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## New Year...

## New Opportunities

### Students return to Catholic schools across the Diocese

SAYRE -- Margaret Barry and her husband, Joseph, appreciate the value of Catholic education for their children.

"My family has a long history with Epiphany School. I graduated in 1984 from Epiphany. I think the most important thing Epiphany offers is an education where faith is in action everyday," Margaret Barry said.

As the 2019-2020 school year gets underway across the 20 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Scranton, the Barry family is just one of many that are thankful for the opportunities available.

"It's obviously a great academic education but it definitely provides an opportunity for our students to live their faith," Margaret Barry added.

"The financial sacrifice is worth it because the students here get a great education, starting in kindergarten through sixth grade. They go from learning about history as early as kindergarten and first grade with Sister Ann, all the way up through fourth, fifth and sixth grade with the national parks and STREAM programs and just great science and arts programs," Joseph Barry said.

With the new school year beginning, the Diocese of Scranton welcomes Mrs. Kristen Donohue as its new Superintendent of Catholic Schools. Donohue assumed her new role in July and will be responsible for ensuring the academic excellence of the more than 4,500 students in the Diocese's school system.

As she waited for the school year to begin, Donohue used the summer months to visit every building, meet with administrators and focus on new technology initiatives that will be rolled out in the coming months.

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# Diocesan school system welcomes new administrators

By Sister Leonita Duhoski, RSM  
Program Coordinator,  
Office for Catholic Schools

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera appointed five educators to the positions of principal within the Diocesan School System. The newly appointed administrators assume responsibilities of leadership in two secondary schools and three elementary schools.

“As we begin this new school year, we are grateful that these experienced educators have answered the call of ensuring excellence in our schools. They exemplify our commitment of placing exceptional leaders in our school communities,” said Mr. Jason Morrison, Diocesan Secretary of Catholic Education/Chief Executive Officer.

An innovative leadership model for both campuses of the Saint John Neumann Regional Academy, Williamsport, has been developed. This new direction involves having one administrator serving the entire Academy, Pre-K through Grade 12.

Mrs. Alisia McNamee has been named principal to the newly created position of head administrator at Saint John Neumann Regional Academy. She is known to be an innovative leader committed to an educational environment that is rigorous and engaging for all types of learners. Her vision is “to create a collaborative environment across both campuses in which teachers and students have the ability to reach their God-given potential.”

Profoundly committed to the mission of Catholic education, Mrs. Doreen Dougherty will assume administrative leadership at Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre. For the past four years, she has served as principal at All Saints School. Mrs. Dougherty is an innovator in STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math) education, data-informed instruction and school leadership. Her expertise in special education and the Individualized Instructional program add to her credentials that will enhance the educational program at Holy Redeemer.

The principal at Our Lady of Peace School, Clarks Green, is Mrs. Ann D'Arienzo. She brings a wealth of educational experience during her twenty-nine year tenure at Our Lady of Peace School, having served at the



**Mr. Jason Morrison, Secretary of Catholic Education/CEO, and Mrs. Kristen Donohue, Superintendent, welcome our new principals for the 2019-2020 school year at a Principals Meeting which was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019: Mrs. Kara Ware, Saint Clare/Saint Paul School; Mrs. Brittany Haynos-Krupski, All Saints Academy; Mrs. Doreen Dougherty, Holy Redeemer High School; Mrs. Ann D'Arienzo, Our Lady of Peace School; and Mrs. Alisia McNamee, Saint John Neumann Regional Academy.**

school as assistant principal for the last year. She is committed to creating and supporting the most optimal, collaborative educational environment in which students have the availability to be successful academically, socially and spiritually.

Assuming the position of principal at Saint Clare/Saint Paul School, Scranton, is Mrs. Kara Ware. Most recently, Mrs. Ware served as reading specialist and teacher at John F. Kennedy Elementary School where she cultivated a “niche and love for curriculum.” Her vision to establish an educational environment that is rigorous and engaging for all types of learners is a priority as an educational leader.

At the helm of All Saints Academy, Scranton, is Mrs. Brittany Haynos-Krupski. She is an innovator in STREAM and most recently, served as one of the lead trainers for faculty from across the Diocese for this initiative. She hopes to strengthen the school's program through data-informed instruction and a firm commitment to the Four Cs of 21st Century Learning (Communication, Collaboration, Creativity and Critical Thinking).

In consideration to the academic initiatives and new administrative team members, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Kristen Donohue noted, “We are extremely excited to welcome our new principals to our outstanding administrative team. Each new principal brings a strength and expertise that will contribute to and lead the Diocesan schools to continued

excellence. All principals have engaged in professional development throughout the summer, immersing themselves in STREAM concepts, as well as ways to enhance data-driven instruction through the use of growth data provided from NWEA testing. These initiatives provide our genuinely dedicated administrators and teaches the tools and training necessary to promote and advance our first-class, faith-based education for all students in the Diocese of Scranton.”

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“The principals and teachers have been completely immersed in the new initiatives over the summer and are really excited to be able to share these learning opportunities with our students,” Donohue said.

Mrs. Donohue previously served as Principal of Western Wayne Middle School, taking on the dual role of Curriculum Director for the Western Wayne School District. In addition to her administrative roles at both the high school and intermediate levels, Donohue brings nearly a decade of teaching experience to her new position.

Mrs. Donohue will work collaboratively with Mr. Jason Morrison, Diocesan Secretary of Catholic Education/Chief Executive Officer, who is responsible for all administrative aspects of Catholic Education in the Diocese, including enrollment, development, academic success and financial stability.

“The model that the Bishop has developed for the Diocese as it relates to our leadership is working exactly as it should. Kristen’s experience and especially her depth of expertise in academics, I see it every day and it really will make us much better!” Morrison said.

The new school year brings new and exciting opportunities for students in every building. Each Diocesan school has received a new Padcaster, which transforms an iPad into an all-in-one mobile production unit. Complete with microphones, a portable green screen and teleprompter, the



**Mrs. Beth Ecker takes a picture of student Alivia Legarski during the first day of class at Saint John Neumann Regional Academy in Williamsport on Monday, August 26, 2019.**

students will be able to capture their activities and share them.

“Parents will be able to see first-hand how their students are taking part in promoting the education they’re receiving in the Diocese,” Donohue said.

During the summer months, administrators and faculty members were involved in numerous days of training and professional development.

Representatives from all 20 schools attended the NCEA New Directions STREAM 3.0 Conference in June in Parsippany, NJ.

“What is really important to us is not just that we have the technology but that we use it,” Morrison said. “Our goal is to ensure that the technology is utilized to enhance growth and educational outcomes for our students.”

Another key area of change during the 2019-2020 school year will surround student assessment.

The Catholic School System in the Diocese of Scranton has partnered with NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) to measure student growth and proficiency in subject areas including reading, math and science.

“Our teachers will have the opportunity to use data that speaks to the individual student in order to really drive instruction that is meaningful and rigorous,” Donohue said.

The new assessments will help provide feedback to teachers to address the needs or concerns for students who may need additional help, while also challenging students who have proficient understanding of the subject material.

“It looks not just at assessment but it looks at growth for students which is really differentiating and honing in on the individual as opposed to how we’re doing across the board,” Morrison said.

“All teachers who teach the student will have the opportunity to look at this data and use it for their instruction so even if they’re teaching non-tested areas, they’ll have the ability to know what each student is capable of and where to really hone in on helping each student,” Donohue added.

As the school year begins, school administrators are excited to welcome students back.

“We’re grateful and we understand and appreciate the



**Mr. J. William Lundy explains a 3-D printer to sixth grade students Kallee Johnson and Nicholas Bailey on the first day of school at Saint John Neumann High School in Williamsport.**

sacrifice that parents make to send their children to our schools,” Morrison said. “Our promise is to allow all children to achieve their God-given potential!”

While the Diocese has schools located in varying geographic regions, from Sayre to Stroudsburg, Williamsport to Jessup, Donohue believes that is a strength and sets the Diocesan education system apart.

“It’s a unique, advantageous opportunity to have all the schools in the different geographic areas because it speaks to the importance

of understanding the value that each community can bring,” Donohue said.

Our schools welcome the opportunity to show anyone firsthand the outstanding facilities and committed faculty that strive to help students become life-long learners. For more information on our schools, including how to enroll and tuition assistance, you can contact the Catholic Schools Office at (570) 207-2251 or visit [www.dioceseofscranton.org/catholicschools](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/catholicschools).



**Students from Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre give each other high-fives as they enter school for the first day on Monday, August 26, 2019.**



**After the summer break, students from Holy Cross High School in Dunmore pose for the camera during lunch as the 2019-2020 school year begins.**



# Parish provides food, faith and fellowship for students

*Mary, Mother of God Parish hosts annual Back-to-School Cookout at Bangor Heights*

SCRANTON – Dozens of students from the Bangor Heights apartment complex got a helping hand just before going back to school thanks to volunteers from Mary, Mother of God Parish in North Scranton.

On Thursday, August 22, 2019, the parish held its annual back-to-school cookout for children and their families.

While rain threatened to dampen the festivities at first, storm clouds passed just as the event was getting underway at 5:00 p.m.

“They get a good meal, hot off the grill, they get school supplies and for us, it gives us an opportunity to connect with families that may be disconnected from, or never connected to the parish,” Father Cyril D. Edwards said.

The cookout started seven years ago. It is organized by the Marian Society of Mary, Mother of God Parish.

“We do this all for the kids. It’s the kids that makes up our Church. No matter what we do, it’s always for them!” parishioner and volunteer Nina Condella said.

Sister Therese Mary Dougherty, IHM, pastoral associate, said they had resources available in both English and Spanish at the event.

“This is really an unreach population,” Sister Therese Mary Dougherty said. “Some are Catholic but just distanced from the Church. Father Edwards thought this would be a good way to informally meet them!”

Besides helping the students get ready to go back to school, the goal of the event is to help students and their families establish a connection with the parish and know that they are welcome at any time.

“Every year, we make connections with more people,” Marie Purcell, Director of Religious Education said.

Purcell says after the event some families will come forward for babies to be baptized or older students wanting to receive other sacraments.

“We make connections with the kids,” Purcell said. “I can give you an example. We had two kids from up here who received Confirmation this year. They were both older than Confirmation age, they were in high school and they came to us the last two years because of this!”

“It is all about evangelization!” Sister Therese Mary Dougherty added.

Volunteers say their hearts are filled with joy when they see the students smile at the cookout.



**Volunteers from Mary, Mother of God Parish in North Scranton provide food and school supplies to students at the Bangor Heights Apartment Complex in North Scranton Thursday, August 22, 2019.**

“This is the best. The kids appreciate it. You can see they’re so happy when we give them a bag with an apple, cookies, chips, and then they get a hamburger or hot dog,” Condella said.

“This is what it’s about, making the connection that God is special in their lives,” Purcell said.

While all of the students attending the event received school supplies, some were also selected to receive a backpack as well.

“No kids wants to go to school feeling that he or she doesn’t have what the other kids have!” Father Edwards said.

Mary, Mother of God Parish pays for the back to school cookout with the help of a social justice grant from the Diocese of Scranton. Social justice grants are available to all parishes to help address critical needs in the community. Funding for the social justice grants is provided by the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

“This is one of the few social events that they have all year and we’re happy to put it on. With the help of the (Diocesan) Annual Appeal, we can do it at really no expense to the parish or next to nothing,” Father Edwards said.

