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**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2019 BEGINS**



This past weekend, most parishes in the Diocese of Scranton launched the 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal by showing a video at Masses.

The theme of the 2019 Appeal is "Serving in Faith with Hope and Gratitude."

The 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal will have a tremendous impact on the ministries of the Diocese of Scranton, ministries that are life-changing for those who benefit directly from your generosity.

Funds raised through the Appeal provide support for:

- Our seminarians who are devoutly answering God's call with passion and commitment,
- Our children in our Catholic schools and parish religious education programs who are learning about what it means to be Catholic and the importance of serving others,
- Our good priests, deacons and parish life coordinators who serve us so generously,
- Parishioners, young and old, who have a fervent desire to deepen their faith through prayer, service and active participation in our parish ministries,
- Our friends and neighbors who face challenges in their lives and need a helping hand to lift them up and give them hope.

This year, there are many changes to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, including allocating more funding for Catholic Social Services, providing Faith Formation Grants to parishes and allowing individuals to designate which ministry they would like their gift to benefit.

This year, six regional videos for the Appeal have also been created -- with the goal of better showcasing the parishes, programs and retired clergy who benefit from the campaign. If you would like to see all six videos, or would like more information

about the Diocesan Annual Appeal itself, visit our new website: <http://annualappeal.org/>

## **MASS FOR ATONEMENT AND HEALING PLANNED FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**



As the Church continues to respond to the tragic reality of the sexual abuse of minors by clergy, for the second year in a row, the Diocese of Scranton will hold a Mass for Atonement and Healing.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be offering 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.

The public is invited to attend. The Mass will also be broadcast by CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton.

One year has passed since the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report was released, and as ongoing efforts to protect children continue, parishes are reminded and encouraged to pray for survivors of abuse.

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY TO BE CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND**



## STAY WITH US

The Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 15, 2019. The 2019 theme will be "**Stay with Us.**" Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church. Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

Information about Catechetical Sunday may be found on the USCCB website:

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/index.cfm>

### MINISTRY FORMATION CLASSES PLANNED



CENTER *for*  
MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

The Office for Parish Life is partnering with Center for Ministry Development to provide specialized tracks and individual courses in ministry formation.

Consider sending members of your parish team to either of the two upcoming in-person course days on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 9:00AM to 5:00PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton:

- 1) Principles of Youth Ministry presented by Tom East, Director of the Center for Ministry Development
- 2) Principles of Lifelong Faith Formation presented by Joan Weber from the Center for Ministry Development

The cost for either course is \$35 for individuals enrolled in the full two-year certificate process (cost for course materials) or \$85 for a guest participant taking a single course or coming from another diocese. To register, contact Kitty Scanlan at [kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org) or at 570-207-2213 for more information.

### **NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR *THE CATHOLIC LIGHT'S* 20 UNDER 40 RECOGNITION**



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!

Every day, young people throughout northeastern and north central Pennsylvania are having a direct impact in their parishes, schools and communities. We believe the good news should be shared!

For more information, or to submit an online nomination, visit:

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/diocese-of-scrantons-20-under-40/>

### **BISHOP CELEBRATES MASS AT HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL**





Bishop Joseph C. Bambera celebrated Mass on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre.

During his homily, the Bishop told the students that "being Christian demands we commit ourselves to a way of life that reaches out beyond ourselves."

Following Mass, the Bishop personally greeted all of the students and met with the Student Leadership Council of Holy Redeemer.

For coverage of the visit, read next Thursday's *Catholic Light* newspaper.

**FALL FESTIVAL SEASON HAS BEGUN!**



Just when you thought the *Summer Festival* season was over, the *Fall Festival* season has just gotten underway!

Several parishes are sponsoring events during the month of September -- so if you're looking for something to do -- check them out!

For the current list, visit:

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

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

[EDeabill@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:EDeabill@dioceseofscranton.org)

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

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