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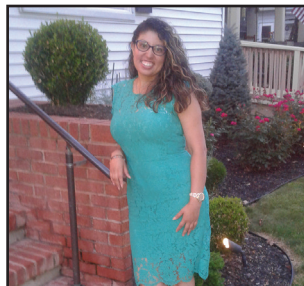
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Young adults are making a difference in the Diocese of Scranton every day.

In preparation for the #LeaveaMark19 Mass, readers of *The Catholic Light* nominated individuals who are having an impact in their parishes, schools and communities.

Read their profiles on Pages 16-19



Rabbi Daniel Swartz speaks to a crowd of more than 75 people inside the Jewish Community Center in Scranton during an interfaith memorial service on October 27, 2019. (Photo/Eric Deabill)

Bishop Bambera joins Scranton-area faith leaders for memorial service

Pause for Pittsburgh marks one year since Tree of Life Synagogue attack

SCRANTON – After every speaker, Rabbi Daniel Swartz performed a small, yet simple gesture that symbolized the real reason why everyone had gathered together at the Jewish Community Center in Scranton.

Rabbi Swartz hugged each faith leader who spoke.

Those hugs stood in sharp contrast to the reason why more than 75 people needed to gather together Sunday, October 27.

The crowd came together to remember and honor the 11 lives lost exactly one year earlier during a hate-filled attack at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh.

The attack remains the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in United States history.

“We come together to Pause for Pittsburgh, to remember, to honor, to restore and most importantly to connect with

one another,” Dan Cardonick, Executive Director of the Scranton JCC said.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera represented the Diocese of Scranton at the interfaith memorial. He was joined by the Rev. Rebecca Barnes of Saint Luke’s Episcopal Church and Sister Jean Louise Bachetti of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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Hundreds attend annual Respect Life Month Mass

SCRANTON – Students from Catholic schools across the Diocese of Scranton and residents of Saint Joseph's Center joined Bishop Joseph C. Bambera to celebrate the annual Respect Life Mass on October 13, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

Each year, the Church dedicates the month of October as a time of prayer, reflection and action on behalf of the gift and dignity of human life, from conception until natural death.

The theme of this year's Respect Life Month has been "Christ Our Hope: In Every Stage of Life."

During his homily, Bishop Bambera discussed the current climate that the United States finds itself in.

"The headlines of this past year have reflected a discouraging trend. While some states have significantly restricted access to abortions, many others have voted to permit abortions later in pregnancy, doubling down on efforts to legalize abortion up until birth. Even in our own state, efforts to restrict abortion have largely been pushed down by partisanship and infighting. Looking beyond the headlines, we can see a movement away from supporting a culture of life. We can see a growing disregard for the dignity of the human person at all stages of life and we can also see a nationwide trend toward violence and hatred," Bishop Bambera said.

The Diocesan Mass was held on the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Bishop reflected on the Gospel story of the ten lepers who were cured by Jesus. The Bishop said the Gospel speaks to the faithful in several ways.

"The first is obvious. Jesus' healing power goes well beyond the norms of his society and culture to touch the peripheries of his world. In healing the Samaritan leper, Jesus boldly reveals God's expansive love and respect for every life. His love and mercy is not contained by religious laws or traditions or social norms but touches every soul because of the simple fact that every soul – every life – is made in the image and likeness of God and deserves to be treated with respect and dignity," Bishop Bambera said.

The Bishop said the second feature of the Gospel message might not be as obvious.

"The disciples – and all of us – must see ourselves just as the Samaritan leper viewed himself: in need of God's mercy, forgiveness and healing. As such, our posture must first be that of understanding ourselves as gifted with life from God and respectful of it in all shapes and forms

before we point to those who seem to disregard its value like the nine lepers who walked away from Jesus without uttering a word of thanks," Bishop Bambera said.

The Bishop ended his homily with the words of Pope Francis: "The right to life means allowing people to live...allowing them to grow, to eat, to be educated, to be healed, and to be permitted to die with dignity."



Above: Bishop Joseph C. Bambera accepts the offertory gifts from a resident of Saint Joseph's Center in Scranton.

Below: Students from several different Diocesan schools sit together and participate during the annual Respect Life Mass on October 13, 2019.