The back-to-school cookout isn’t the only way Mary, Mother of God Parish gets out into the community. Volunteers involved with the parish social concerns committee also host similar events at the Townhouse Boulevard Apartments at Halloween and Easter.

## Catechist Camp energizes faith formation teachers

ROARING BROOK TOWNSHIP – With religious education classes poised to resume at many parishes in the coming weeks, the Diocesan Office for Parish Life provided catechists the chance to come together and learn new faith formation tools earlier this month.

Catechist Camp 2019 took place during the week of August 3-9, 2019 at various parishes in every region of the Diocese of Scranton.

Jacki Douglas, the new Diocesan Director of Word and Lifelong Faith Formation, says the one-day events focused on empowering those involved in catechetical ministry or family-oriented faith formation.

“Being a catechist is a tough ministry because you don’t always work on yourself,” Douglas said. “What we are trying to do here is give them a day to work on their faith journey and while they’re working on their faith journey, bring back practical things they can do in the classroom with their kids.”



**David Baloga, Director for Worship for the Diocesan Office for Parish Life speaks with Catechist Camp attendees at Saint Eulalia Parish on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. (Photo/Dan Gallagher)**

Dozens of people took part in the varying Catechist Camp sessions, which were held at Resurrection Parish in Muncy, Saint John Parish in East Stroudsburg, Saint Eulalia Parish in Roaring Brook Township and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Swoyersville.

“While we’re trying to make their job a little bit easier, we’re also trying to fill them up and give them a day to have an encounter

with Christ,” Douglas said. “What is better than to talk with somebody that knows exactly what you’re going through? They know your struggles but they know your joys!”

At the session at Saint Eulalia Parish, catechists from a number of parishes in Lackawanna and Wayne counties got a chance to take part in interactive sessions.

“I usually learn at least one or two really important

aspects that I can take back and share with my catechists and it invigorates me. It gets me started for the new year. It energizes me! It gets me back on track,” Mary Kennedy of Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Hawley said.

Kennedy said she came to Catechist Camp looking for inspiration and confidence and learned a lot from the event.

“There’s a lot of sharing that goes on. People will give ideas or suggestions that I may not have thought of because we’re all so diverse. I learn as much from the other people attending as I do from the presenters!” Kennedy added.

As she gets ready for her second year teaching religious education, Becky Rinella of Saint Thomas More Parish in Lake Ariel decided to attend Catechist Camp.

“It’s nice to see what other people do, get some more input and different ideas,” Rinella said.

Rinella, who also teaches high school, attended Catechist Camp because she wanted to meet new people and get some questions answered.

“I came last year and it was a lot of fun. It’s nice to see what other people do and you can always learn something new!” Rinella said.

Some of the breakout sessions during this year’s Catechist Camp focused on social justice issues like the death penalty, creating mission trips with a purpose and finding the extraordinary in ordinary life.

Father Brian J.T. Clarke also presented a general session to all attendees titled, “To Every Creature: Preaching the Good News to All.” Father Clarke highlighted the upcoming Extraordinary Mission Month in October. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is “Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World.”

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# Parish finds overwhelming success with flea market fundraiser

BRODHEADSVILLE — \$123,860.

After expenses, that is the jaw-dropping amount of money that Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish raised from its annual flea market fundraiser this summer.

“We’re proud of what we’ve accomplished,” co-organizer Lynn Smith said.

Smith, along with her sister-in-law, Kelli Krechel, have watched the flea market grow over the last ten years since they first created it and shepherded its growth.

“Ten years ago our church was trying to pull off a festival and they were looking for different elements,” Smith said.

After proposing the flea

market, Smith and Krechel got to work, raising more than \$1,700 the first year but they were determined to do better.

“We’re not professional flea marketers but we’ve been to enough of these things and churches that we knew we could make it bigger but we just had to keep plugging away at it,” Smith joked.

Father Michael F. Quinnan, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace, admits he was not overly enthusiastic about the flea market idea at first.

“When they first came to me with this idea of a flea market, I was really hesitant, I thought who wants to buy other people’s junk?” Father Quinnan said. “I

was watching all this stuff come in and I’m feeling like it’s an episode of Hoarders and I was anxious that we were never going to get rid of it!”

While some people do try to unload junk, Father Quinnan says many people now donate valuable items so that the parish can benefit from the revenue.

Lynn Smith and Kelli Krechel say they decided to run the annual flea market like a business.

“I just can’t believe some of the things that people have donated,” Smith said.

In order to keep the flea market fresh, and not the standard summer-time event, organizers continually look at new additions



Visitors to the Our Lady Queen of Peace flea market hunt for bargains on the second day of the sale on June 22, 2019. (Provided Photo)

to help bring in extra cash. Those efforts have worked.

One of the early changes was the addition of a silent auction for donated items that Smith and Krechel found interesting and might attract multiple buyers.

“One year, somebody donated a handmade sleigh and reindeer. We had so many people interested in it, it ended up going for \$1,000,” Smith said.

Organizers of the flea market also kept their audience in mind and adapted appropriately.

“One of the areas we went after was tools. We used to get a minimal amount of tools but guys are coming with their wives so we started off with a small tool tent and now, last year, it was in the American Legion Pavilion so we made almost \$7,000 just in tools,” Smith said.

The flea market at the Monroe County parish only runs three days. It is held annually the weekend after Father’s Day.

While typical flea market items like clothes, toys and linens

are all available, this flea market has also sold furniture, a piano and even bigger items.

“The biggest item we sold was a tractor, it was a parish tractor that became obsolete but it went for \$4,500 I think,” Father Quinnan said.

After ten years, and countless hours, Smith and Krechel are now handing over the flea market torch to new co-chairs Lori Moran and Keri Ramsay to continue the tradition.

Over the last ten years, the flea market has brought in a grand total of \$572,677 to the parish.

As she looks forward to the future, Lynn Smith is happy with all the compliments and attention the flea market has received.

“This year, we had somebody from Michigan who was on vacation and they by chance stopped while seeing the commotion going on and they told somebody this is absolutely the best one they’ve gone to and they’ve gone to a lot,” Smith added.



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## Catechist Camp energizes teachers before religious education classes

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“We’re hoping this is something the catechists and DRE’s (Directors of Religious Education) really embrace. They can really take what Father Clarke is speaking about and really bring it back and really make it an important month in the curriculum year for their classes,” Douglas said.

As the new year of religious education begins for the region’s youth, catechists like Mary Kennedy say she feels blessed to work with children.

“It is truly a gift from God and he has called me to do it and I am honored and thrilled to have the opportunity,” Kennedy said.



# New director selected for Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, Food and Clothing Pantry

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera announces the selection of Mr. Robert J. Williams as the Director of Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, Food and Clothing Pantry in Scranton. Mr. Williams began his new position on Monday, August 26, 2019.

“I look at the Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen and I have a profound appreciation of standing on the shoulders of those who came before me. When we talk in the Church about Catholic social teaching and the dignity of every person, I have this real deep sense that we’re imitating the Gospel message,” Robert Williams said. “I’m excited to continue all the good work that has been done and will continue to serve the poor.”

For the last 20 years,

Mr. Williams has served as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese of Harrisburg. In that role, he recruited, trained and supervised staff and coordinated large events involving as many as 1,000 young people.

As a native of northeastern Pennsylvania, Mr. Williams is eager to bring his experience back home to provide servant leadership to those in need. Prior to joining the Diocese of Harrisburg, Mr. Williams also served as Director of Youth Ministry at Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Clarks Summit and Director of Youth Ministry for Abington Ecumenical Ministerium.

As Director of Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, Food and Clothing Pantry, Mr. Williams will be

tasked with the day-to-day operations of those facilities working in conjunction with Mary Theresa Malandro, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Human Services and Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Social Services.

“Rob has a true dedication to the mission of the Catholic Church. In his previous roles he demonstrated a strong work ethic, an ability to provide successful leadership, a desire to build a cohesive team and experience in strategic planning,” Mary Theresa Malandro said.

Mr. Williams succeeds Monsignor Joseph Kelly who retired as Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Human Services and Executive Director of Catholic Social Services in

January 2016 but agreed to remain as Director of Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, Food and Clothing Pantry on a voluntary basis. Now three years beyond the retirement age of the vast majority of clergy in the Diocese of Scranton, Monsignor Kelly has continued to champion the work of the Kitchen, Food and Clothing Pantry.

“On behalf of the countless number of guests who have been served

by the ministry of Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, Food and Clothing Pantry, I take this opportunity to thank Monsignor Kelly for his tireless efforts on behalf of the poor. He has been a blessing beyond measure to those most in need,” Bishop Bambera said.

In the Catholic tradition and the spirit of its patron, Saint Francis of Assisi, the hungry are fed at Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen in collaboration

with volunteers and donors from all faith communities. The kitchen provides a hot, nutritious meal to all guests every day of the year. Staff and volunteers strive to be of assistance to others and serve with a spirit of compassion, respect and dignity.

For information about volunteer opportunities or the donation needs of the Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, call (570) 342-5556.

## Mass for Atonement and Healing Planned

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate a Mass for Atonement and Healing for Survivors of Abuse on Monday, September 16, 2019, at 12:10 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. Everyone in the Diocese of Scranton is invited to participate.

The Mass will also be broadcast by CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton.

## Wet Paint supports Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen



Wet Paint Printing and Design recently made several donations to the Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen. The business, located in South Wilkes-Barre, donated new signage for the front entrance to the kitchen. It is also selling Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen t-shirts each week at the Wilkes-Barre Farmer’s Market for \$5, with 100% of sales benefiting the kitchen. The business also made a \$1,500 donation to the kitchen in memory of Dolores Taren, which will sponsor the day’s meals at the kitchen, once per week, for an entire year.

Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen is a program of Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton. For information about its donation needs, call (570) 829-7796, ex. 301.



## BISHOP BAMBERA’S SCHEDULE

- September 1** - La Festa Italiana Mass  
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.
- September 7** - Saint Gregory Parish Mass & Dedication  
Clarks Green, 5:00 p.m.
- September 8** - Blue Mass at Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish  
Dickson City, 10:30 a.m.
- September 9-11** - USCCB Administrative Committee Meeting  
Washington, D.C.
- September 12** - Holy Redeemer High School Mass  
Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre  
9:00 a.m.
- September 15** - Chapel of Christ The King Dedication  
King’s College, Wilkes-Barre, 2:00 p.m.
- September 16** - Mass of Atonement & Healing  
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.
- September 18** - Marian Catholic High School Mass  
Tamaqua, 9:30 a.m.
- September 19** - Mass of the Holy Spirit for Chancery Staff  
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.



# Catholic Social Services offers suicide bereavement counseling

*Family members, working with CSS professionals, discuss coping and healing*

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

September is National Suicide Prevention Month, a time when mental health advocates, prevention organizers and community members all unite in an effort to promote suicide prevention awareness.

Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton provides specialized counseling to those who have lost a loved one to suicide and has facilitated a Suicide Bereavement Support Group for more than 30 years.

Denise Mengak, LCSW, allows clients to choose what type of service they are most comfortable with.

