doing that, they create a shield, a defense and a barrier between the child and the adversities that they face.

“It says, ‘Our children already have their potential. It’s our job to defend it.’”

For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters of The Bridge, call (570) 824-8756 or visit www.bbbsnepa.org

Faith Refreshed

Hundreds attend Catholic Women's Conference

SCRANTON -- People find their personal relationship with Jesus in many different ways and that is certainly the case for several of the speakers at the second annual Catholic Women's Conference, which was held on Saturday, June 22, at the University of Scranton.

As she built a successful broadcasting career in her twenties, keynote speaker Teresa Tomeo freely admits she didn't practice her faith like she should have, typically going to Church only at Christmas and Easter.

It wasn't until she unexpectedly lost her job as a TV reporter that she found her way back to Jesus.

"I knew about Jesus but I didn't have that personal relationship with him," Tomeo said.

Tomeo now has a weekday morning radio program, Catholic Connection, which is heard on more than 500 radio stations worldwide and on the internet through the EWTN Global Catholic Radio Network.

Tomeo urged the 600 women in the crowd to put God first in everything they do and submit themselves totally to him even when they don't fully understand. She also challenged attendees to eliminate the 'noise' in their life, choose their media sources wisely and do their part to evangelize in their homes and parish communities.

"Do not let the world hold you back," Tomeo said. "God will use anyone and anything to get back into your life."

God also captured the heart of featured speaker Jill Metz. Metz painted Saint Rose Venerini for the Catholic Women's Conference and she shared her personal story of faith as a Catholic convert.

"I've found a cracked door is enough for the Lord!" Metz told the crowd.

Describing challenges in her life and upbringing, Metz entered the Catholic Church in 2009 and now invites the Holy Spirit into her life each day.

"The beautiful promise of God is he makes all things new!" Metz said.

The conference began with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

The bishop used the day's Gospel, which involved Jesus talking to a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well to emphasize the conference's theme "Come to the well."

"In her personal encounter with Jesus, the (Samaritan) woman comes face to face with her own sinfulness and need for forgiveness. Then something miraculous happens: The woman comes to realize the depth of God's love for her – as she is! Suddenly, she's reconciled with God, her life is transformed, she leaves behind her water jar – the symbol of everything from her past that was so important to her but that now loses all value before the love of God!" Bishop Bambera said during his homily.

Bishop Bambera asked each woman to honestly assess what captures their time and

attention – whether it be self-pity, excessive self-care or even self-righteousness.

"May we be blessed with the wisdom, courage and faith to make these words of the Samaritan woman our own, 'Lord, give me this water so that I may never be thirsty again!'" Bishop Bambera said.

"The bishop's homily is exactly what I was looking for!" Terry Sinclair of Seattle said during the conference's lunch break. Sinclair decided to attend the conference while visiting family in northeastern Pennsylvania.

While Sinclair traveled thousands of miles to attend the conference, several parishes from across the 11 county Diocese organized bus trips to the conference.

That included Saint Luke Parish in Stroudsburg which had 25 women attend via a bus trip.

"I really didn't know what to expect but I'm getting a lot of information out of it, it's really good, it's heartwarming and brings you closer to God," Nancy Jones of Stroudsburg said.

In addition to Teresa Tomeo and Jill Metz, Sister Mercy Marie, SV, and the signing group His Own, also took part in the conference.

As the day wrapped up, attendees were encouraged to mark their calendars for Saturday, June 20, 2020 when the third annual Catholic Women's Conference is already scheduled to take place with the theme "Full of Grace."



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera celebrated Mass to open the conference with an image of Saint Rose Venerini displayed in the background.



Above Left: Keynote Speaker Teresa Tomeo addresses the conference during her first session, "Meeting Jesus at the Well."



Above Right: Guest speakers Sister Mercy Marie, SV, Sister of Life, and Jill Metz greet each other during a break in the program.

Below: The Christian music group, His Own, from Nashville performs during the opening Mass of the Women's Conference.



More than 600 women from around the Diocese of Scranton attended the second annual Catholic Women's Conference at the University of Scranton. The event featured Mass, speakers, Eucharist Adoration and a chance to pray the Rosary. The theme of this year's event was "Come to the Well." (Photos/Mike Melisky)

ANNUAL SAINT ANN'S NOVENA BEGINS JULY 17

SCRANTON — Very Rev. Passionist Father Richard Burke, rector of the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Ann and monastery that host the Solemn Novena to Saint Ann each July in West Scranton, announces the annual devotion will begin on Wednesday, July 17, and conclude on the Feast Day of Saint Ann, Friday, July 26.

Passionist Fathers Jack Conley and Rick Frechette will serve as guest preachers for this year's Solemn Novena in honor of the Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary — traditionally a special time of preaching, reflection and prayer for the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton and beyond.

Currently superior of Saint Vincent Strambi Passionist Community in Chicago, Father Jack was ordained in 1976. His parish mission ministry has taken him across America, as he continues to preach missions, retreats for clergy and religious, and special Passionist programs throughout the Western United States.

He has previously ministered as assistant retreat director in several spiritual centers, pastor of Passionist parishes in Chicago and Louisville, Ky., and as a member

of the Passionist leadership in the western part of the country.

Father Rick was ordained in 1979 and served for six years as assistant pastor of Saint Joseph Passionist Parish in Baltimore, after which he began work with the "Little Brothers and Little Sisters" international organizations, which established orphanages in Mexico, Central and South America, and Haiti.

Following several assignments throughout Central America, Father Rick began his renowned ministry in Haiti, where he founded an orphanage and has dedicated the last 30-plus years of his priestly service. Moved by the country's overwhelming poverty and glaring need for health care, he received permission to pursue medical studies in order to better

serve the impoverished Haitian people as a physician. He continues to minister as a Passionist missionary priest-doctor and, as such, established Saint Damien Hospital for children in Haiti.

"Our preachers will join us in reflection on how we read our times and culture today with the eyes and ears of our faith," said Father Richard Burke. "With news and stories spreading almost instantaneously today, we sometimes become overwhelmed with sad, dark words and happenings which test our faith."

"Father Jack and Father Rick will lead us to reassurance and hope which flows from God's Word and God's continuing presence with and for us in all circumstances of our lives," he said.

Services during each day

Saint Ann Novena on CTV

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast 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 being 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.

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is slated for mid-July

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week will take place this year from July 21 to July 27. The 2019 slogan is: *Love, Naturally! Natural Family Planning, Cooperating with God's design for married love.*

The Catholic Church teaches that Natural Family Planning is the morally acceptable way for married couples to balance their constant openness to the procreative purpose of sex within marriage and their responsibility to bring into the world children they can responsibly nurture.