Students from Holy Rosary School in Duryea pose for a picture following the Diocese of Scranton's annual Respect Life Mass on October 13, 2019. (Photos/Mike Melisky)



A student from the Notre Dame school system offers a prayer during Mass.

"My life has been blessed much more by being in mission"

SCRANTON – Born in Butte, Montana, Reverend John Sivalon, M.M., Ph.D., has traveled all around the world spreading a missionary message.

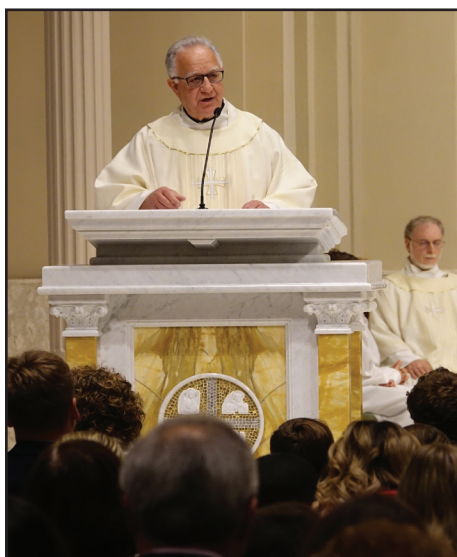
"My life has been blessed much more by being in mission than any of those people that I was sent to serve," Rev. Sivalon said during the Diocese of Scranton's Pontifical Mass for World Mission Sunday which was held on October 27, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

Ordained a priest in 1975, Rev. Sivalon ministered to the people of Tanzania, East Africa, for more than 25 years. During his experiences in the 1980s and 1990s, the AIDS epidemic took a horrible toll.

"When I first went for studies, I left a parish that had a youth group of 40-some young people between the ages of 18 and 24. Two years later, I returned and half of that youth group was dead," Rev. Sivalon said.

Reverend Sivalon, who now serves as Director of International Learning Programs at the University of Scranton, did not sugarcoat his homily.

"Living in that kind of situation, I was led to question my own faith and to ask, how can I preach a God of love in a world that is filled with so much pain and loss?" he asked.



Reverend John Sivalon, M.M., Ph.D., delivers the homily during the Diocese of Scranton's Pontifical Mass for World Mission Sunday on October 27. (Photos/Mike Melisky)

Saying it was a question he struggled with, he suggested it highlighted a lack of faith.

"I never heard a Tanzanian voice that question. In all of these dire situations of pain and suffering, what I heard Tanzanians say was 'God is with us!'" Rev. Sivalon answered.

During his homily, Rev. Sivalon also pointed out what is currently happening in South Sudan.

"This is one of the newest countries of the world but ever since 1956 until today, you could describe its history with one word: poor," he said. "If you are 63 years or younger and you are born in South Sudan, you would have only known war."

With many school students from across the Diocese of Scranton in the audience, Rev. Sivalon also said the United States is not without its challenges as well.

"God hears the cry of children being separated from their parents, God hears the cries of parents being separated from one another, God hears the cries of those losing their jobs, God hears the cries of those who can't afford to pay their mortgages and ending up homeless," he said.

Reverend Sivalon said every person has the opportunity and responsibility to become a missionary.

"We, as a community, and as individuals have the resources to respond, to respond by changing policies, to respond by providing material support to Pontifical Mission Societies, our parish outreach programs and other organizations," he added.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, principal celebrant at the Mass, echoed those words of challenge.

"We don't have to travel half-way around the world to be missionaries but we have the ability and an obligation to do that

right here through the lives that we lead, through the gifts that God has given to us and through our outreach to those who are on the margins of life, most especially the poor," Bishop Bambera said at the end of the Mass.



The vestment Bishop Bambera wore at Mass is a gift from The Most Reverend Matthew Kwasi Gyamfi, Bishop of the Diocese of Sunyani, his clergy and faithful people from Ghana. Bishop Matthew has generously offered several priests of his Diocese to serve in our parishes throughout the Diocese of Scranton for a period of time. Bishop Bambera's chasuble was handcrafted in Sunyani by skilled craftspeople who are among the most capable sewers, embroiders and textile professionals in Africa.

Missionary month Masses held across the Diocese

ARCHBALD – In celebration of the month of October, which Pope Francis has declared Extraordinary Missionary Month, Father Brian J.T. Clarke has been traveling across the Diocese of Scranton spreading the missionary message.