“Support group participation can be beneficial because people realize they are not alone and they witness others navigating through this traumatic loss, but not everyone is willing to attend a group,” Mengak said. “Even those who experienced their loved one’s struggle with mental illness need support. It’s never something that anyone can prepare for.”

In Mengak’s experiences, quite often the clients that she meets with were completely shocked by the suicide of a loved one.

“It is a distressing truth that we can love and live with someone and see no signs that they are in immediate danger,” Mengak said. “Even people trained in crisis management such as first-responders and educated professionals choose to mask their symptoms. The more someone hides their struggle, it takes on a life of its own. It becomes an ongoing discussion or debate inside the person and the further that it moves away from being rational or reasonable, and the further they move from



**Denise Mengak, LCSW, a counselor with Catholic Social Services, helps family members of individuals who have died by suicide.**

reaching out for support, the more dangerous it becomes.”

Though depression is often cited as the main reason for suicide, Mengak says the answer isn’t that simple. Factors such as addiction, anxiety, traumatic experiences – as well as disability, financial pressure, and physical pain can all play a role. The longer such issues build up, the more complex the situation will become. Afterwards, family members are often left with unanswered questions and a sense of alienation.

“Suicide carries a social stigma, as does mental illness,” Mengak said. “After a suicide, you’ll hear, ‘If only they had gotten help.’ Well, ‘help’ is not an event that takes place, after which everything is better from that point on. There’s not a magic cure. It’s learning new ways to support yourself and learning new angles for coping. I’ve worked with a number of people whose loved one struggled for years, and they’re aware of the dark nights. They’re aware that their loved one suffered and they can probably relate more to the fact that their loved one died from a long mental illness. Sometimes they’ll wonder, ‘Why then?’ Why was that day different? Did they feel that they’d battled

so many times and they just couldn’t rise up again?” But there are so many uniquely individual factors that play into it.”

Mengak adds that grief after a suicide involves a profound amount of guilt.

“The bereaved will never know why their loved one did not communicate that they were in such a desperate state of mind,” Mengak said. “Individuals who have attempted suicide often state that they were ambivalent about death; what they focused on was a way out of their pain.

Unfortunately, the options that we may see as logical or rational are not perceived as workable or tolerable in the mind of the suicidal individual. The brain is the main computer of the body. Whether its dysfunction is organic or an issue of ‘programming,’ suicide represents organ failure.”

Robert Snipas of Luzerne County lost his 19-year-old son, Robert, to an apparent suicide in 2000. Snipas says he initially would not accept suicide as the cause of his son’s death. He began attending Catholic Social Services Suicide Bereavement Counseling about a year ago.

“I’ve been there,” says Snipas, referring to his own episodes of depression. “I know what bereavement feels like for a family. It’s something that never goes away but I have a story to tell and I’m now trying to share it with the people in the groups. It’s cathartic for me to be able to share it and to share my grief about losing my son. It helps me process the loss. I get advice that gives me direction that I might not have

otherwise considered. It’s been instrumental in helping me do that. Sharing my story with the group ... it almost makes me feel like my son is still with us and as though I’m fulfilling a need to help others.”

Mengak explains that grieving a suicide is a process.

“We try to give survivors a realistic expectation,” Mengak said. “The first year is going to be a rollercoaster. Their feet really won’t touch the ground until they’ve gone through it. If they are persistent, the day will come when they will be able to engage in a life in which their thoughts and energy are not all consumed by this loss.”

In addition to bereavement counseling, Catholic Social Services, through its Hazleton office, also assists with a suicide prevention program, Help STOP The Silence. Suicide bereavement support groups meet at the CSS Wilkes-Barre office on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month and in its Hazleton office on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. For more information, call (570) 822-7118, ex. 3333.

**NATIONAL  
SUICIDE  
PREVENTION  
MONTH**

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available 24 hours a day**

**1-800-273-8255**



# Seeds of the Word, Seeds of Truth, Ray of the Truth



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

In his written work, “Martin Luther: An Ecumenical Perspective,” Cardinal Walter Kasper, President Emeritus of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, stated: “Christian ecumenism is concerned with the unity of the Church in service to the unity and peace of the world.”

This statement succinctly shows how ecumenism and interfaith relations is an important aspect of the evangelizing mission of the Church, the Diocese and every parish.

In an article entitled “Becoming and Sharing the Good News: The Nature and Content of Evangelization,” Scranton Diocesan priest Monsignor David Bohr observes: “It is easy to slip into a maintenance mentality...Ministry within the churches then becomes a matter of pastoral maintenance and customer satisfaction. Members develop a consumer mentality regarding weddings, baptisms and funerals. Paying their dues, they simply expect the church to supply the needed religious and social services.”

The Second Vatican Council called all of the baptized to active internal and external participation in the liturgy and active participation in the evangelizing mission of the Church. All of the baptized are called to promote justice and peace in our world and to overcome prejudices, hatred and violence.

In his encyclical *Centesimus Annus*, Saint John Paul II stated: “Thus the Church’s *social teaching* is itself a valid *instrument of evangelization*. As such, it proclaims God and his mystery of salvation in Christ to every human being, and for that very reason reveals man to himself. In this light, and only in this light, does it concern itself with everything else: the human rights of the individual, and in particular of the ‘working class,’ the family and education, the duties of the State, the ordering of national and international society, economic life, culture, war and peace, and respect for life from the moment of conception until death.”

These statements tell us that ecumenism, interfaith relations and the social teaching of the Church are inter-related in the evangelizing mission of the Church.

During a general audience in September 1998, Saint John Paul stated: “In *Nostra*

*Aetate*, the Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, the Second Vatican Council teaches that ‘the Catholic Church rejects nothing of what is true and holy in these religions. She has a high regard for the manner of life and conduct, the precepts and doctrines which, although differing in many ways from her own teaching, nevertheless often reflect a ray of that truth which enlightens all men.’”

He continued, “Taking up the Council’s teaching from the first Encyclical Letter of my Pontificate, I have wished to recall the ancient doctrine formulated by the Fathers of the Church, which says that we must recognize ‘the seeds of the Word’ present and active in the various religions (*Ad Gentes; Lumen Gentium*). This doctrine leads us to affirm that, though the routes taken may be different, ‘there is but a single goal to which is directed the deepest aspiration of the human spirit as expressed in its quest for God and also in its quest, through its tending towards God, for the full dimension of its humanity, or in other words, for the full meaning of human life’ (*Redemptor Hominis*).

“The ‘seeds of truth’ present and active in the various religious traditions are a reflection of the unique Word of God, who ‘enlightens every man coming into world’ (cf. John 1:9) and who became flesh in Christ Jesus (cf. John 1:14). They are together an ‘effect of the Spirit of truth operating outside the visible confines of the Mystical Body’ and which ‘blows where it wills’ (John 3:8; cf. *Redemptor Hominis*). It is fitting to pause and consider in what sense and in what ways the Holy Spirit is present in humanity’s religious quest and in the various experiences and traditions that express it.”

Bishop Robert Barron’s recent book, *Seeds of the Word: Finding God in the Culture*, can help us to understand an ancient insight mentioned by Saint John Paul, and learn how to see a “ray of truth” and “seeds of truth” in our time and culture. His book can help us move beyond “pastoral maintenance and customer satisfaction” and help each parishioner realize their responsibility to use their gifts and talents as active



**Deacon Albert Giacometti**

**Saint John Neumann Parish, Scranton**

**Ordination Year: 2015**

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

- + Hospital Ministry
- + Homebound Ministry
- + Wake & Committal Services
- + Blessing Services
- + RCIA
- + Lenten Reflection Group Leader
- + Preaching, Weddings & Baptisms

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

It is most fulfilling for me to be able to preach the Gospel at Mass and to comfort those who mourn the loss of a loved one. Also, to be able to interact and become friends with our parishioners, particularly the sick, aged and homebound.

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

Preaching, in the sense that I hope the parishioners will get something of value from my homilies.

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

To pray about it and if you feel you have a calling, apply and give it a try.

participants in the evangelizing mission of the parish and contribute to developing a culture of encounter in their area and work for justice and peace in our world.

The late French churchman Jean-Louis Cardinal Tauran, in “An Outline of Interreligious Dialogue — Religions and Fraternity in the Midst of Diversity” from May 2011, listed various forms of dialogue that give suggestions of ways to develop a culture of encounter on various levels and in various ways:

- Dialogue of life: good neighborly relations with non-Christians which encourage the sharing of joys and troubles;
- Dialogue of works: collaboration

with a view to the well-being of both groups, especially people who live alone, in poverty or sickness;

— Dialogue of theological exchanges: permits experts to understand in depth the respective religious heritages;

— Dialogue of spiritualities: makes available the riches of the life of prayer of both to all, in both groups.

Dialogue is a matter of listening and speaking, working together to promote justice and peace, overcoming ignorance, hatred and violence, as members of one human family. How can we promote these dialogues within the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton?



# The Least of My Brothers: Showing the Love in Philadelphia

Throughout the summer — right up until the start of their new school year — members of the youth group from Mary, Mother of God Parish in North Scranton made several service trips to help out at Saint Francis Inn Soup Kitchen/Ministries in the Kensington section of Philadelphia.

Once again the service trips were organized and led by their pastor, Father Cyril Edwards, who takes great pride in his young parishioners ministering during their summer vacation at some of the most severely impoverished inner-city neighborhoods in major metropolitan areas.

A third-year volunteer, Mother



**Mary, Mother of God youth group volunteers from Scranton are pictured with Franciscan Friar, Father Michael Duffy (seated) at Saint Francis Inn in Kensington, Philadelphia. From left, Nate Hopkins, Jake Hopkins, Christina Kuniegel, Donna Zupp, chaperone; Father Cyril Edwards, Jennifer Kuniegel, Mia Velez, Nick Brooks and Sean Donate.**

of God's Mia Velez, was among one of the pilgrims of mercy who recently traveled to Saint Francis Inn. The facility responds every day of the year to the basic needs of the downtrodden in the area — sadly known for rampant drug use and homelessness.

This summer, Mia related, she had unique experiences in meeting new patrons of Saint Francis, but also recognized some familiar faces from years before.

"As soon as we arrived," she said, "we were put to work," which includes preparing meals,

scrubbing dishes and floors, dispensing toiletries, assisting at the thrift shop, and picking up donations.

Mia explained, "Each year, I look forward to getting the chance to serve the little kids' tables because seeing them smile makes me feel enlightened. Little things like having a conversation with them or giving the kids a dessert with their favorite color icing makes their day."

Nighttime reflections have the young volunteer visitors discuss where they experienced Jesus in the Inn's guests and attitudes about



poverty and homelessness.

"The young people find this to be a life-changing experience as they are able to see the depth of hopelessness and how the dignity of every person must be respected," said Father Edwards. "We serve some 300 (people) every evening...and every person is regarded with care and compassion."

Reflecting on how the mercy mission has touched her young life, Mia concluded, "Saint Francis Inn does have a special place in my heart and so do the people I serve."



## Pope encourages interreligious dialogue initiative

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- At a time when conflict and division dominate the world's headlines, people need to know there are a growing number of important initiatives to promote interreligious dialogue and understanding, Pope Francis said.