In celebration of this week, we present the testimony of a local couple on Natural Family Planning:

"My husband Brit and I are very proud to be witnesses for Natural Family Planning (NFP). We decided to deepen our faith and explore the concept of Natural Family Planning back in the winter of 2002. We did not have any children at this time. We felt that we were married in the eyes of God but not fully open to the

sacrament of marriage and new life because we had been using contraception. Friends that we had made through our parish introduced us to NFP. They had been using NFP successfully and had used it to achieve a pregnancy. We then turned to the Diocese of Chicago, where we were living at the time, for support. The Diocese referred us to Couple to Couple League International (CCLI).

We signed up for a course on NFP through CCLI. Our meetings were on Sunday afternoons over a period of several weeks to learn about this method. I think the most amazing part of this whole process was the realization that we were taking our marriage for granted. We were not truly open to the gift of new life when we were having sex anytime we wanted and just using contraception to avoid pregnancy. We were not allowing God into our sacramental marriage.

As soon as we began using the NFP Method, we felt a deepening in our relationship with each

other and with God. This was a team effort. We both charted my temperature. I had to monitor my personal signs but he still observed what I wrote down on my charts. He and I both knew when I was fertile and then when I was not fertile. John Paul II, in Familiaris Consortio, no. 32, says:

When...by means of recourse to periods of infertility, the couple respects the inseparable connection between the unitive and procreative meanings of human sexuality, they are acting as "ministers" of God's plan and they "benefit from" their sexuality according to the original dynamism of "total" self-giving, without manipulation or alteration.

When we did not want to achieve pregnancy, we avoided those times of fertility. However, we still held hands, kissed and cuddled during those times. We felt a greater appreciation for each other as individuals of God. We decided after three years of avoiding pregnancy that we wanted to achieve pregnancy. We thought we would be trying for a while. We understood my cycle



Father Jack Conley, CP



Father Rick Frechette, CP

of the Novena — July 17 thru 26 — include Mass and Novena devotions at 8 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 will be held in the outdoor sanctuary at Saint Ann's. Sacrament of confession is available each day before and after each service.

Special Novena Services

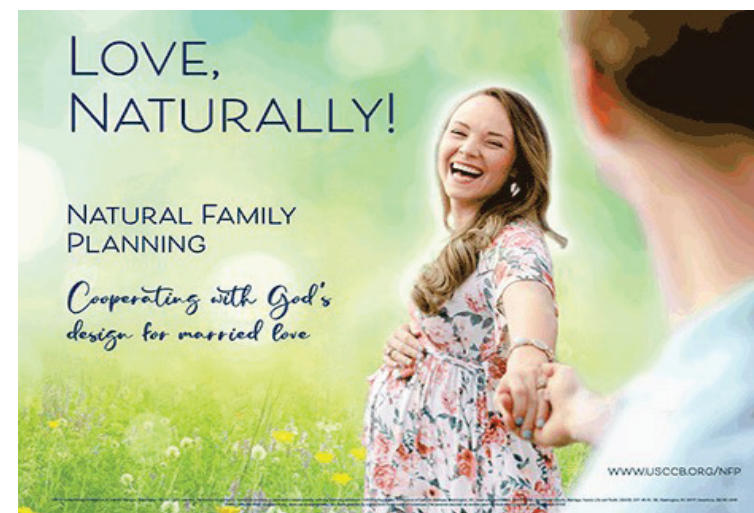
Mass of the Anointing of the Sick — Friday, July 29, at 1:30 p.m. in the Upper Basilica.

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 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.



so well, we obtained pregnancy on the first try. We felt beyond blessed. We knew this was not just our role in the process but God's as well.

After baby number one, our now 13-year-old son, we continued to practice NFP. We had babies two, three, four and five the same way. We are very blessed to have learned and continue to use the NFP Method. We continue with our NFP Practices today. We will always continue using NFP because we agree with the

belief of:

Marriage is more than a civil contract; it is a lifelong covenant of love between a man and a woman. It is an intimate partnership in which husbands and wives learn to give and receive love unselfishly, and then teach their children to do so as well. Christian marriage in particular is a "great mystery," a sign of love between Christ and His Church (Eph 5:32). (Married Love and the Gift of Life, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2006, p. 3)"

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**DESCRIBE YOUR ROLE AS A DEACON IN THE
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I instruct the eighth-grade (Confirmation prep) class in Religious Education and just completed my 20th year as a Religious Education teacher. I do the majority of the Baptisms and assist at most funerals and at two Sunday Masses each weekend — one Mass on Saturday evening and one Mass on Sunday — almost always preaching at one or the other. I am also the full-time Facility Chaplain at the state prison in Waymart.

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

My favorite things to do as a Deacon are Baptisms, even the preparation of the couple asking to have their child baptized. They are such joyful events and provide a great opportunity to help bring back people who have distanced themselves from the Church for whatever reason. Serving as an MC for the Bishop is also very challenging and rewarding. I am taught how to better pay attention to details and am afforded the opportunity to see a lot of the beautiful churches within our Diocese.

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

Learning how to say "no" and when to say it. Though it is a ministry of and for others, I need to remember that my family is part of these "others." Being a husband and dad doesn't stop where being a Deacon begins.

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

If you feel you're being called, the only thing that you're really obligated to do is make yourself available. Trust the process and where it leads you. When applying, I had the attitude that if the Holy Spirit wanted me there, no one could keep me out, and if He didn't, no one could get me in.

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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.



More than 40 educators from the Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools spent three days attending the NCEA New Directions STREAM 3.0 Conference, learning how STREAM—Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math—plus faith, individual academic disciplines, and life can work together in PK–12th grade classroom settings. Attendees heard from world-renowned experts about STREAM in Catholic Schools, were educated with real-world STREAM exhibits at a Student Showcase, and participated in a variety of STREAM-related activities in breakout sessions. Attendance at this conference allowed our Diocesan teachers and principals to learn how STREAM provides a challenging learning environment while building 21st-century competencies needed for success based on the 4Cs of critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity. They will now take back what they learned to their individual schools, train their fellow educators, and plan to incorporate their lessons into their classrooms during the 2019-20 school year.



Eighteen students at **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre** were recognized recently for their accomplishment in the National Spanish Examinations, administered by the National Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. The exams measure performance and achievement of the students. Bronze medal winners were Therese Amerise, Maria Egidio, Nicholas Pikul, and Brandyn Rivas. Fourteen students won medals on the honors level. Pictured, left to right, first row, are Gabrielle Morgan, Olivia Lewis, Therese Amerise, Maria Egidio, Marissa Jason. Second row: Lauren Kozicki, Emily Dougherty, Rose Hayward, Olivia Pavlico, Olivia Roth, Mariel Schramm. Third row: Mr. John Barno, Spanish teacher and department chairperson; Jack Gallis, Brandyn Rivas, Colin Wills, Maxwell Rosen, Alexander Hajkowski, Sean Boland, Nicholas Pikul, Mr. Michael Reese, principal; Dr. Richard Barno, Spanish teacher.



Emily Eroh and Alexis Fellin, eighth grade students at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton**, work with their fellow HFA Service Club members to plant flowers in the school's prayer garden this spring.