Father Clarke, Diocesan Director, Pontifical Mission Societies, held four evenings of worship and renewal. Each evening began with Mass and then a period of reflection.

During a Mass at his home parish, Christ the King, Father Clarke spoke of a time during college when he was blessed to travel with 30 other missionaries from the Diocese of Scranton to South America.

When landing at an airport in Jonestown, Guyana, Father Clarke admitted he was skeptical about walking through a "sandbox type structure" with anti-septic which helped to cleanse visitors' shoes.

In the days and weeks that followed, Father Clarke reflected.

"To be unwilling to step through that bath, to walk where others walked, was my first initial encounter with my holding back of myself," Father Clarke said.

During his homily, Father Clarke said he later questioned when else he may have held back from walking with others in their hours of need.



Father Brian J.T. Clarke, Diocesan Director, Pontifical Mission Societies, celebrates the Liturgy of the Eucharist during a Mass for Extraordinary Missionary Month at Christ the King Parish in Archbald on October 16, 2019.

"We must never forget that part of being men and women in Church, of missionaries, means that we must often walk into places and lives that we would not ordinarily go to – to walk into uncomfortable places – to do things oftentimes that put us outside of our comfort zone," Father Clarke said.

Father Clarke left parishioners with a missionary message, saying people can be a missionary in their own neighborhood, parish or family, bringing the saving message of Christ to those that need it.

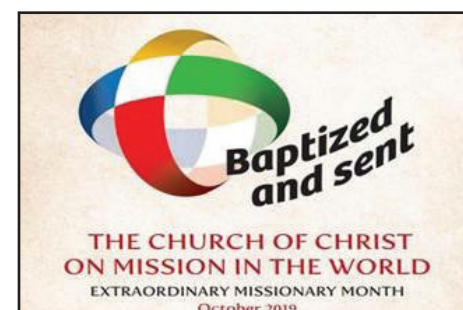
"We don't need to go to a developing world or even leave our town to be walking as missionaries in this world," Father Clarke said.

Four Extraordinary Missionary Month

Masses were held across the Diocese in October. They were held on October 9 at Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish in Kingston, October 16 at Christ the King Parish in Archbald, October 23 at Resurrection Parish in Muncy and October 30 at Our Lady of Victory Parish in Tannersville.

Following each Mass, Father Clarke explained his role as Diocesan Director of Pontifical Mission Societies and why the Pontifical Mission Societies are important.

"I wasn't aware that there was so much to do and so much need so I'm very grateful for your support and for your continued support and encouragement and your financial support especially," Father Clarke said in Archbald.



Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States

Pontifical Society of Saint Peter the Apostle (PSSPA)

Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith (PSPF)

Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood (MCA)

Pontifical Missionary Union (PMU)

Epiphany Church celebrates 100th Anniversary



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera served as principal celebrant for the 100th Anniversary Mass at the Church of the Epiphany in Sayre on October 12, 2019. Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdozovic, V.F., pastor, and Reverend Joe Joseph Kuriappilly, assistant pastor, concelebrated the Mass.

SAYRE – Nestled in Pennsylvania’s Northern Tier, near the border with New York State, the Church of the Epiphany is celebrating a milestone anniversary this month.

The Catholic Community of the Epiphany turned out on Saturday, October 12, 2019, to celebrate a special 100th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

“What a joyful day to celebrate all that God has accomplished in and through this blessed community of faith,” Bishop Bambera said during the celebration.

Bishop Bambera is no stranger to the Bradford County Church. The Church of the Epiphany was his first assignment as a seminarian 38 years ago and later his first assignment as a Deacon.

“I’d just like to offer a word of thanks to Bishop Bambera,” Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic, V.F., said. “He is no stranger to any one of us. We’re always delighted when we can say he comes home to Sayre to celebrate such a milestone in our community.”

During his homily at the 100th anniversary Mass, the Bishop reflected on the Gospel, proclaiming that everyone is welcome to experience God’s healing presence, love, mercy and salvation if their hearts are open to the Lord. He also challenged those in attendance to look inside themselves to determine if they are authentic disciples of Jesus.