The pope welcomed the Abu Dhabi government's formation of an international committee to implement the document on "human fraternity," which he and Sheikh Ahmad el-Tayeb, grand imam of Egypt's al-Azhar mosque and university, signed in Abu Dhabi in February.

"Although sadly evil, hatred and division often make news," the pope said, "there is a hidden sea of goodness that is growing and leads us to hope in dialogue, reciprocal knowledge and the possibility of building, together with the followers of other religions and all men and women of goodwill, a world of fraternity and peace."

The Vatican press office published the pope's remarks Aug. 26, a week after Abu Dhabi's crown prince, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed, announced the initiative to promote meetings of religious leaders, academic study of the document and support legislation to broaden religious liberty and tolerance.



**Pope Francis and Sheikh Ahmad el-Tayeb, grand imam of Egypt's al-Azhar mosque and university, are seen in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Feb. 4, 2019. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)**

Spanish Bishop Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot, president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, was named a member of the committee.

In an interview with Vatican News, Bishop Ayuso said the document is an appeal to build a "civilization of love," and should not lead to a fear that Catholics will stop believing that the fullness of salvation lies in Christ.

"I think fear is the number one

enemy of interreligious dialogue," he said. "The Catholic Church remembers the value of its own identity, the courage of otherness and the sincerity of intentions" of those who engage in dialogue.

"It is not about creating a 'melting pot' in which all religions are considered equal," he said, "but that all believers -- those who seek God and all people of good will without religious affiliation -- are equal in dignity."

## Notre Dame Club helps injured player



The Notre Dame Club of Greater Williamsport recently purchased a specialized exercise bike for Caleb Leone of Jersey Shore. Caleb was injured during a football practice last year and suffers from seizures and a stroke which paralyzed the right side of his body.

Pictured (L to R): Jack Leone, Caleb's father; Chris Dunlap, Notre Dame Club President; Kelly Watson, club member; Mike Dorman, Notre Dame Club Vice President; Danielle Leone, Caleb's mother and Caleb front center.



SCRANTON – Several non-profit agencies in northeastern and north central Pennsylvania will get a helping hand over the next year thanks to several recent college graduates.

Five young adults arrived in the Scranton-area this month to take part in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Jesuit volunteers perform service among the poor and marginalized across 46 communities in six countries.

“Welcome to the Diocese of Scranton. We’re so happy that you’re here,” Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, told the volunteers as they stopped by the Chancery on Thursday, August 8, 2019. “Too many times our young people are getting negative attention, some say they’re self-absorbed and that’s not true. You’re living proof of that so we’re thrilled that you’re going to be in our Diocese.”

For the next year, the five volunteers will be working at

varying organizations that interest them.

“I am serving at Saint Joseph’s Center in the Adult Day Center. I’m excited, when we took the tour I didn’t realize it was so nice, all the outdoor activities and the garden,” volunteer Jamie Bange of Long Island said.

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps offers young adults placement opportunities in education, addiction recovery, immigration and refugee services as well as many other options.

The volunteer who traveled the farthest was Ashlynn Doyle, who lives in San Diego and will be volunteering at the Women’s Resource Center.

“I am excited. I’ll be working with UNC (United Neighborhood Centers) Community Health. I’ll be shadowing some RN’s, doing some follow-ups to make sure the clients can get to their appointments,” Katie Reilly of Weston, Mass. said.

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps



**Students involved with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps pose for a picture after touring the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. Pictured (L to R) are: Cathy Seymour, In-City Coordinator for Jesuit Volunteer Corps; Robbie Starkenburg, Ben Stegbauer, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia; Katie Reilly, Jamie Bange and Ashlynn Doyle. (Photo/Eric Deabill)**

requires a one-year commitment, which begins in the first weeks of August with orientation and ends the following August. The program is open to all young leaders, between the ages of 21 and 35.

When asked why he decided to volunteer with the Friends of the Poor, Robbie Starkenburg of Silver Spring, Md., said his aunt and uncle met during their Jesuit Volunteer Corps experience, but added his decision was personal.

“I went to a Jesuit high school, Gonzaga College High School, that’s where I was first inspired with the value, or instilled with the value of service,” Starkenburg said.

After a brief conversation at the Chancery, Monsignor Muldowney gave the young adults a tour of the Cathedral of Saint Peter and invited them to get involved in the Diocese during their time here.

He also sent them forth with a message of inspiration.

“You will see the vital work that is being accomplished by good people,” Monsignor Muldowney said. “The work that you’re going to be involved in is mentally and spiritually trying, but just always hold on to that focus that you’re going to bring a lot of good to a lot of people that are really in need and that’s just a huge benefit that is going to go with you for the rest of your life!”

## Students to explore their God-given gifts at Up & Over retreat

Young adults from across the Diocese of Scranton are invited to attend a weekend of faith, fellowship and fun next month at Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas.

The Diocese of Scranton’s Office for Parish Life will hold its bi-annual Up & Over Retreat from September 27-29, 2019.

“Up & Over is our junior high retreat for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. It’s a weekend retreat that focuses on team building and it gives the opportunity for students in attendance to explore the gifts that they have and how they can bring them out into the light a little more so that they can contribute them to others,” Shannon Kowalski, Coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, said.

Designed especially for students approaching the age of Confirmation, the weekend is all about fostering teamwork and developing problem solving skills.

“For a lot of students, it’s their first time away from home. At the beginning, they come in a little apprehensive but it’s neat to sit back as an adult and see within the first hour that apprehension goes away because everybody there is so set on having a good time and being a family for the weekend,” Kowalski said.

Activities over the course of the weekend include an outdoor obstacle course, movie and small group work.

“They spend some time getting to know people from across the Diocese,” Kowalski said.

Built into the weekend are also opportunities for Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation. One of the most popular and powerful moments is a candlelight prayer service.

“That is where they acknowledge how they’ve seen the light of Christ in somebody else that weekend and in turn, somebody acknowledges that they’ve seen the light of Christ in

them. So it’s a mutual exchange of prayer and acknowledge of their gifts,” Kowalski said.

One of the goals of the weekend is for the students to receive the tools they need to see faith in real life. After attending one Up & Over retreat, many students want to attend future retreat weekends.

“We typically have a lot of repeat students because they have such a good time!” Kowalski said.

There is a registration fee of \$140 (which includes a \$70 non-refundable deposit). Some parishes help with the cost. Contact your specific parish for more information. The registration fee includes cabin lodging, delicious home cooked meals, a t-shirt and unforgettable memories!

The deadline for registration is September 20, 2019.

For more information, contact the Office for Parish Life at (570) 207-2213 or register online at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org).



DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

# UP & OVER

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

**September 27th - 29th**

Camp Orchard Hill - Dallas, Pa

**Registration Fee: \$140**

Cabin Style Lodging

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

**Arrival:**

7:00pm Friday

**Departure:**

12Noon Sunday

**Register Online at**

[www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)



# Diocesan Day of Service



In his Prayer Vigil Address at World Youth Day 2016, Pope Francis passionately shared:

*“Dear young people, we didn’t come into this world to ‘vegetate’, to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on. No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark. Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage. Take the path of the ‘craziness’ of our God, who teaches us to encounter him in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the friend in trouble, the prisoner, the refugee and the migrant, and our neighbors who feel abandoned.”*

In response to our Holy Father’s challenge and the recommendations of members of the young church, our Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations are once again sponsoring a Diocesan Day of Service for those aged 16 to 35 and adult chaperones on Saturday, September 21, 2019. This year, the Day of Service will follow a theme based around the World Day of Care for Creation. The Day of Care for Creation, held annually on the first Sunday in September, celebrates the natural world and encourages action to protect the environment and all creation. Many of our placements this year will focus on this theme.

The day will consist of:

- Registration
- Opening Mass
- Service at a nonprofit organization/site
- Lunch / Prayer and Reflection on the Experience

## WILKES-BARRE AREA

9:00am Opening Mass/Registration – Saint Nicholas Church, 226 S. Washington St.  
Volunteer at sites within walking distance  
Lunch / Prayer and Reflection on the Experience

## SCRANTON AREA

9:00am Opening Mass/Registration – at place still to be determined  
Volunteer at sites  
Lunch / Prayer and Reflection on the Experience

## EAST STROUDSBURG AREA

8:00am Opening Mass/Registration – Saint Matthew Parish, 78 Ridgeway St.  
Volunteer at sites  
Lunch / Prayer and Reflection on the Experience

## WILLIAMSPORT AREA

8:30am Opening Mass/Registration – Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, 702 W. Fourth St.  
Volunteer at sites  
Lunch / Prayer and Reflection on the Experience

To register, visit: [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or call (570) 780-2996



*Do you know a young person who is making a difference in our community and Diocese?*

*Nominate them for The Catholic Light's inaugural 20 under 40 award!*

Many faithful say young people are the future of the Church. That isn't the case. Young people are a part of the Church right now and they are leaving their mark each day.

At the conclusion of Mass for this year's World Youth Day in Panama, Pope Francis' last words were for the young people of the Church...“We are on a journey,” the Holy Father reminded them. “Keep walking, keep living the faith and sharing it...you are not the tomorrow, you are not the ‘meantime,’ you are the Now of God.”

Do you know a religious education or Catholic school teacher that has helped you deepen your faith or your child's faith? Is there a young person in your parish that is making a difference in your community? Do you know someone who is living a life of faith and service to our Diocese and our world at large?

*The Catholic Light* is launching a new effort to recognize the young people who are actively and fully engaged in the Catholic Church through a new effort called the Diocese of Scranton's 20 Under 40.

We believe that good news should be shared and that our faithful young people deserve special recognition. We are asking Pastors, Parish Life Coordinators and everyday parishioners to nominate the young people and dedicated volunteers in their midst.

The final 20 will be featured in a fall edition of *The Catholic Light* and through Diocesan social media accounts.

## NOMINATION GUIDELINES

-Nominee must be between 18 and 39 years of age as of December 31, 2019

-Nominee should be committed to serving others and providing leadership to his or her parish, school and/or the Diocese of Scranton

-Individuals may nominate themselves for recognition

-If nominating multiple individuals, separate forms should be completed for each nomination

## WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

-Demonstrates impact to their field/ministry/community

-Brings recognition and pride to the work of the Diocese of Scranton

-Ability to uphold and enhance the core values and mission of the Diocese of Scranton

*Candidates must be willing to submit a headshot, if selected, which can be published*

## NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

-The deadline for nominations is Friday, September 20, 2019.

-To nominate someone for recognition, visit [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) and fill out an online submission form. Written submissions can also be mailed to:

The Catholic Light  
Attention: 20 Under 40 Recognition  
330 Wyoming Avenue  
Scranton, Pa 18503

-For more information, call The Catholic Light Office at (570) 207-2229



# Mass in Italian to take place September 1 in Scranton

The annual Mass in Italian will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 1, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. All are welcome to attend.

The liturgy is celebrated in conjunction with La Festa Italiana, which occurs over the Labor Day weekend, Friday through Monday, August 30 through September 2, on Courthouse Square, one block away.

This year's principal celebrant is Father David Cappelloni, La Festa chaplain. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will preside and give the homily.

Concelebrants will be priests from the Diocese of Scranton. Deacons from the Diocese will also participate.