The fifth grade class from **Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg** attended the 27th annual Fairy Tale Mock Trials presented by the Monroe County Bar Association at the local courthouse. This year's trial was "Commonwealth vs. Prospector Pete," a character based on Disney-Pixar's *Toy Story*, and is performed to give students a better understanding of how the court system works.



Jack Seltzer, a Kindergarten student at **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston**, authored, illustrated and “published” his first book. Entitled “Battling for the Crown of the Champion,” it is a six-chapter book about Pokémon characters, some of which are Jack’s originals.



The eighth grade graduates from **Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton** pose for their official photo just before the end of the school year. This year’s graduation class included: Marcella Amendola, Lily Baum, Alix Benjamin, Matthew Budiman, Nicholas Carpentier, Rita Collins, Patrick Conway, Patrice Doherty, Nina Domiano, Eleanor Farrell, Ashley Ferrer, Domenick Franceschelli, Liza Giannone, Grace Granet, Daniel Haggerty, Cecelia Kennedy, Katheryn Lopez, Nico Mancuso, Will McGrath, Natalia Nardelli, Kathleen Oven, James Pettinato, Luke Pica, Raymond Rinaldi, Olivia Roche, Anna Skoff, Caroline Skoff, Bianca Talarico, & Brian Walsh.



Parents, grandparents, family and friends filled the auditorium at **Epiphany School in Sayre** to see 23 children graduate the school’s Pre-K–4 Program. Before the ceremony, the guests were treated to the students reciting poems and singing songs before Father Andrew presented the graduates with their diplomas.



Saint Jude School in Mountain Top recently held an intergenerational BINGO event to celebrate those who love their students most, grandparents! Grandmas and Grandpas helped little ones find called numbers and enjoyed a snack provided by the school’s Parent Teacher Guild as the games went on. Grandparents Mary and Steve McGinnis pose with their grandchildren Sarah and Steven Rowlands after playing another exciting game of BINGO.



Prior to the eighth grade graduation liturgy at **Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School in Wilkes-Barre**, students whose family members also graduated from Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School, Saint Nicholas High School, or Saint Mary High School were honored as Legacy Families. Pictured are Marisue Sack (SNSM ‘81) and son Owen; Madeline Nguyen and father Peter Nguyen (SNSM ‘87); Nicholas Gallo (SNSM ‘96) and his son Antonio.



Pre-Kindergarten students at **Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore** had the opportunity to see, touch, and hear a violin while they were working on the letter “V” in class.



The Class of 2019 from **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore** pause during graduation activities to pose with family members who also graduated from a Diocese of Scranton high school. Pictured are: Dominic and Elizabeth Arbie, with their mother, Clare Arbie, Bishop Hannan Class of 1983 and grandmother, Jane Kelly, Saint John's High School; Mary Margaret Arcuri, with her mother, Colleen Lavelle Arcuri, Bishop Hannan Class of 1981; Olivia Blosky, with her mother, Beth Follweiler Bloskey, Bishop Hannan Class of 1989; L. Matthias Boles, with his father, Patrick Boles, Bishop Hannan Class of 1980; Gianna Calciano, with her mother, Lisa Sabia-Calciano, Bishop O'Hara Class of 1986; Annabelle and Taylor Callis, with their mother, Colle Edmondson Jones, Bishop Hannan Class of 1981; Hannah Carr, with her mother, Maurya Melody Carr, Bishop O'Hara Class of 1993; William P. Craig, with his father, William R Craig Sr., Saint John the Evangelist Class of 1975; Matthew Dowdell, with his father, William Dowdell, Bishop Klonowski Class of 1980; Magan Gashi, with her mother, Toni Ezman-Gashi, Sacred Heart High School Class of 1989; Marla Gambucci, with her father, Foster Gambucci, Bishop O'Hara Class 1994; Meghan Keenan, with her father, John Keenan, Bishop Hannan 1993, and grandparents, Paula & Jack Keenan, Saint Patrick's High School, Class of 1966; Kalley Kovaleski, with mother, Ellen Gilhooley Kovaleski, Seton Catholic Class of 1981; Caroline Kranick with parents, Robert Kranick and Colleen Hogan Kranick, Bishop O'Hara Class of 1987; Olivia Krupski, with father, Timothy G. Krupski, Bishop Hannan Class of 1986; Joseph Liuzzo, with father, Joseph Liuzzo, Sacred Heart; Kaylee Magda, with father, Robert Magda, Bishop Hannan Class of 1987; Giulia Maiolatesi, with her parents, Roseann Rupp Maiolatesi, Sacred Heart Class of 1983, and Sal Maiolatesi, Bishop O'Hara Class of 1989; Julia Mancuso, with her parents, Frani Mancuso, Sacred Heart 1989, and Greg Mancuso, Sacred Heart 1987, and grandmother, Nancy Provinzono, Cathedral High School Class of 1964; Thomas Montefour, with his parents, Bernadette A. Montefour, Sacred Heart Class of 1986, and Timothy Montefour, Bishop Hafey Class of 1981; Lucia Nardelli, with her mother, Maria DeNaples Nardelli, Bishop O'Hara Class of 1986; Jacob Rasimovich, with his mother, Ellen Rasimovich, Bishop Hannan Class of 1986; Gianna Sacchetti, with her mother, Deborah Aigeldinger Sacchetti, Bishop O'Hara Class of 1984; Carl J. Schuster, with his mother, Theresa Schuster, Bishop Hannan Class of 1987; Noah Somers, with his father, Richard Somers Jr., Bishop Hannan Class of 1984; Kristen Swierczek, with her father, Michael Swierczek, Bishop O'Hara Class of 1979; Karli Tolerico, with her mother, Karen Tolerico, Sacred Heart High School Class of 1993; Kirsten VanLouvender, with her father, Craig VanLouvender, Bishop Hannan Class of 1989 and grandmother, Margaret VanLouvender, South Catholic High School Class of 1964; Joshua and Justin Walker, with their father, Richard Walker, Bishop Hannan Class of 1986; Colin Walsh, with his father, Michael Walsh, Bishop Hannan Class of 1985, and grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Walsh, South Catholic High School; Olivia Zehel, with her father, Shawn Zehel, Bishop O'Hara Class of 1985; Haley McElroy, with her uncle, Edward Kratz, Saint Rose High School Class of 1964; and Brian Mariotti, with his father, Robert Mariotti, Bishop Hannan High School.



Caroline Murray and Annie Johnson, eighth-graders at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green**, are excited about graduation activities as they reminisce about their favorite moments as OLP students.



Holy Rosary School in Duryea recently held its eighth grade commencement liturgy and graduation celebration. Pictured are Mrs. Debbie Brady (teacher), Ashley Abplanalp, Adina De Stefano, Gisele Falzone, Scheland, Hailey Sebastian, Jessica Ostrowski, Mrs. Melissa Skutack (principal), Hailey Halagarda, Gloria Tabone, Carsyn Cole, Olivia DeSena, Paige Kroptavich, Sarah Lyons, Paige Skibitsky, Karli Mahasky, Henry Rosen, Ethan Licari, Kyle Skutack, Louis Lussi, Andrew Bender, and Dino DiMauro.