“How do we judge whether we’re authentic disciples and truly following the Lord? First, we look into our hearts where only God judges what we see. The second place I would encourage you to

look is here, in this parish community, this place of worship, where faith is given the opportunity to grow. How have you sought to live out your faith? How have you sought to live as a disciple in gratitude for what God has given you?” Bishop Bambera asked.

The bishop then went on to explain what he has seen from the Epiphany community – a people who celebrate life, have a deep appreciation for teachings of faith and worship with energy and devotion.

“This Mass is just a beautiful reflection of it,” Bishop Bambera said. “You have been and you continue to be the voice, the heart and the hands of Jesus, who no longer walks our world as he did 2,000 years ago but lives in the people of faith!”

According to a history of Epiphany Parish on its website, it took two years to build the Church at a price tag of \$75,000 at the time.

During his remarks at the end of Mass, Rev. Hvozdozovic expanded on the history that was made in 1919.

“The first Mass was said on October 29 in this very sanctuary and it was Bishop Hoban who celebrated it and during that Mass he confirmed 300 people so that was quite historical so truly it is a great honor to be here!” Rev. Hvozdozovic said.

Before a reception was held to mark the Church’s anniversary, Bishop Bambera sent the faithful forth with a mission.

“Give thanks today, give thanks for this house of worship that houses a people, in and through whom Jesus continues to work. Go forth, continue to build the Church and become the people that God has called us all to be!”



Parishioners gather to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Church of the Epiphany in Sayre which was dedicated in 1919.

(Photos Courtesy of CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton)

Red Mass celebrated at Cathedral



Reverend Jeffrey D. Tudgay, J.C.L., Pastor at Saint Eulalia Parish and Judge of the Diocesan Tribunal, delivers the homily during the Red Mass on Friday, October 11, 2019. Seated in the front pews are Lackawanna County and federal judges. (Photo/Eric Deabill)

SCRANTON – More than 100 people, including judges, lawyers and legislators, gathered together on Friday, October 11, for the Diocese of Scranton’s annual Red Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera served as principal celebrant and Rev. Jeffrey D. Tudgay, J.C.L., pastor of Saint Eulalia Parish in Roaring Brook Township and new Judge on the Diocesan Tribunal, served as homilist.

“As jurists, our work in applying law to people and to the situations in which they find themselves, allow us to encounter people at perhaps some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives,” Rev. Tudgay said.

During his homily, Rev. Tudgay told of a private audience with Pope Francis that he and his colleagues from the School of Canon Law at Catholic University of America had last year while observing the daily work of the Roman Curia at the Holy See.

“He (Pope Francis) spoke at length about our vocation as Canon lawyers, priests, religious and lay colleagues and how the primary vocation of the canonists is reconciliation. He said the law emanates from within people’s experience of life, it does not come to us in a vacuum; it comes to us from living, from hurting, from making mistakes. He said to us, ‘Your task is to simply apply justice in such a way that the justice you apply speaks to the core of who people are and your application of justice is consistent with an affirmation of human dignity,’” Rev. Tudgay said.

The Red Mass is held annually to invoke God’s blessing upon all members of the legal profession. Its traditional name is derived from the color of vestments worn by the celebrants of the Mass, symbolizing the tongues of fire which indicate the presence of the Holy Spirit.

“Historically, this Mass dates back in English legal tradition to the year 1310. It was celebrated at Westminster Abbey, the first one, and has been celebrated annually in the

English-speaking world ever since,” Armand E. Olivetti, Jr., Esq., said. Olivetti is the 2019 Lackawanna Bar Association President.

Members of the bar associations in the 11 counties that comprise the Diocese and the Diocesan Tribunal staff are invited to participate in the Red Mass. The Mass is not just open to Catholics.

“We have lawyers of all faiths who attend. It’s not simply Catholic lawyers, we have Protestant attorneys, Jewish attorneys, we have attorneys who don’t profess any religious faith but they come to the service because of the meaning behind what we’re doing,” Olivetti said.

The Mass is meaningful for those who take part.

“As a practicing Catholic, this celebration means a lot to me. I’m also a former teacher in the Diocese of Scranton so it’s very special to my heart to be here today,” Lee Ann Munley, Lackawanna Bar Association Executive Director said.