The Mass will be broadcast live by CTV: Catholic Television and will be rebroadcast on Tuesday, September 3, at 8 p.m., and Wednesday, September 4, at 10 a.m. It will be available for viewing later in the week on the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org).

This year's Mass is dedicated to the late Bishop Robert C. Morlino, a Dunmore native who was raised in SS. Anthony and

Rocco Parish there. A graduate of Scranton Preparatory School, he was ordained for the Society of Jesus.

Subsequently he became a priest of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, Michigan. On July 6, 1999, St. Pope John Paul II appointed him the Ninth Bishop of Helena, Montana. He was then appointed the Fourth Bishop of Madison, Wisconsin, on May 23, 2003 and installed on August 1, 2003.

Bishop Morlino served as chairman of two committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and

chaired the Board of Directors of The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC), which conducts research, consultation, publishing and education to promote human dignity in health care and the life sciences.

Bishop Morlino served as principal celebrant and homilist for the Italian Mass in Scranton in 2017. He died in Madison on November 24, 2018.

This year's Italian Mass is also being offered in memory of Pat Aita, Dora Amendola, Frank J. Blasi, Rev. Joseph Cipriano, John "Jack" Costanzi, Dr. Peter Cupple, Rep. Sid Kavulich, Marie Lalli, Sylvio Mele, Ed Pisano and John Valvano.

Music ministry for the Italian Mass will be provided by the choirs of SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish, Dunmore; Holy Family Parish, Luzerne; and UNICO Scranton Chapter, accompanied by a brass quartet, all directed by Joseph Moffitt. Dominick DeNaples, mandolin; Patrick Loungo, Nicholas Luongo,

Lou Cossa, guitar, and Monica Spishock, timpani, will also accompany.

Ashley Yando-DeFlice is the cantor. The guest vocalist is Olivia DiMaggio.

Dr. Ann Cerminaro-Costanzi is the leader of prayer. The lectors are Kevin Phelan, retired Chancellor of the Diocese of Madison, and Sister Catherine Iacouzze, MPF. The Prayer of the Faithful will be led by Karen A. Clifford, Frank Castellano and William R. Genello.

Offertory gifts will be presented by Scranton Controller Roseann Novembrino, Scranton Police Chief Carl Graziano, UNICO National President Frank and Linda DeFrank, Atty. Guy Valvano, Robert W. Pettinato, Robert DiMaggio, Mrs. Rose Blasi and son Frank T. Blasi and Jennie Wentline.

James Baress, Patrick Caramanno, Joshua Cillo, Stephen Eboli, Jonathan Eboli, Anthony Santoli and Guy M. Valvano are the ushers.



**LABOR DAY WEEKEND**  
FRIDAY, AUG 30TH-MONDAY, SEPT 2ND

Italy arrives in downtown Scranton's Courthouse Square. Over 80 vendors. Enjoy Italian food, entertainment, crafts, bocce, rides for kids and more.  
**Mass in Italian, Sunday September 1st, 10 am. St. Peter's Cathedral.**

**FRIDAY**  
**AUG 30**  
OPENING CEREMONIES  
4:30 PM

**SATURDAY**  
**AUG 31**  
JAMES R. MINICOZZI  
5K Run/Walk, 10AM

**SUNDAY**  
**SEPT 1**  
FIREWORKS  
10:00 PM

**MONDAY**  
**SEPT 2**  
AUSTIN GIORGIO  
from NBC "THE VOICE"  
5:00 PM

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[www.lafestaitaliana.org](http://www.lafestaitaliana.org)

## Bishop's youth awards moving to the fall



In response to Bishop Joseph C. Bambera's Spring Confirmation schedule, the Diocesan Office for Parish Life will begin hosting the Bishop's Youth Award Masses annually this fall. The Bishop's Youth Awards will be presented in four parishes of our Diocese.

### Southern Region

Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Saint Nicholas Parish, Wilkes-Barre

### Eastern Region

Monday, September 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Our Lady of Victory Parish, Tannersville

### Northern Region

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Saint Paul Parish (Saint Paul Church), Scranton

### Western Region

Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Saint Boniface Parish, Williamsport



Diocese of Scranton

# CATHOLIC

SCHOOL SYSTEM

FAITH • ACADEMICS • SERVICE

*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.*

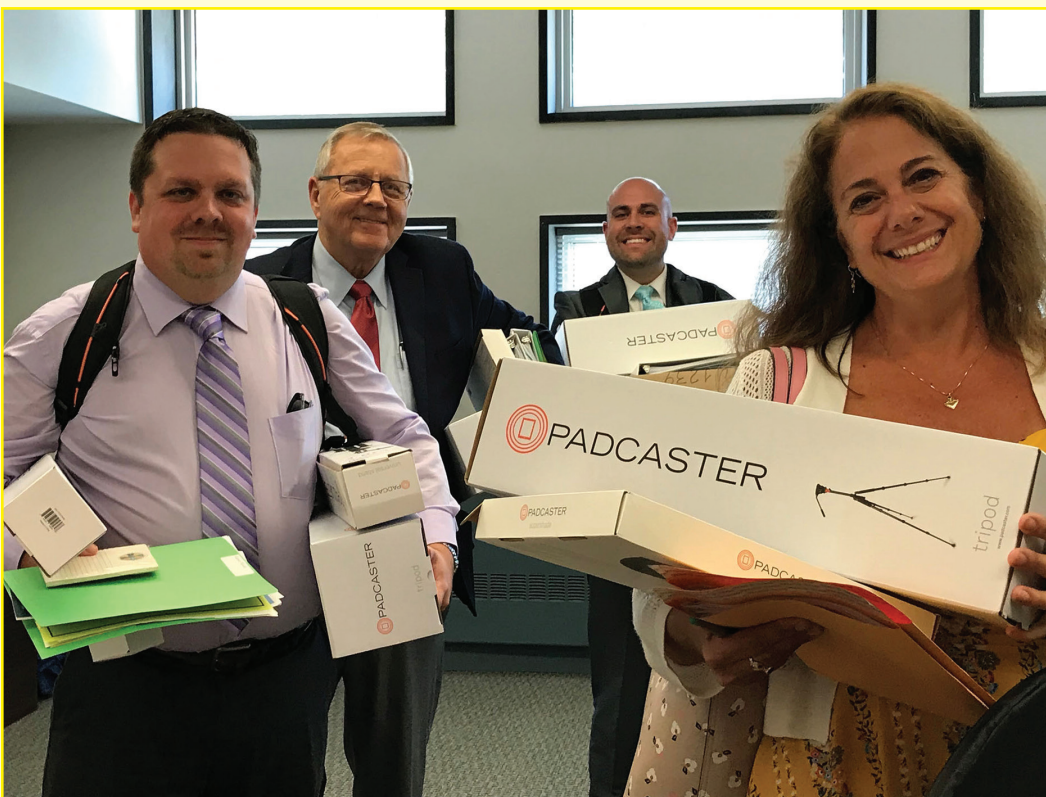


Principals and teachers from our 20 Catholic Schools spent a day training on NWEA Map Growth, a computerized adaptive assessment, giving teachers the opportunity to plan instruction based on the individual needs of their students. Each student's test is personalized to their responses to the previous questions so this becomes another tool to ensure growth and enhance data-informed instruction in our schools.



The next principal and teacher training, scheduled for October, will assist educational teams to understand the meaning of the results and how best to use the information to drive instruction, personalize learning, and monitor the growth of each student. Families will be provided information to understand the assessment results for each student during the academic year.

Continuing with their summer STREAM (Science • Technology • Religion • Engineering • Arts • Math) training, principals and teachers from the Diocese of Scranton spent time learning Padcaster, which transforms an Apple iPad into a mobile video studio. Every Catholic School will now have a Padcaster Studio for students to capture, create and share digital content within their school as well to offer as a live stream. The Padcaster Studio includes a dedicated iPad, various lenses and microphones, headphones, LED light, tripod with dolly wheels, green screen with stand, and a mini-teleprompter, all of which can be easily transported throughout the school building and campus.







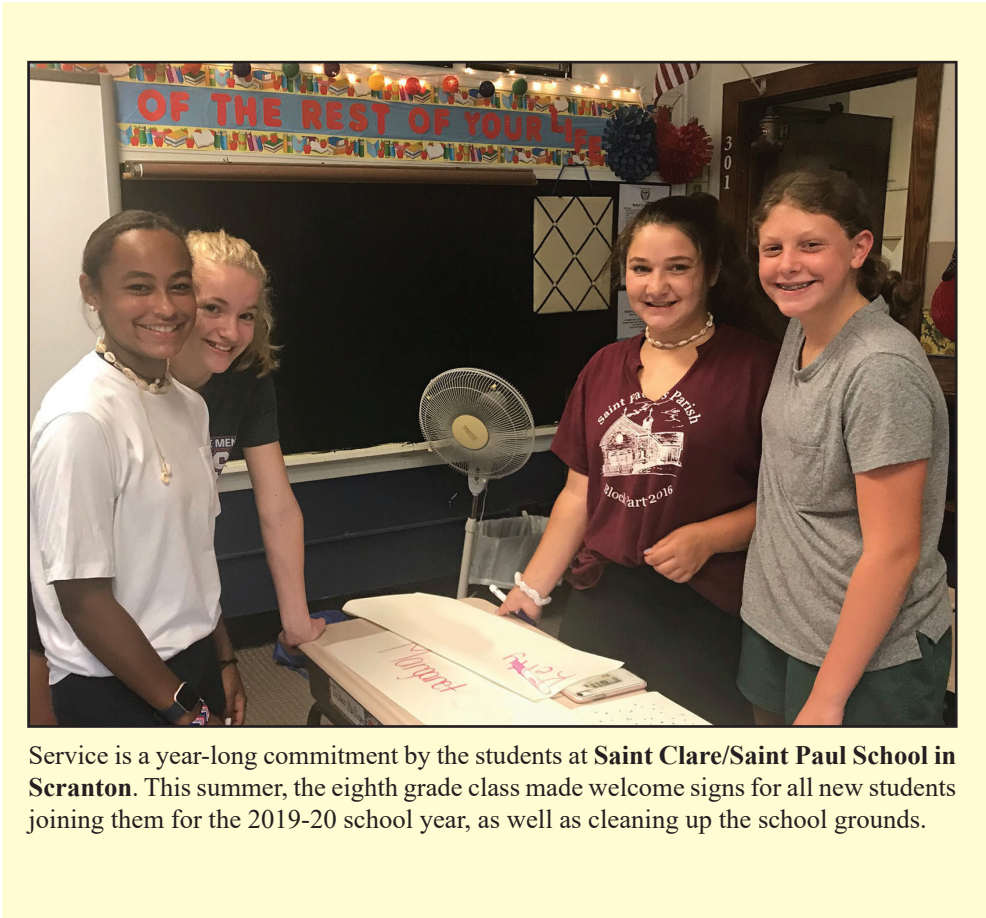
Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students at **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** spent time this summer at the school’s Dino Camp, learning all about dinosaurs. A few participants became “dinos” with the addition of these specially designed dinosaur masks.



Just prior to the end of the school year, the second grade class at **Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore** went on a Communion Retreat, visiting Saint Gabriel’s Monastery in Clarks Summit.