It's Build Time! The first grade class at **Saint John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport** had a chance to be creative when working with LEGOs.

Editorial Eulogy: Father John Manno

It makes no difference whether someone dies at a young or old age, suddenly or after a long illness, when death comes there is a feeling of emptiness. One who is close to us and loved by us is suddenly gone. It makes us all look to our own mortality. What does help, I think, to ease our sorrow and strengthen our hope is our faith in God and the promises Jesus has made to us.

I noticed all the Facebook condolences: “Sad; we’ll miss him; too bad, he had so much to give.” All of these feelings are natural and expected because we are looking at Father Manno’s death from our perspective; we will miss him.

How about from Father Manno’s point of view: Jesus said, “Come beloved of my Father, I have prepared a place for you.” Throw away that medication, the walker and the cane, off comes the foot cast, no more pain, no more suffering, come celebrate with the communion of saints.

“You were faithful to Me when, ‘I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick or in prison and you visited me.’”

It is so important that we gather today for several reasons:

We come together to pray, that whatever sins Father John may have committed in his lifetime, that the Lord will forgive his sins. These prayers are not only for John but as a reminder to us, we are all sinners and need the mercy and healing of Christ.

We come together as the community of the People of God. The word community means “union with.” We love to join with others to celebrate weddings and reunions, but we know that many times we join with our friends and family to comfort, to cry, and to pray at time of sorrow and need. That is why are gathered here today.

People ask me all the time how long did you know Father Manno?

The answer is how old was I when my mom let me cross Campbell Street, cut through Grace Street Methodist Church yard, go around Snake Alley (Allen Lane) to play in Mickey Holloran’s backyard with Mickey, John Manno, Mike Casale, the Bernstine brothers.

How old was I when Betty Manno, John’s mother, was our Cub Scout leader? How old was I when I idolized Don Manno, John’s father who was a professional baseball player? I saw him play at Bowman Field for the Albany Senators against the Williamsport Grays. It’s not every neighborhood that has a professional baseball player living there.

When John was preparing to go back to school in August 1962, he came into Smith’s Drug Store where I worked as a clerk. He asked me where I was going to college, I

told him that the next semester I was going to Saint Pius X Seminary. Astounded, he responded, “So am I!” Classmates for the next six years.

John and I, and 15 other members of our class were ordained as priests at Saint Peter’s Cathedral in Scranton on May 25, 1968. He posted pictures of his first Mass on Facebook just a few weeks ago. My first Mass the same day right here in this church.

My answer to how long have I known John Manno: I can’t remember a time when I didn’t know him. John and my friendship was special, there is nothing we would not do for each other.

Father John Manno died early in the morning on the May 30, the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. What a perfect day for a high-flier like John to die. My impression of him has always been that he lived his life like a trapeze artist flying around without a net.

A few hours after his death I had the Saint John Neumann School Mass at Saint Boniface Church. I had the sad duty to announce that Father Manno had died early that morning. I told the students the story of the army unit that came into a bombed-out town. The church was just an empty shell; just the walls were standing. In an alcove off to the side could be seen a statue of Jesus without arms.

The priest chaplain set up a table and said Mass. During the homily he referred to the statue: “Boys, what do you make of that statue?” He said, “To me, it is a reminder to you and me that Jesus has ascended into heaven and that we are His arms and legs, hands and heart in the world.” The chaplain said to the soldiers: “Are you willing to be the hands and heart of Jesus in the world?”

Our friend Father John was one who tried to share Jesus’ hands and heart. He lived his life thoroughly convinced that he could heal all the hurts of the world, or at least the hurts of towns in which he served — Scranton, Pittston, New York City, Mount Pocono, Conyngham, Williamsport or Montoursville.

We can say a lot of things about John Manno in jest, but there are certain things

Feast of Saints Peter & Paul -- June 29



about him that no one can deny:

To those with a spiritual or emotional need, no one had a more listening ear then Father M.

To those with material or financial needs, no one had a more generous heart than Father M.

To young people of the parish, no one had been more interested and supportive than Father John (as the kids called him).

To those with handicaps or physical needs, no one had a more compassionate spirit to assist than Father M.

To those outside parish life — Lycoming Council of Churches, City Fire Department, Campbell Street Center, 9/11 Motorcycle Run, Knights of Columbus — no one could be more enthusiastic to assist than Father.

To those who suffered from addiction, there was no greater advocate. Just last year, he worked with Gwen Bernstine of the Lycoming County Council of Churches to come up with a program for high school students about the dangers of drugs.

On our way to lunch one day John was limping. I said, “What’s wrong with your leg.” He said, “I fell coming down the stairs.”

A few days before, a man rang the rectory bell at 1:30 in the morning. He opened

the window and the man said he needed to talk to him. He said, “On my way down to open the door, I forgot to turn on the lights and missed a step and fell.”

“That’s really dangerous,” I said. “Yes,” he said, “I should have turned on the lights.”

“John, I’m talking about letting someone in at 1:30 in the morning.”

“Oh yeah!” (Father Manno’s guardian angels needed re-enforcements regularly.)

Do any of you believe in premonitions? I do. There were several occasions in my hospital work as a chaplain where people told me they were about to die and they did. On Sunday, May 26, at 6:28 p.m. — four days before his death — he posted this poem by Mary Elizabeth Frye:

Do not stand at my grave and weep/I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow./I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain./ I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning’s hush/I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight./I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry;/I am not there. I did not die.

We commend our brother Father John Manno into the *Good and Loving Hands of God, where no torment will ever touch him again, a place of peace, Love and Joy forever.*

Excerpted from the homily by Father Charles J. Cummings at the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Father John K. Manno on June 4 at Annunciation Church in Williamsport.

Prayer Requests for Priests

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

June 27, Father Edward Casey; June 28, Saint Joseph Oblate Father Chummar Chirayath; June 29, Father John Chmil; June 30, Father Joseph Cipriano (memorial); July 1, Pope Francis; July 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; July 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; July 4, Father Richard Cirba; July 5, Father Brian J.T. Clarke; July 6,

Father Brian J.W. Clarke; July 7, Father Charles Connor; July 8, Passionist Father John Connor; July 9, Father William Corcoran; July 10, Father David Cramer; July 11, Father William Culnane; July 12, Father Charles Cummings; July 13, Father Wilfredo Milan Mamani Cusicanqui; July 14, Father Richard Czachor, V.E.; July 15, Father Vincent Dang; July 16, Monsignor Michael Delaney; July 17, Saint Joseph Oblate Father Alvaro de Oliveria.

Editorial Eulogy: Father Joseph F. Cipriano

We gather this morning to do our most solemn work — to prepare to say our final farewell to Father Joe and to celebrate his funeral Mass. I also want to offer to you the consolation of our Catholic Christian Faith. It is only the Gift of Faith that allows us to see beyond the death of Father Joe — in the early morning hours of Father's Day — and receive the strength and hope to continue our own spiritual journey.