Following the Mass, the 2019 Saint Thomas More Society presented its annual Sheila Flanagan Sheils Memorial Award to Attorney Francis X. O’Connor. The award is given to a member of the Society for exhibiting the values, steadfast faith and conscience of Saint Thomas More, the patron saint of lawyers, statesmen and politicians.

“It was a great surprise to me,” Attorney O’Connor said in accepting the award.

O’Connor, who practices law in Great Bend and served as president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, urged his fellow attorneys to be zealous advocates for clients while remaining true to the teachings of faith.

“Our Church is facing many issues today. What better time than now, all Catholic lawyers, men and women of faith, to stand up and defend the teachings of our Church. As leaders in our communities, we’re in a position to follow the example of Saint Thomas More and practice virtues of honesty, responsibility, courtesy, integrity and others in the workplace and in our personal lives,” O’Connor said.

HAZLETON — Bishop Joseph C. Bambera served as principal celebrant of a Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial for Monsignor Francis Joseph Beeda on Oct. 17 in Saint Joseph Church at Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish in Hazleton.

Pastor Emeritus of the former Saint Joseph Parish and the former Saint Stanislaus Church, both in Hazleton, Monsignor Beeda died Oct. 12 at Allied Meade St. Senior Community (formerly Little Flower Manor) in Wilkes-Barre. He was 82.

Born in Scranton, son of the late Roman and Anna (Duchak) Beeda, Monsignor Beeda received his early education in Scranton public schools. He pursued his preparatory studies for the priesthood at the University of Scranton; Christ the King Seminary, Saint Bonaventure, N.Y.; and North American College in Rome, Italy, and was ordained at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome by Archbishop Martin J. O'Connor, Scranton native and rector of the North American College, on Dec. 20, 1961. He then returned to his studies and received his licentiate of sacred theology at Gregorian

University, Rome, in June 1962.

Monsignor Beeda served as assistant pastor at the parishes of Saint Patrick, Wilkes-Barre; Saint Joseph, Nanticoke; and Sacred Heart of Jesus, Wilkes-Barre. In 1874, he was appointed administrator of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wilkes-Barre, and received his first pastorate, at Sacred Heart of Jesus, where he served for 11 years before being named pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in Hazleton in 1985.

In July 2006 he was appointed pastor of Saint Stanislaus, Hazleton, in addition to his pastoral duties at Saint Joseph's. Due to the health reasons, Monsignor Beeda retired in May 2009 and took up residence at Little Flower Manor in Wilkes-Barre.

Monsignor was named a Prelate of Honor of his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, on March 17, 1983.

Having served as a part-time professor at Saint Pius X Seminary, Dalton, and College Misericordia, Dallas, he was appointed regional moderator of the Diocesan Vocation Program for the Greater Wilke-Barre area and Chairman of Region VII for the



Monsignor Francis J. Beeda

"Follow Christ" program instituted by Pope John Paul.

Some of Monsignor's greatest contributions to the Diocese were achieved through his work with the Slovak priests and faithful. He served as coordinator of the annual collection for the Slovak Catholic Federation, held in Slovak parishes throughout the Diocese, for the Slovak American Church, and served as chaplain and spiritual advisor of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, a group formed to aid Slovak immigrants to the United States.

In 2003, Monsignor Beeda was granted the title of Honorary Supreme Officer of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and was named

their "Fraternalist of the Year" in 2009. He also held memberships in the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, The First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota), the National Slovak Society through the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle, and the Polish Union of the USA.

A lifetime member of the North End Slovak Citizens Club, Monsignor was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Assembly 925, Wilkes-Barre, and a member of the International Order of the Alhambra, Alhambra Caravan No. 4.

Ever-proud of his ethnic heritage, Monsignor Beeda was a strong advocate and supporter of the Catholic Church in Slovakia, having welcomed many members of the Slovak Church hierarchy to America. He was honored to include among his dear friends, Cardinal Jozef Tomko, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Evangelization of the Peoples in Rome. Until the time of his death, Monsignor Beeda served as a member of the National Board of the Slovak Catholic Federation and worked actively with the Conference of Slovak Clergy,

providing financial support to the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome.

Monsignor Beeda maintained numerous deep and lasting friendships with the Slovakian people and visited the Republic of Slovakia many times throughout his life. Due to such affinity for the republic and its inhabitants, he was invited to attend a celebration in Slovakia marking World Communications Day and the 130th anniversary of the birth of Father Joseph Murgas. He also had the honor of presenting to the Mayor of Tajov, Slovakia, official proclamations from Mayor Lee Namey of Wilkes-Barre and Michael Horvath, president of Group 7 SC.