Mackenzie and Alli, students at **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston**, peruse the buffet offerings at the school’s annual “New Student Orientation Information Session,” where new families can tour the school, meet the faculty and staff, and then enjoy a light dinner.



Service is a year-long commitment by the students at **Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton**. This summer, the eighth grade class made welcome signs for all new students joining them for the 2019-20 school year, as well as cleaning up the school grounds.



Megan Crosby and Juliana Kriner, juniors at **Saint John Neumann Jr./Sr. High School in Williamsport**, assist new students and their families at the school’s August Open House and New Student Orientation.





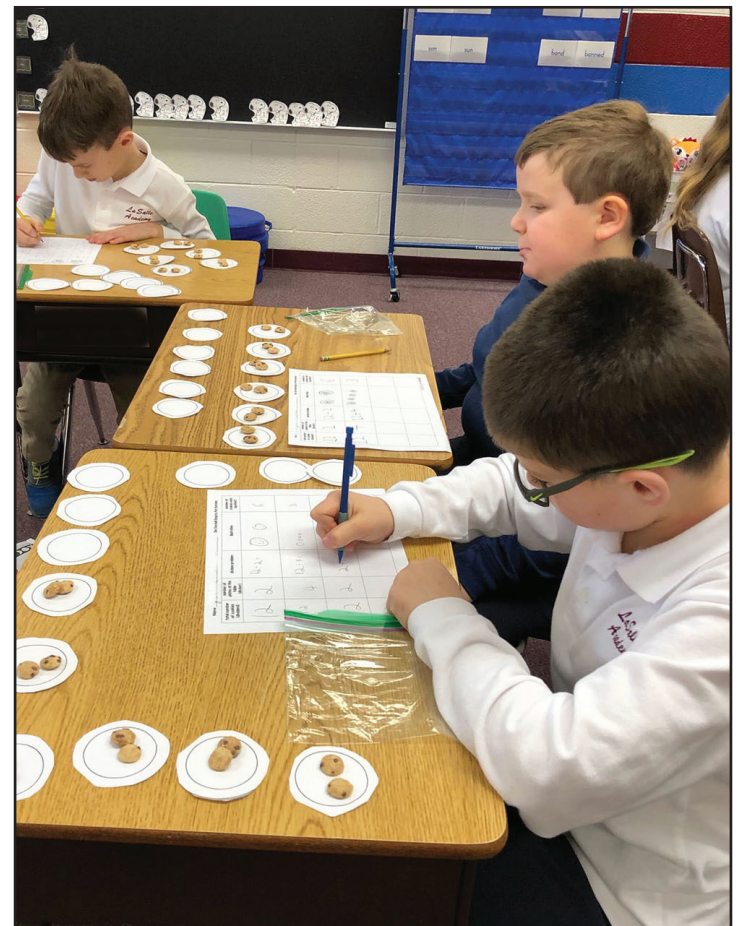
Students who participate in the Individualized Instruction Program at **All Saints Academy in Scranton** partnered with NEIU Guidance teams to celebrate “ME.” Student portraits, including descriptions of each, were created and shared with the students.



Miss Sue Shaw, the Pre-Kindergarten teacher at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton**, greets her new Pre-K students and their families during their “New Student Orientation” evening, which allows students to meet each other, learn where they are going to sit, as well as meet their teacher.



Connor Pribula, Samantha Renfer, Robert Stanchak and Brooke Allen, fifth grade students at **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter**, enjoy the décor as the school hosts a “Back to School Ice Cream Social” night in mid-August for all students and their families.



Third graders at **La Salle Academy in Jessup** had a “sweet” introduction to division. After reading “The Door Rang” by Pat Hutchins, a book that centers on friendship, sharing, cookies and also introduces math concepts, the students could practice division problem using Cookie Crisp cereal.



# The Real Presence: What do Catholics believe and how church can respond

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Do Catholics believe that the Eucharist is truly the body and blood of Christ?

A Pew Research Center survey released Aug. 5 found that nearly 70% of Catholics believe that the bread and wine used for Communion during Mass are “symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ,” while about 30% believe that the bread and wine “actually become” Christ’s body and blood.

The findings clearly touched a nerve as commentators jumped to analyze the data, questioning the language that Pew had used in its survey questions.

Mark Gray from the Center for the Applied Research in the Apostolate wrote in a blog post that replacing the word “actually” with “really” might have led to different results. In previous surveys on the Real Presence, CARA used “Jesus is really present in the bread and wine of the Eucharist” vs. “Bread and wine are symbols of Jesus, but Jesus is not really present.”

Others found the results an affirmation of their belief that catechesis in the church is in a sorry state.

“It represents a massive failure -- and I include myself in this, we’re all guilty -- a massive failure on the part of Catholic educators and catechists, evangelists, teachers,” said Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron in a “Word on Fire” YouTube video. “If on this central matter of our belief and practice there is this much deep misunderstanding, something has gone substantially wrong.”

Pew’s finding “certainly shows a failure in catechetics, but I think the church faces a greater problem,” Jesuit Father Thomas Reese wrote in a column for Religion News Service. “Catholics have an impoverished idea of what the Eucharist is really about.”

The Catechism of that Catholic Church looks to the Council of Trent to define its eucharistic doctrine: “By the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation” (No. 1376).

Catholic theologians in the High Middle Ages turned to the Aristotelian philosophic categories of “substance” and “accidents” to expound the doctrine. Today, some argue those terms contribute to the confusion around the Eucharist.



**In this 2014 photo, Pope Francis elevates the Eucharist as he celebrates Mass on the feast of Corpus Christi outside the Basilica of Saint John Lateran in Rome. (CNS photo/Paul Haring).**

“The accidents are those things that we see. We see a host. We see wine,” explained Father Frank Donio, director of the Catholic Apostolate Center in Washington, in an interview with Catholic News Service. “The substance -- the ‘breadness’ or the ‘wineness’ -- is what it is.”

By the words of consecration during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass, the substance changes -- transubstantiation -- while the accidents remain the same.

It still looks like, acts like, tastes like bread or wine. But its substance has become the body and blood of Christ, Father Donio said.

“The difficulty is that because we don’t help people to understand what that means, substance and accidents, it’s harder for them to then understand what transubstantiation is,” he added. “We do need to assist people in understanding” those terms.

But do those ancient terms resonate with modern-day Catholics?

“Sometimes we struggle to articulate a post-Enlightenment understanding of what we mean by Real Presence” by relying on outdated vocabulary, said Michael Bayer, director of evangelization and adult formation at St. Clement Church in Chicago.

Father Reese put it bluntly, “Using Aristotelian concepts to explain Catholic mysteries in the 21st century is a fool’s errand.”

It is possible to teach the doctrine of transubstantiation without using the words “substance” and “accidents,” said Timothy O’Malley, professor and director of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, in an interview. But eventually it is the appropriate way to teach it, he said.

“If the word ‘substance’ scares people off, you can say, ‘what it really is,’ and that is what substance is,” O’Malley said. “What it really is, what it absolutely is at its heart is Christ’s body and blood.”

“The most helpful thing we can say is: This really, truly, actually is Jesus, in a way that it was not prior to the act of consecration,” Bayer said in an interview. “It truly is Jesus and there’s an aspect to this we simply don’t understand. And we have to be a little comfortable in the face of that mystery.”

O’Malley references St. Thomas Aquinas’ eucharistic hymn the “Pange Lingua” as an example of language that describes the Eucharist in an accessible way that can prepare Catholics for an appreciation of “substance” and “accidents” later.

He points to the verse that reads: “The Word in flesh makes true bread his flesh with a word; wine becomes the blood of Christ, and if sense is deficient, to confirm sincere hearts, faith alone suffices.”

Faith steps in where senses fail, St. Thomas says.

“It’s about a docility and a submission to an effable mystery. It’s why we celebrate these sacred mysteries at Mass because there’s something we simply cannot communicate,” Bayer said.

“Faith is not purely an intellectual exercise,” Father Donio said. “Reason informs (faith). Faith is that encounter with Christ.”

How can the church encourage that encounter with Christ? How can the church help promote understanding of and love for the Eucharist?

Look to liturgical practice, what we do in our parishes, O’Malley said. “Are there eucharistic processions in public

ways? Do we engage in practices like benedictions and other dimensions that hold up the eucharistic sacrament and the gift of this presence?”

Along with incorporating religious practices surrounding the Eucharist, pastors should preach about the doctrine of transubstantiation, especially on the feast of Corpus Christi, O’Malley added.

For Catholic speaker and author Katie Prejean McGrady, eucharistic adoration has been an essential part of her ministry.

“There’s an opportunity to open people’s hearts and minds to the idea that we get to sit in the presence of Christ. And if this was just bread, then this would be a complete waste of time,” she said in an interview.

In her talks at youth conferences, faculty retreats and other events, she prepares the audience for prayer during eucharistic adoration.

“We’re sitting in front of Christ himself. What does that do to your heart? What can that do for your mind? How can that bring you calm and comfort? How can that give you the opportunity to discover and to grow?” she said.

McGrady also suggested the churches make adoration chapels available or open church doors during the day so that people can stop in and pray. “The ‘pop-in’ on Jesus was what really enflamed my heart with the love of the Eucharist” during her college years, she said.

Another way to help Catholics interiorize an understanding of the Real Presence is by deepening their relationship to mission.

Receiving Communion at Mass transforms us into living as a eucharistic people, Bayer said. The Eucharist “missions us outward for the work of the Gospel during the week.”

“To live as a eucharistic people, to receive Jesus’ body, requires us to get down and wash feet. We must serve, that’s how we express it,” Bayer said.

What the Pew survey has done -- accurate or not -- is spark conversation and critical thinking among Catholics leaders, educators and catechists on the best way to lead believers to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist.

“How do we take advantage of this conversation to help people encounter Christ more deeply in the Eucharist?” Father Donio said.

The Eucharist “is the real presence of Christ. How do we prepare for that encounter? How do we make that encounter? And what happens after that encounter?”



# Parish Fundraiser to Benefit Women's Resource Center

"Fresh Start," a fundraiser benefit with all proceeds and material donations contributing to the work of a regional Women's Resource Center, will be sponsored next month by two Catholic parishes in Lackawanna County.

Hosted by the Social Concerns Committee of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Throop, and Holy Cross Parish, Olyphant, the benefit will be held on Sunday, Sept. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament, 215 Rebecca St., Throop.

Admission is \$20 per person or a comparable gift from the event's "wish list" to aid the center.

The Women's Resource Center provides comprehensive services for female and male victims

## Remembrance Day for Abortion Victims Slated September 14

The Diocese of Scranton will participate in the seventh annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on Saturday, Sept. 14 — Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross — when pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the nearly 60 million unborn victims of abortion since its legalization in 1973.

Diocesan observances on Sept. 14 will include a Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion to be held at 11 a.m. at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 612 Mount Olivet Road, Carverton.

The pro-life gathering will take place at Mount Olivet's Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb for the Unborn," located on the top of the hill on the cemetery grounds.

During the memorial observance, the Rosary will be recited in remembrance of all aborted babies.