Naturally as we gather, we are filled with mixed emotions that seem on the surface to be contradictory. One seems much more powerful than the other but both equally real: Sadness and Joy!

Sad, because the one we have loved and enjoyed is no longer physically present and is missed. Joyful, not because his earthly suffering is over, but because as Christians we know the end of the story.

We have the hope and promise of resurrection — of new life beyond the grave.

When Father Walsh called me and said that Father Joe had my name on his final directive to preach, I have to admit that I was surprised. Although I was stationed with him here at Saint Mary's for four years back in the late 1980s (at the time he celebrated his 30th anniversary of ordination), our friendship since then has been limited to an occasional call, visit or meeting at a parish or diocesan gathering. The more I thought about it perhaps he was getting back at me for some of the dumb things I did as his assistant pastor.

However, the more I reflected on that time with Father Joe, there were two main things that we did share in common — our human journey and our sharing in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. When you come down to it — nothing else really mattered. I know from my four years stationed with him and working side by side, he mentored me in many ways as a young priest and prepared me for the parishes that I would receive when I became a pastor.

He taught me many things about being a pastor that I never learned in the seminary, just from observing the living out of his priesthood. I recall three areas that were his priorities: his Family, his Faith and his Parish Families. Growing up in the Bunker Hill section of Dunmore, these values were imbued in him and he never forgot them or deviated from his roots and they were all mixed together.

Those of you who knew him well and listened to his impassioned homilies — which were sometimes like sermons complete with an occasional striking of the pulpit for emphasis; he didn't present deep scriptural or theologically abstract talks, but laced his homilies with down-to-earth stories highlighting the theme.

They were about his parents, Rocco and Philomena, growing up with his eight siblings, nieces, nephews and neighbors as well as experiences that he had growing up in that close-knit Italian neighborhood that some would say could be tough, but

which produced an abundance of priests.

People could easily relate to his homilies and got the Gospel message loud and clear. I believe that in retirement he not only assisted with Masses here at Saint Mary's, but I recall seeing him on Catholic Television for the Diocese of Scranton, celebrating Mass occasionally at our Cathedral. I would hear positive comments from parishioners who watched him religiously and appreciated his "earthy" homilies with a practical message, before of course, turning to their afternoon soap operas. I learned from Father Joe to limit my homily to one theme and relate them to a real life experience even when you had to tackle a hard topic.

Faith was at the core of Father Joe's life. I began to appreciate a regular and consistent prayer life from just observing Father Joe. He could always be found marking the Hours of the Divine Office, reciting his daily Rosary (he had a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother) or observing him stopping by the Church for a visit before the Blessed Sacrament at various hours of the day.

Although Father Cipriano at times looked stern, could be a little stubborn and smiles were not always forthcoming, he had a very generous heart. Our meals were often in silence or with few words exchanged. I learned to talk less and enjoy the quiet of the rectory. Occasionally, he would tell me some "war stories" from previous assignments as an assistant pastor or about his life growing up and attending Saint Paul's and other

schools, his boxing days or playing baseball.

Father Joe loved the seven parishes where he served either as a Pastor or Assistant Pastor. I was amazed and inspired by his dedication and faithfulness to quietly visiting the sick in the hospitals or at their homes. His care and compassion to those who were suffering, in any way — health, financial, emotional, family and marital issues — were always a priority with him.

Long before Pope Francis coined the phrase — in his first Chrism Mass homily — "*Priests should be Shepherds living with the smell of the sheep*," Father Joe was already living that. He never forgot his roots and values. He reminded me of that once when he said: "Richard, don't forget your roots and where you came from. Be yourself!"

We all have our stories about Father Cipriano, Father Joe, or Uncle Joe, as he is called. Reflect on them often, share them with one another. In this way although he is physically absent from our gatherings, he will remain with us in spirit. Strive to imitate his faith, his simplicity, down to earth style, his kindness and generosity. Pray for him that he might be welcomed into his eternal home in the presence of Jesus, Mary and all the Saints.

Excerpted from the homily by Father Richard J. Polmounter at the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Father Joseph F. Cipriano on June 21 at Saint Mary Church in Old Forge.

National radio show host becomes Confirmation sponsor

PLEASANT MOUNT — When looking for a Confirmation sponsor, many students turn to their godparents but Eoghan Murphy of Wayne County decided to think outside the box.

Murphy, who lives in the village of Orson and attends Mass at Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, asked national radio personality Lino Rulli, host of *The Catholic Guy Show* on Sirius XM Radio, to be his sponsor.

"Our family has been listening to *The Catholic Guy* for about a decade now, since it came out," Murphy said.

Murphy sent Rulli an e-mail with his request and Rulli responded while reading the e-mail on his radio show.

"I was nervous. I didn't know what to think. I didn't know how it would be meeting him in person but it was nice. He's a nice guy. We had a lot of fun together," Murphy said.

Earlier this month, Rulli traveled to northeastern Pennsylvania to attend Murphy's Confirmation.

"He was so easy to talk to and very friendly. We had family over and some friends and he mingled with everyone. It was very easy to host him. It was funny to think that this is the person we've been listening to and that we see on Facebook and Instagram and here he is in our living room!" mother Heather Murphy said.

Eoghan Murphy says he's been in contact with Rulli both before and after his Confirmation and made sure his godparents were okay with his decision to approach Rulli, not knowing it would eventually work out.



Lino Rulli, host of *The Catholic Guy Show* poses with Eoghan Murphy after his Confirmation. (Submitted photo)

"I think it's neat that he (Rulli) takes the time to talk to these kids and be a part of their sacraments and it's something special above and beyond. How many radio people take a day out of their regular life to travel out to Pennsylvania and do something like this?" Heather Murphy said.

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Confirmation 2019

Through the laying on of hands and the anointing with the Chrism, the Sacrament of Confirmation increases the grace of Baptism, strengthens the gift of the Holy Spirit first received at Baptism and unites us more fully to Christ and the Church. The conferral of Confirmation took place in all parishes on the Solemnity of Pentecost (including the Pentecost Vigil) on Sunday, June 9, 2019, with Bishop Bambara extending the faculty to confirm to all pastors and sacramental ministers. To date, 69 parishes across the 11-county Diocese have reported a total of 1393 confirmations but that number will only rise as more parishes send their reports. As part of Bishop Bambara's Confirmation message, which was read at all Masses, he said: "Sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent just like the first followers of Jesus, may you go forth into the world as true witnesses of Jesus, having the courage to live your faith and to bring the hope and love of Christianity to a world that so desperately needs this message and this experience!"

