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SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE PARISH DEDICATES NEW ALTAR



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera dedicated a new altar at Saint Mary of the Lake Parish in Lake Winola, Wyoming County, on Sunday, July 7, 2019.

Over the last year, the parish community has redecorated the interior of their Church. The work included custom fashioning of a new altar by a master woodworker, as well as repainting, carpeting, new lighting and furnishings.

"At a time when many Catholic Churches are closing or consolidating, it is extremely unusual for a parish to dedicate a new altar," Father Patrick L. Albert, pastor, said.

Parishioners donated the new altar as well as other furnishings by offering memorial gifts.

VOCATIONS GOLF CLASSIC HELPS SEMINARIANS



Even though there was a record amount of rainfall in Luzerne County on Monday, July 8, 2019, golfers were still able to tee off for the 10th annual Vocations Golf Classic at the Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club.

Parishioners and friends of the Diocese of Scranton expressed their overwhelming support for the priesthood by attending the popular event.

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

With a total of 12 men currently in formation, ten seminarians attended the event and helped out with registration.

Look for more coverage of the Vocations Golf Classic in the July 18th edition of *The Catholic Light* and highlights on *Our Faith Our Diocese* on CTV: *Catholic Television*.

YOU'RE INVITED TO CAMP...CATECHIST CAMP!

The Office for Parish Life is planning a one-day Catechist Camp for everyone involved in catechetical ministry or family-oriented faith formation. The one-day camp will be presented in five parishes of our Diocese between August 3 - 9, 2019. The dates and locations so far are as follows:

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

Monday, August 5
1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Saint John Parish, East Stroudsburg

Tuesday, August 6

1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Saint Eulalia Parish, Elmhurst

Thursday, August 8

1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Holy Name of Jesus Parish, West Hazleton

Friday, August 9

1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Swoyersville

Who would benefit from Catechist Camp?

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

If you are a parent, a parish or school religion teacher/catechist, a youth minister or a volunteer in any parish or school ministry involving children, youth and families, this day is designed for you. Please join us at the location that is most convenient for you. Cost for the day is \$20. Registration will be open soon! For more information, contact Jacki Douglas at (570) 207-2213 or jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE BRINGS TOGETHER
KIDS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE**



A total of 45 students registered and participated in the July 2019 International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) program at Misericordia University from Monday, July 8 through Thursday, July 11.

The peer-facilitated, faith-based leadership retreat was designed by Father Thomas Chambers C.S.C. at the University of Notre Dame.

The ISLI retreat helps provide students the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in both the leadership and membership roles of task oriented groups.

In the above picture, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera poses with the students and student leaders after celebrating Mass on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

The event was open to students in 9th - 12th grade. This year's participants came from every corner of the Diocese of Scranton.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE TO TAKE PLACE TONIGHT



The Diocese of Scranton will offer its annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death tonight, Thursday, July 11, 2019. The Mass is offered for families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide and accident. The Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. All people who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy.

YOUNG PEOPLE: DON'T TAKE A SUMMER BREAK FROM YOUR FAITH





NEXT XLT PROGRAM

MONDAY, JULY 29
6:30 PM
DIVINE MERCY PARISH
312 DAVIS STREET, SCRANTON

The evening consists of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship Music, Reflections, Reconciliation and a Social. The gathering is welcome to ALL PEOPLE!!

For more information, call (570) 780-2996 or visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org.

2019 CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

August 2, 3, 4, 2019

At The University of Scranton

**"Jesus is the Good Shepherd...
the One who heals." Pope Francis**

**"O Lord, my God, I cried out to you for
help and you healed me," Psalm 30:2**



Rev Raymond Francis



Dr. Mary Healy



Mr. Bob Valiante



Mr. Patrick Reis

Inspired Speakers

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Adoration**

Healing Ministry

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Bambera**

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www.CCRSCRANTON.ORG

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DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE IN LAY MINISTRY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2019

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

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

- Parish Pastoral Councils,
- Directors of Religious Education and Catechists,
- Liturgical Coordinators,
- Parish Staff,
- Volunteer Ministry teams,
- and others!

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

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

Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, at 570-207-2213, or by email at Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org for application information, materials, and application submissions.

SUMMER BAZAARS, PICNICS AND FESTIVAL SEASON IS IN FULL SWING!



The Diocese of Scranton's new website features dozens of summer bazaars, picnics and festivals that are being planned across the 11 county Diocese. Now that the calendar is in mid-July...this is the prime time for fellowship, faith and fun!

The list is constantly being updated and changed as new submissions come in.

For the current list, visit:

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

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

EDeabill@dioceseofscranton.org

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

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