All faithful are invited. For more information, contact Ada Magni at (570) 693-1338.



of domestic violence, sexual assault/violence, and harassment in Lackawanna and Susquehanna counties. Services include a crisis hotline and counseling, emergency shelter, safe housing, legal and support services, community education, and advocacy.

Fundraiser patrons will be able to partake in a buffet of food offerings, including salad, rolls, pasta & meatballs, broccoli bacon salad, fresh fruit tray, desserts and soft drinks. The event will also include theme basket and cash raffle drawings.

Practical items topping the Resource Center's wish list include: gifts cards for various needs and services, child car seats, children's & women's clothing, writing materials & calendars, health care products for women, hygiene products, bath and bedding accessories, cookware/kitchen & household items, children's backpacks & school supplies, laundry products, and pet food/accessories.

Reservations to attend the event are requested by Aug. 30 and can be made by calling (570) 489-5125.

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## SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

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	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					G.K. CHESTERTON	
2:00 AM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN		EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)					
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	REMEMBERING JESUS	
3:30AM		DEFENDING LIFE		PAPAL AUDIENCE	SAINTS SCOUNDRELS	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG	YOU'RE AMAZING	
4:00 AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE	HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH	BOB AND PENNY LORD PRESENT	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH		
4:30 AM			THE CHURCH:GOD'S PLAN	(4:40) ANGELUS FROM NAZARETH	A FORCE FOR GOOD	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	EXTRAORDINARY FAITH	
5:00 AM	MATTHEW'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	THE 4TH CUP	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS	
5:30 AM	DECISION POINT	THE BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS	APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION	FUNDAMRNTALS OF CATHOLICISM		CATHOLICS COME HOME		
6:00 AM	ANGELUS WITH POPE FRANCIS	EWTN ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS						
6:30 AM	WHERE GOD WEEPS	G.K. CHESTERTON	CHURCH AND THE POOR	FR. RUTLER: CHRIST IN THE CITY	ICONS SPOTLIGHT	THE CHOICES WE FACE	SAINTS vs. SCOUNDRALS	
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			FOCUS	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	
11:00 AM	FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM	WOMEN OF GRACE						BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT
11:30 AM	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	THE CHOICES WE FACE	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	WAY OF THE CROSS FOR KIDS	LIVE WITH PASSION	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES	
12:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LIVE AT 12:10 p.m. "DIOCESAN DATEBOOK" airs before and after Mass.						EWTN DAILY MASS (Encore)
12:30PM	(1:10PM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	PRAY FOR YOUR SONS &	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE	
1:30 PM	IN CONCERT	CRASH COURSE IN THE SAINTS	ST. FRANCIS: MIRROR OF CHRIST	SPECIALS	A EUCHARISTIC JOURNEY WITH FRANCISCAN	SPEAKING OF SAINTS	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		THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG						
3:00 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	DECISION POINT	BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT	THE BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS	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	THE JOURNEY HOME	CATHOLICS COME HOME	REAL LIFE CATHOLICS	CHURCH UNIVERSAL	VATICANO	SAVORING OUR FAITH	CHURCH AND POOR	
7:00 PM		THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						DAILY MASS
7:30PM	THE JOURNEY HOME	THE HOLY ROSARY POPE'S AUDIENCE THE HOLY ROSARY DIOCESAN DATEBOOK						
8:00 PM		SUNDAY BEST WITH FR. GROESCHEL	THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	CTV SPECIAL PRESENTATION	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	SPECIALS	EWTN CINEMA
8:30 PM	CATHOLICS COME HOME							
9:00 PM	LIFE ON THE ROCK	EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)	EWTN NIGHTLY NEWS (Encore)					
9:30 PM	HOLY ROSARY W MOTHER ANGELICA	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	THE CHOICES WE FACE	FOCUS	LIVE WITH PASSION	SALT & LIGHT TV SISTERHOOD	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	
10:00PM	EWTN SPECIALS	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (ENCORE)	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	PRO-LIFE WEEKLY	LIFE ON THE ROCK		
10:30PM					DEFENDING LIFE	ICONS SPOTLIGHT		
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						REMEMBERING JESUS

## Divine Mercy Shrine Pilgrimage Oct. 5

PITTSTON—The Eucharistic Apostle of Divine Mercy Cenacle will host their annual pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Mass., to coincide with the Feast of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska — the saint of Divine Mercy.

The pilgrimage will be held on Saint Faustina's feast day, Saturday, Oct. 5.

The bus excursion will depart for the Divine Mercy Shrine at 7 a.m. from the grounds of Saint Joseph's Oblate Seminary, 1880 Highway 315, Laflin. Estimated arrival time at the shrine is 11 a.m.

Pilgrims will participate in the day's events at the Mother of Mercy outdoor shrine, beginning with a presentation on Saint Faustina.

The remainder of the day's itinerary is as follows: 1 p.m. — Eucharistic adoration and opportunity for private confessions; 1:30 p.m. — recitation of the Rosary for Life; 2 p.m. — celebration of Holy Mass; 3 p.m. — Divine Mercy Chaplet, benediction, veneration of first-class relic of Saint Faustina, and blessing of religious articles; and 4:45 p.m. — departure from shrine for home, including dinner stop.

Cost for the pilgrimage, including complimentary refreshments, Shrine entrance fee, and full-course dinner, is \$75 per person.

For more information and reservations, contact Cathy Mack, trip coordinator, at (570) 654-6063.

## Oblates Hosting September Healing Mass

The Enthronement Guild of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in the Diocese of Scranton will sponsor a Celebration of Healing Mass on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 3 p.m. at the Oblates of Saint Joseph Seminary chapel in Laflin.

The Eucharistic celebration

will include a healing anointing for those participating in the liturgy. All are welcome.

Saint Joseph Oblate Father Joseph Sibilano will serve as Mass celebrant. The Sacred Heart Singers will present a musical prelude beginning at 2:30 p.m.

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# Spiritual Offerings Around the Diocese

**Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Devotion** — **SEPT. 1**, 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.

**Padre Pio Prayer Ministry** — **SEPT. 4**, 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.

**Weekly Eucharistic Adoration** — **SEPT. 4**, hosted by All Saints Parish in Plymouth; Eucharistic exposition and adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the daily chapel of the parish worship site of Nativity of the BVM Church, 66 Willow St., Plymouth.

**Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration** — **SEPT. 4**, 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 Marelllo, founder of the Oblates of St. Joseph religious congregation. For more information, contact the OSJ seminary at (570) 654-7542.

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## Prayer Requests for Priests

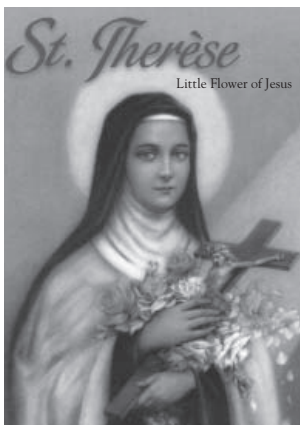
The Daily Prayer Request for Priests schedule for the next three weeks is as follows:

August 29, Father Louis Kaminski; August 30, Father William Karle; August 31, Monsignor Arthur Kaschenbach; September 1, Pope Francis; September 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; September 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; September 4, Father Joseph Kearney; September 5, Jesuit Father Herbert Keller; September 6, Father Brian Kelly; September

7, Father E. Francis Kelly; September 8, Monsignor Joseph Kelly; September 9, Father John Kilpatrick; September 10, Father Shane Kirby; September 11, Father Michael Kirwin; September 12, Father Kenneth Kizis; September 13, Father Michael Kloton; September 14, Holy Cross Father Charles Kociolek; September 15, Father Bert Kozen; September 16, Father Stephen Krawontka; September 17, Holy Cross Father Brent Kruger; September 18, Father John Kulavich.

## St. Thérèse Annual 9-Day Novena

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### NOVENA SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, SEPT. 23<sup>RD</sup> • 1ST DAY OF NOVENA**  
4:00p.m. - Mass, followed by Novena  
Guest Speaker: Deacon William Behm

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 24<sup>TH</sup> TO MONDAY, SEPT. 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
3:00p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions  
3:30p.m. - Rosary • 4:00p.m. - Novena

**TUESDAY, OCT. 1<sup>ST</sup> • (LAST DAY OF NOVENA, FEAST DAY OF ST. THÉRÈSE)**  
6:00p.m. - Roman Catholic Mass, followed by Novena and Guest Speaker: Father Thomas Looney (Kings College)

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Based on my practice, which consists of estate planning and administration along with elder law, I find that clients are more comfortable discussing such matters in familiar surroundings. While I know this may seem unconventional to some, I believe I will be able to serve clients much better in this fashion. If anyone is uncomfortable with home visits, I have a few locations where I can meet in an office setting. I look forward to meeting with my existing clients and especially meeting new clients that are looking for any assistance in estate or elder law matters.



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**Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration** — **SEPT. 4**, hosted by Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Tunkhannock; exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament offered every Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. in Nativity BVM Church, 99 East Tioga St., Tunkhannock. All faithful are welcome. For more information, call (570) 881-9916.

**Weekly Divine Mercy Devotion** — **SEPT. 4**, hosted by Most Holy Trinity Parish in Susquehanna; Hour of Mercy devotion held every Wednesday at 3 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church, 380 Franklin St., Great Bend. All faithful are welcome.

**Scranton Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Family & Friends** — **SEPT. 5**, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for parents, family members and friends of individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings will be approxi-

mately 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 (Cathedral), (570) 344-7231; Deacon Jan Mroz (Mary, Mother of God), (570) 342-4881; or Deacon Pat McDonald (Immaculate Conception), (570) 961-5211.

**Monthly Meeting of the Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic** — **SEPT. 8**, 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.

**Bereavement Support Group Session** — **SEPT. 9**, hosted by St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Milford; group meets on Monday evening 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.

**Evening of Prayer with the Sisters of IHM** — **SEPT. 11**, sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; monthly prayer service held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel at the IHM Center, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton (top of University Ave., beyond Marywood University). All are welcome. For more information, call (570) 346-5404.

**Evening of Adoration & Music** — **SEPT. 12**, hosted by St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 711 West Edwin St., Williamsport; held at the parish worship site from 7 to 9 p.m. Evening's special guest performer: Christian musician Lee Roessler. All are welcome free of charge.

**Evening of Marian Devotion** — **SEPT. 13**, hosted by the Diocesan Legion of Mary in response to the Blessed Mother's request at Fatima for prayers for world peace; devotion begins at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish, 898 Centre St., Freeland. Prayer service includes recitation of the Rosary, Fatima prayers, Marian hymns and music for the Scriptural mysteries, led by Ernie Pappa. All are invited to attend and offer devotional prayers to Mary for peace.

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The event, which is the sole fundraiser of the year that enables the Ladies of Charity to continue their apostolate of providing charitable works, offers card and bingo games with monetary and door prizes.

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Mission Message

**Go Forth**

**By Father Brian J.T. Clarke**  
Diocesan Director,  
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For many centuries — really from the dawn of the foundation of the Church — missionaries have traveled throughout the world to share the message of the Gospel. In many cases, these missionaries have led the way for the Christian faith to grow by converting throngs of men and women. Central to the mission of the Church is to do just that today, to share the saving message of Christ to all, to be faithful missionary disciples.