For more pictures visit: www.dioceseofscranton.org



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Bishop Bambara at Cathedral of Saint Peter



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JULY SCHEDULE

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

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
12:00 AM	SPECIALS	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	DAILY MASS (Encore)				FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	
1:00 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	(1:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	THE JOURNEY HOME (Encore)	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	
1:30 AM	ICONS SPOTLIGHT	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)				G.K. CHESTERTON	
2:00 AM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN		EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	
2:30 AM	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE		EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	
3:00 AM	EWTN ON LOCATION	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	SPECIALS	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	LIFE ON THE ROCK	BATTLE READY	CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY	
3:30AM		DEFENDING LIFE		PAPAL AUDIENCE	SAINTS VS SCOUNDRELS	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG	YOU'RE AMAZING	
4:00 AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE	HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH	(4:40) REGINA COELI FROM NAZARETH	BOB AND PENNY LORD PRESENT	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH	
4:30 AM			BEAUTY COMING ALIVE		OUR FAITH IN ACTION	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	EXTRAORDINARY FAITH	
5:00 AM	FR. RUTLER: CHRIST IN THE CITY	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	THE 4TH CUP	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS	
5:30 AM	GRANDPARENTS	A FORCE FOR GOOD	APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION	FUNDAMRNTALS OF CATHOLICISM		DR. RAY	CATHOLICS COME HOME	
6:00 AM	REGINA CAELI WITH POPE FRANCIS	EWTN ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS						
6:30 AM	WHERE GOD WEEPS	G.K. CHESTERTON	CHURCH AND THE POOR	MATTHEW'S TESTIMONY TO	ICONS SPOTLIGHT	THE CHOICES WE FACE	SAINTS vs. SCOUNDRELS	
7:00 AM	THE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL					STATIONS OF THE CROSS	CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL	
7:30 AM	ROSARY FROM LOURDES	HOLY LAND ROSARY				THE HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES		
7:50 AM		LITANY OF LORETO	LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME	LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH	LITANY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD		PAPAL AUDIENCE	
8:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS (Live)	DAILY MASS (Live)						
9:00 AM	(9:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	SUNDAY BEST WITH FR. GROESCHEL	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	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	MY CATHOLIC FAMILY	
10:30 AM	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY		SALT & LIGHT TV- THE CHURCH ALIVE			AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY		
11:00 AM	FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM	WOMEN OF GRACE						BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT
11:30 AM	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	THE CHOICES WE FACE	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	WAY OF THE CROSS FOR KIDS	LIVE WITH PASSION	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	
12:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LIVE AT 12:10 p.m.						EWTN DAILY MASS
12:30P		"DIOCESAN DATEBOOK" airs before and after Mass.						(Encore)
1:00 PM	(1:10PM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	FAMILY MATTERS	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE	
1:30 PM	IN CONCERT	SAINTS FOR TODAY	FORGOTTEN HERITAGE	SPECIALS	SAINTS ALIVE	SAINTS: A CLOSER LOOK	EWTN BOOKMARK	
2:00 PM		CALLED TO COMMUNION	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	THE JOURNEY HOME	SPECIALS	EWTN ON LOCATION	
2:30 PM								
3:00 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG							
3:20 PM	REFLECTIONS							
3:30 PM	THE HOLY ROSARY IN STAINED GLASS	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						ROSARY FOR LIFE
4:00 PM	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM	THE HOLY ROSARY DIOCESAN DATEBOOK						CALLED TO COMMUNION
4:30 PM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	MASTERPIECE DONUT SHOP	WE ARE CATHOLIC	MY TIME WITH JESUS	CAT CHAT	BUGTIME ADVENTURES		
5:00 PM	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHOICES WE FACE	CONVERSATIONS FROM THE WORLD OVER SHOW	BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT	A FORCE FOR GOOD	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE	
5:30 PM	PASSIONIST SUNDAY MASS	SPECIALS						THE 4TH CUP
6:00 PM	HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)						FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM
6:30 PM		CATHOLICS COME HOME	REAL LIFE	CHURCH UNIVERSAL	VATICANO	SAVORING OUR FAITH	CHURCH AND POOP	
7:00 PM	THE JOURNEY HOME	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						DAILY MASS
7:30PM		THE HOLY ROSARY			POPE'S AUDIENCE	THE HOLY ROSARY		
8:00 PM	SUNDAY BEST WITH FR. GROESCHEL	THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	SPECIALS	EWTN CINEMA	
8:30 PM	CATHOLICS COME HOME							
9:00 PM	LIFE ON THE ROCK	EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)	EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)					
9:30 PM	HOLY ROSARY W MOTHER ANGELICA	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	THE CHOICES WE FACE	FOCUS	LIVE WITH PASSION	SALT & LIGHT TV SISTERHOOD		
10:00PM	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	
10:30PM					DEFENDING LIFE	ICONS SPOTLIGHT	DR. RAY	
11:00PM	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS	BATTLE READY	THE CARPENTER'S SHOP	CROSSING THE GOAL	LONG RIDE HOME	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	
11:30PM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	WOMEN OF GRACE						GRANDPARENTS

Collection Supports Charitable Works of Pope Francis

The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. This special collection will be taken up in parishes in the Diocese of Scranton on the weekend of June 29-30.

This annual endeavor offers Catholics the opportunity to support the humanitarian and charitable works of Pope Francis that reach out to the marginalized and poor.

The Peter's Pence Collection has raised nearly \$190 million to support our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe. Thank you for standing in solidarity with the Holy See through your generosity. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in faith who are facing adversity.

More information about the collection can be found at www.usccb.org/ppc.

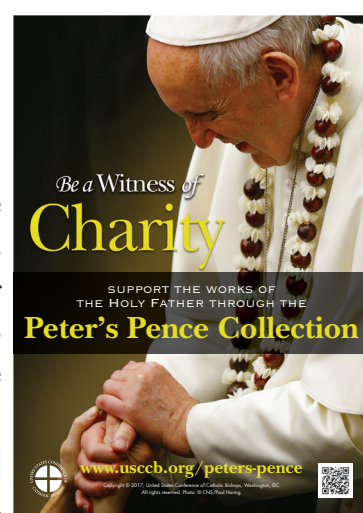
IHM Sisters Celebration to Honor Falzett's



Paul and Anne Falzett will be honored with the 2019 Spirit of IHM Award when the annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters Celebration is held on Saturday, Aug. 3.

Established in 2013, the Sisters of IHM Foundation sponsors the annual fundraiser in its efforts to raise awareness and generate vital financial support for the religious congregation

Each year, the IHM Sisters Celebration brings together family, friends, community leaders and benefactors for the fundraising event to benefit the retirement needs of the IHM community.



The Falzett's, who are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this year, are being recognized for the time and financial support they have provided to many community non-profits and Catholic schools.

Both were raised in the Scranton area and are the products of Catholic education, which they received at the Diocesan Catholic schools of Saint John, Scranton; Saint Patrick, Olyphant; and Saint Paul and Bishop Hannan High School, both of Scranton.

Paul, a graduate of King's College, Wilkes-Barre, and Anne, a Marywood University alumnae, reside in the Green Ridge section of Scranton, where they are members of Saint Paul Parish. They attribute their strong Catholic faith to their parents and the steadfast presence of the IHM Sisters in their lives.

Cost to attend the IHM Sisters Celebration is \$100 per person, which includes a cocktail reception and dinner.

For more information & reservations, visit: sistersofihm.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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POLKA MASS - 2:00 p.m.

George Tarasek 2pm - 6pm

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Pilgrims will have the opportunity to pray at the Holy House USA containing crushed stone from the Holy House of Loreto in Italy; the actual altar and baldachino over which the last great vision of Fatima took place; and the largest extant piece of the tree upon which the Virgin Mary stood at Fatima.

Schedule for the devotional day is as follows: 10:30 a.m. —

Confessions; 12 noon — Rosary procession; 12:30 p.m. — guest speaker: Father Joshua Caswell, SJC; 1:15 p.m. — Holy Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry of Chicago; followed by Eucharistic procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Fatima farewell procession.

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Mission Message

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By Father Brian J.T. Clarke
Diocesan Director,
Pontifical Mission Societies



I have many pet peeves (for those who know me well, that goes without saying).

Among those instances which peeve me is when an individual or organization misspells the name of the Pontifical Mission Societies. Often, the name is rendered “pontifical missions society,” making the word mission plural, not society. The reason this is important is that the Pontifical Mission Societies is the joining of four pontifical offices under one administrative office.

In this article, I am pleased to share a brief reflection on each of these offices and why each is important in the life of the Church and our mission.

The Pontifical Mission Societies seek, above all, to share the message of the Gospel throughout the world with particular attention to those places where Christianity is either in its early development or where it is in peril. Coincident with that is the labor of love and

mercy to the poor, the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

I am in awe that the beginnings of these missionary works are the result of the efforts, prayers, and passion of a young French woman, Pauline Jaricot, who as a teenager recognized the need for the Church to pray for and support the work of the missions. The power that is within each of us to bring about good is not at all impeded by age or circumstances — “The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit” (John 3:8).

The Pontifical Mission Societies consists of four secretariats, each pontifical in its own right (pontifical is a term that refers in this case to organizations that fall under the guidance and direction of the pope). These four societies are Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Society of St. Peter the Apostle, the Holy Childhood Association and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious.

Each has its specific mission. Admittedly, two of these societies are not as well known and thus don’t garner as much support.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith has as its main goals education of the faithful of the work and activity of missionaries throughout the world and to garner financial support from the faithful to support these missions. The Society of St. Peter the Apostle — one of those “lesser known” arms of the mission — has the beautiful charism of increasing financial support for seminarians and religious men and women in formation throughout the world. The Society assists in building seminaries and novitiate houses in developing countries.

Care for children who live in poverty and less-than-ideal circumstances is a passion for many people and truly a responsibility of us all. The Holy Childhood Association is the pontifical society which has as its motto “children helping children.” This secretariat empowers the youngest disciples of our Church to see that they can play a significant part in alleviating the woes of their peers throughout the world.

Many of you may remember as children sponsoring other children in the developing world by your financial sacrifices. This work continues still and is broader in scope and has as its focus to lead children to discover how much power is within them to help suffering children by their own sacrifices and prayers.

The Missionary Union seeks to embolden priests, seminarians and religious to recognize the needs of the missions and to be active in their personal support — whether as a dedicated missionary in terms of their ongoing ministry or as an impassioned missionary that may have another ministry, but supports the missions by regular involvement in missionary activity. The Missionary Union has broadened its scope as well to enliven the lay faithful of the Church to sacrifice their time in active support of the missions at home and abroad.

I pray it is evident that the scope of the Pontifical Mission Societies is all-encompassing, exciting, and bold. Please continue to pray for the work of these societies and, when you are able, be generous in your financial support. I ask you also to pray and dig deep: Perhaps God is calling you to experience the missions yourself in the future.

Spiritual Offerings Around the Diocese

Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigil — **JUNE 28**, 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. & 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.

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

Weekly "Flame of Love" Prayer Group Meeting — **JULY 1**, 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.

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration — **JULY 3**, hosted at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laflin; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. in the seminary chapel. Includes recitation of the Rosary and opportunity for confessions. Mass celebrated at 7 p.m., followed by Novena prayers to St. Joseph and St. Joseph Marello, founder of the Oblates of St. Joseph religious congregation. For more information, contact the OSJ seminary at (570-654-7542).

Weekly Bible Study — **JULY 3**, 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 3**, 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).

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

Padre Pio Prayer Ministry — **JULY 3**, hosted by St. Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke;

begins with celebration of Mass at 6 p.m. at the parish worship site of Holy Trinity Church, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, intercessory prayers to St. Padre Pio, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and benediction. All faithful are welcome.

Bereavement Support Gatherings — **JULY 3 & 21**, 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.

Weekly Bible Study — **JULY 5**, 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.

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Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — **JULY 13 & 27**, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God; and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener at the Cathedral, (570-344-7231).

Monthly Meeting of the Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic — **JULY 14**, hosted by St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter 413; afternoon gathering held on the second Sunday of every month at St. John the Evangelist Church, Honesdale. All professed members, those in the process of formation or anyone interested in deepening their faith by following the Dominican spirituality and its four "pillars" (prayer, study, community and apostolate) are welcome. For more information, call Lay Dominican MaryAnn Cavanaugh, formation director, at (570-228-8624) or catholichomeschoolmom@hotmail.com.

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).

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, Laflin. 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).

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).

Catholic Women's Retreat — **AUG. 13-15**, sponsored by the St. Raphael Society Prayer Group; retreat for women held at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, N.J. Bus excursion departs from Dunmore. Cost: \$350 per person, includes lodging and meals. For more information, call Barbara McCarthy at (570-347-8314).

Pittston Church to Host 'Fourth' Concert July 2

"Fanfare for the Fourth," a free community concert celebrating the upcoming Independence Day holiday, will be presented by members of area church choirs and musicians on Tuesday, July 2, at 7 p.m. at Saint John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St., Pittston.

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Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton helped celebrate "World Refugee Day" on Saturday, June 22 with a special event at Nay Aug Park in Scranton.

World Refugee Day honors the strength, resilience and courage of millions of refugees throughout the world. The event featured cultural music and dance, games and crafts for children. United Neighborhood Centers, The University of Scranton, Head Start, Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit and The Hexagon Project were also partners in the event.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

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

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

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

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

Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual.

Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551) o a los oficiales diocesanos incluyendo El Vicario General, Monseñor Thomas M. Muldowney, a (570-207-2269).

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First Friday Devotions Throughout the Diocese

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; held at Saint Stanislaus worship site, 666 N. 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.

— Hosted at Sacred Heart Church, 554 Main St., Weston; Mass with Eucharistic procession celebrated at 6:30 p.m. (confessions heard prior). Mass followed by Litany of the Saints and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8 p.m. Adoration Holy Hour includes recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and silent prayer with closing benediction.

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 **July 5** at Saint 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.