Why, then, has Pope Francis been so vocally opposed to proselytizing (to proselytize often means compelling individuals, sometimes by force, to convert to a particular faith tradition)?

I think it's clear that the Holy Father by no means is insisting that missionaries, or any ordinary Catholic, remain silent and sidelined with regard to evangelization. What is clear is that he wants to avoid forceful conversions.

In an address to directors of Pontifical Mission Societies, Pope

Francis captured the specific goal of missionaries: "We do not have a product to sell. It has nothing to do with proselytizing... We have a life to communicate: God, His divine life, His merciful love, His holiness." Pope Francis clearly doesn't see the sharing of the Gospel to involve marketing tactics like those used to sell merchandise; what we are "selling" is a person, a relationship.

The Gospel, by its very nature, cannot be received and embraced by manipulation or by force. It's a beautiful, compelling invitation to give one's life over to Christ. Pope Francis wants us to seek hearts and souls for Christ with our words and actions, inviting others to adopt the faith because they see what impact it clearly has on us and on the way we live our lives. A missionary is sent to serve with love because of Christ, because a relationship with Jesus inspires loving service of all God's people.

Interestingly enough, Pope Francis is not paving new ground here or departing from long-held standards regarding the spreading of the Gospel. Pope Benedict XVI wrote similarly in his encyclical *Deus caritas est* that "being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction."

The question for each of us is how has this event, this person, impacted our lives and by extension the lives of others. Is the way we're living out our daily lives impactful to the point of others desiring what we have been given by God?

The missionary is first and foremost a person of prayer, because prayer is that act by which we draw closer to God and He draws close to us. It deepens that relationship which is so meaningful we can't hold back from sharing it with others.

Pope Francis reminds each of us of that reality: "Prayer is the first 'missionary work' — the first! — that every Christian can and must do... in fact, the principal agent of evangelization is the Holy Spirit, and we are called to collaborate with Him." What a beautiful thought: We are called to collaborate with the Holy Spirit in the work of evangelization.

If we seek to be coworkers with the Holy Spirit, there will be no need to proselytize, no need to force or manipulate others, no need to make the faith "marketable." The grace of the Holy Spirit, that we can help others to experience, will be that force that will change the hearts of many and stir in them the desire to be one with Christ and His Church.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

***Apostleship of Prayer***

Papal Intention for September 2019

***The Protection of the Oceans —***

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.



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## Spiritual Support Group:

**Scranton Mental Health Ministry** — **SEPT. 14 & 28**, 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 (Cathedral), (570) 344-7231; Deacon Jan Mroz (Mary, Mother of God), (570) 342-4881; or Deacon Pat McDonald (Immaculate Conception), (570) 961-5211.

## Meeting of the St. Joseph

**Secular Franciscan Fraternity** — **SEPT. 15**, 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.

## Grief Support Ministry: "Be

**Not Afraid, I Go Before You"** — **SEPT. 16**, sponsored by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Lake Silkworth (Hunlock Creek); first of five weekly sessions, led by the parish grief support ministers, on Monday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Guardian Angel Room at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth. All suffering the loss of a loved one are welcome. For more information, call Marianna Oplinger at (570) 956-6983.

## Monday Evening Marian

**Devotion** — **SEPT. 16**, hosted by the Oblates of St. Joseph; evening of Marian devotion begins at 6 p.m. in the chapel of St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laflin (Pittston). Prayer service includes recitation of the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, Fatima prayers, hymns and music for the Scriptural mysteries. All are invited to attend and offer devotional prayers to the Blessed Mother for world peace.

## Mass & Anointing Service

— **SEPT. 21**, hosted by Mary, Mother of God Parish at Holy Rosary Church, 316 William St., North Scranton; Eucharistic celebration with Anointing of the Sick blessing begins at 11 a.m. Luncheon will

follow in the school auditorium; free health screenings also will be available. All are welcome.

## Meeting of Lay Carmelites

— **SEPT. 21**, 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 St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, 1880 Route 315, Laflin (Pittston). For more information, contact Rose at (570) 507-2373 or Chris at (570) 239-8094.

## Secular Discalced Carmelites

**Annual Retreat** — **SEPT. 21 & 22**, canonically established community of the Diocese of Scranton; annual two-day retreat will be hosted 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.

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The second retreat weekend offering, "Praying the Passion," will begin on Oct. 18. Open to both men and women, this retreat is designed to provide a more silent spiritual experience.

Serving as retreat director/preacher for the September program will be Passionist Father Richard Nalepa of Saint Paul's Monastery in Pittsburgh. Passionist Father Curtis Kiddy will

lead the preached weekend retreat in October.

Both retreats begin on Friday at 7 p.m. and conclude following the noon meal on Sunday. No meals are provided by Saint Gabriel's on Friday evening.

Registration fee for each retreat is \$140 per person. A deposit is required.

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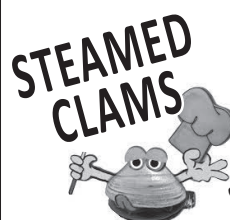
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**25th Annual Lebanese Heritage Festival** — **SEPT. 14 & 15**, sponsored by St. Ann Maronite Church in West Scranton; held in the church hall, Sumner Ave. & Price St. Festival hours: Saturday, 2 to 9 p.m., and Sunday, 12 noon to 7 p.m. Featuring traditional homemade Lebanese foods & pastries, coffee house, theme baskets, raffle drawings and beverages.

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## Catholic Happenings in the Diocese

**Labor Day Weekend Chicken Barbecue** — **SEPT. 1**, sponsored by St. Ann Parish in Shohola; held from 12:30 to 5 p.m. at the Lackawaxen Volunteer Fire Department Picnic Pavilion, Route 590, Lackawaxen. Featuring complete barbecued chicken dinner, beverage refreshments and funnel cakes; also includes children's activities, raffle drawings and theme baskets. Dinner cost: adults, \$10; children, \$5. Tickets available after all weekend Masses or by contacting the parish office at (570) 832-4275.

**Labor Day Picnic** — **SEPT. 2**, sponsored by Immaculate Conception Church, 5973 Jacks Hollow Road, Bastress; featuring family-style turkey & ham dinner, served from noon to 6 p.m. in the parish hall. Cost: adults, \$9.50; children (ages 4 to 12), \$4. Also includes refreshments, games, summer foods and treats.

**Weekly Bingo** — **SEPT. 9**, hosted by Visitation of the Blessed

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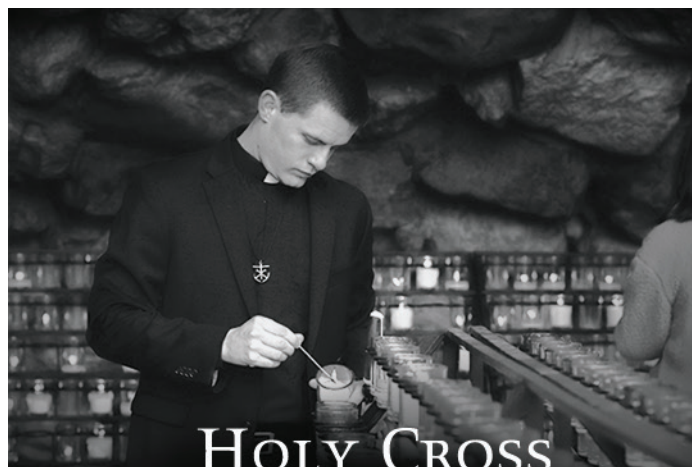
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It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the *Code of Canon Law* and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB *Charter for the Protection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

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

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**Fall "Oldies" Dinner Dance** — **SEPT. 27**, sponsored by St. André Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre; held from 6 to 10 p.m. at St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre. Featuring home-made buffet dinner, including desserts and soft drinks; followed by "oldies" music for listening

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**Fall & Holiday Craft Show** — **SEPT. 28**, sponsored by the Social Concerns/Respect Life Ministry of Queen of Apostles Parish in Avoca; held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish hall, 742 Spring St., Avoca. Includes food and drink refreshments and raffle table. Vendors and crafters interested in renting display space may call Jane Maxwell (570) 335-8678, or the parish office (570) 457-3412

**19th Annual Craft Fair** — **SEPT. 28**, sponsored by the Women's Guild of Divine Mercy Parish, Davis Street, Minooka section of Scranton; held from 9

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**Roast Chicken Dinner** — **SEPT. 29**, hosted by St. Barbara Parish in Exeter; held at the parish's St. Anthony Center, 156 Erie Ave., Exeter. Sit-down dinners served from 12 noon to 3 p.m.; take-outs available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner features Italian roasted chicken prepared by Arcaro & Genell's of Old Forge; includes half chicken, potato, vegetable, salad, roll and dessert. Cost: \$10 per dinner. Advance sales only. For more information and ticket reservations, contact St. Barbara Parish Rectory, 224 Memorial St., Exeter; phone: (570) 654-2103.

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The chorus performs sacred, classical, and secular music at performances in Northeastern Pennsylvania. New members are welcome and no auditions, except for voice placement, are required.

The Catholic Choral Society's first concert of the season will be the annual November Generations Concert on Sunday, November 10, at 7 p.m., when the chorus will host regional choral groups — from elementary school through college — at Holy Rosary Church in North Scranton.

Choral programs are also scheduled for the Advent, Christmas, Lenten and spring seasons.

Director of the Catholic Choral Society is Ann Manganiello of Exeter, and the accompanist is Jean Shields, Scranton.

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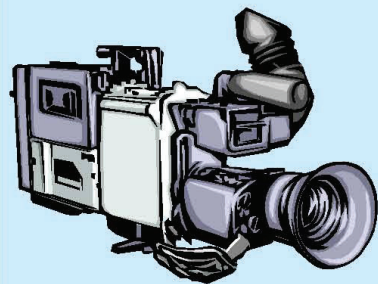
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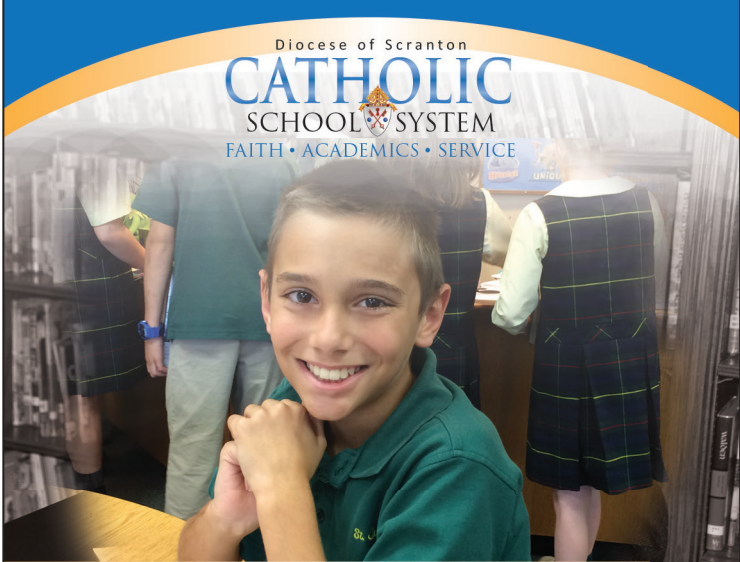


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