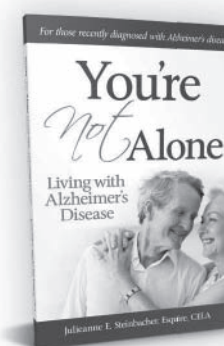
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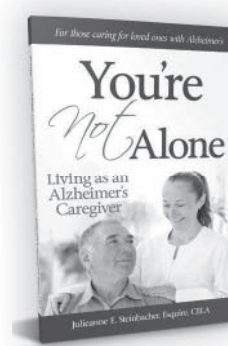
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Weekly Bingo — **JULY 1**, hosted by Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Dickson City; bingo games held every Monday evening, with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. Early bird games begin at 6:40 p.m.; regular games start at 7 p.m. Admission fee includes 20 games; progressive jackpot

each week. Return coupon for new players; door prizes awarded each week. Van shuttle service provided free of charge from Carbondale and Scranton.

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Bingo — **JULY 3 & 17**, sponsored by Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, Jermyn; games usually held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the parish center, 624 Madison Ave., Jermyn. Doors open at 5 p.m.; early-bird games start 6 p.m. (regular games, 6:30). Event includes homemade foods and desserts; specialty games, refreshments, door prizes and progressive jackpot. Free admission; for more information, call (570-876-1061).

Annual Pig Roast — **JULY 7**, hosted by Queen of the Apostles Parish in Avoca; held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the parish hall and grounds, 742 Spring St.,

Avoca. Take-out dinners available throughout the day. Dinner features all-you-can-eat roasted pork (pig on the spit); menu also includes picnic foods, including wimpies, hot dogs, corn on the cob, baked beans, salads, desserts and soft beverages. Event includes grand prize cash raffle drawing, basket & baby quilt raffles, and children's games. Dinner cost: adults, \$20; children (ages 6 to 12), \$10; tickets available in advance or at the event. For more information and advance tickets, call the parish office (570-457-3412).

Pre-Picnic Flea Market — **JULY 11**, hosted by Nativity of Our Lord Parish in Duryea; flea market open from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Upper Hall, 529 Stephenson St., Duryea. All are welcome.

French Boys' Choir Performance — **JULY 14**, featuring the "Maîtrise des Hauts de France" young singers of

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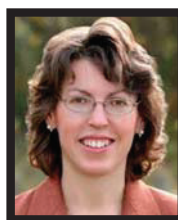
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Mass planned for victims of violent or tragic death

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident.

The Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. All persons who have

lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the Diocesan Office for Parish Life.

Questions concerning this Mass may be directed to the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

Save the Date -- Catechist Camp 2019

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. The dates and locations so far are as follows:

Saturday, August 3

8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Resurrection Parish, Muncy

Thursday, August 8

1:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Holy Name of Jesus Parish
West Hazleton

Monday, August 5

1:00 pm – 7:30 pm
St. John Parish, East Stroudsburg

Friday, August 9

1:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
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Tuesday, August 6

1:00 pm – 7:30 pm
St. Eulalia Parish, Elmhurst

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Catholic Happenings

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Lambersart; hosted by St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 702 West 4th St., Williamsport. Mass celebrated in the parish church at 5 p.m., followed by concert performance at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome; free admission.

Adult Field Day Fundraiser

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

6; contact: hurley@gopchurch.org. All proceeds benefit the parish's youth ministry.

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JUNE

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

JULY

11, 12, 13 — Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Carbondale, school grounds, Farview St.

11, 12, 13 — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Swoyersville, parish grounds, 116 Hughes St.

12, 13 — St. Patrick's, Scranton, church grounds, 1403 Jackson St., West Scranton.

12, 13, 14 — Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lake Silkworth, church grounds, State Route 29.

12, 13, 14 — Nativity of Our Lord, Duryea, parish picnic grounds at Sacred Heart Church, 529 Stephenson St., Duryea.

13, 14 — Good Shepherd, Drums, church grounds, 87 South Hunter Highway.

18, 19, 20 — St. Joseph Mareello, Pittston, parish grounds, 237 William St.

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 — 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.

AUGUST

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.

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

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

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.

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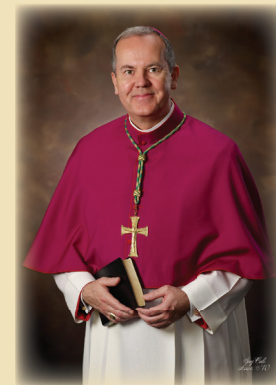


DIOCESE OF SCRANTON: 9-Day Oberammergau Passion Play Pilgrimage 2020 August 3-11, 2020

Rate: \$4,195.00 per person based on double occupancy
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The Features of this Pilgrimage Tour include:

- Roundtrip motorcoach transportation to Newark Liberty International Airport
- Roundtrip AIRFARE via LUFTHANSA Gennan Airlines to Munich, Germany
- Masses celebrated by Bishop Bambera at various Cathedrals, Shrines & Churches
- Ticket for the PASSION PLAY in Oberammergau
- The Passion Play Text Book in English
- All touring, admissions & entrance fees as per itinerary
- Private Deluxe Motorcoach throughout
- Buffet Breakfast Daily • 5-Dinners with wine & table water • 2-lunches
- 4-Nights First Class Hotel: Grauer Baer Hotel in Innsbruck, Austria (4-Star Hotel)
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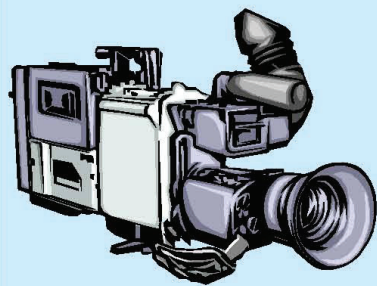
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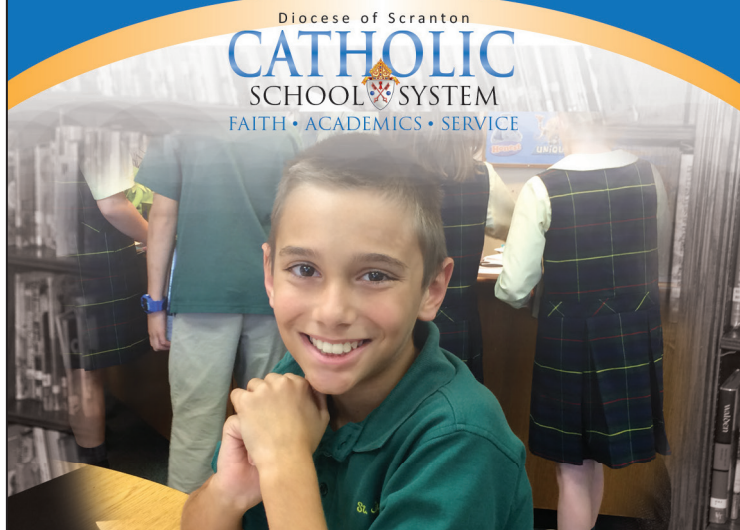
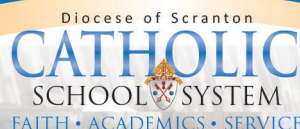
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