Surviving are numerous nieces and nephews, including Michelle Torquato and her husband, Frank, Scranton; Thomas Savero and his wife, Linda, Scranton; and Florida residents, William Beeda; Thomas Beeda and his wife, Linda; Mark Beeda and Richard Beeda.

He was also preceded in death by his sister, Lois Savero, and brother, Thomas Beeda.

Interment was conducted in Holy Family Cemetery in Throop.

"Heartbeat Bill" introduced in Pennsylvania legislature

By Al Gnoza
Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
Communications Director

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, a Democrat, has vowed to veto an abortion "heartbeat" bill which has been introduced by Republican lawmakers, should the bill pass the state legislature.

The bill, introduced by State Senator Doug Mastriano (R-Adams, Cumberland, Franklin York) and Representative Stephanie Borowicz (R-Centre, Clinton), would prevent an abortion if a heartbeat is detected in a fetus. The legislation is House Bill 1977 and Senate Bill 912.

"Abortion is one of the most difficult topics to discuss in our nation, as it is tied to deeply personal and emotional issues," Senator Mastriano said. "Yet, it is time that we have an open and honest discussion on this very difficult matter. Scientific and medical advances of the past 50 years have laid to waste the idea that the baby in the womb is simply a blob of tissue. It's time for the discussion that includes a scientific and logical dialogue on this most important issue of our generation."

"If a person is pronounced dead when their heart stops, why are they not considered alive when their heartbeat begins?" Representative Borowicz questioned. "Psalms 139: 13-14 makes it simple: 'For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.' At the most fundamental level, this heartbeat bill would effectively guarantee that future Pennsylvania children have the right to be born."

Both legislators were kind enough to ask the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference for our help and support along the way. The PCC is honored to stand alongside them and the several lawmakers and advocates that joined us onstage.

Eric Failing, the Executive Director of the PCC, was the first of the advocates from supporting groups to speak. He thanked all of those responsible for the bill for their work on behalf of all the Catholic bishops in Pennsylvania.

"I don't know why this has become politicized," Failing said. "I don't know when that happened. It's evil at work. We do know that. We only get one heart. If there are two,

that's two lives. It's that simple."

The Heartbeat Bill is the latest piece of pro-life legislation to have some life at the Capitol. There are four other such bills in either the House or Senate.

- The Down Syndrome Protection Act passed the House right before the summer break and is waiting for Senate approval. The PCC supported that issue every step of the way.

- The Perinatal Hospice Bill also got our support and passed the House in May despite stiff opposition from Democrats. It requires that information be given to a woman on the option of hospice programs in the event of a life-limiting condition with the baby.

- The Fetal Remains Bill would require that a health-care facility that possesses fetal remains provide for cremation or burial.

Undeterred by Governor Wolf's veto threat, the Republican lawmakers are looking for support on their legislation.

"I refuse to surrender," Sen. Mastriano said. "I'm going to fight this 'til my dying breath."

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WORLD DAY OF THE POOR PRAYER SERVICE

"The cry of the poor was heard and produced an unwavering hope, creating visible and tangible signs of a concrete love..." — Pope Francis

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Everyone is invited to join! We will gather in prayer at 6 PM to celebrate the World Day of the Poor, followed with a showing of the film "Summer in the Forest" and a conversation on the life work and impact of Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche.

Contact Katy Windels at the Office for Parish Life for more information or to RSVP by November 8.

Some people have “absolutely nothing” Social justice grant helps Towanda parish feed neighbors in need

TOWANDA – If Saints Peter and Paul Church considers itself to be the parish in the heart of the Endless Mountains, the heart of its people is focused squarely on helping members of the community.

“The people of the parish are very interested in supporting a whole variety of programs that are here in Bradford County. Rather than reinventing the wheel and creating things ourselves, we partner with a lot of the other churches and organizations to help and support people that are in this particular area,” Rev. Edward L. Michelini, pastor, said.

With assistance from a social justice grant from the Diocesan Annual Appeal, the parish is able to support the Towanda Area Christian Outreach (TACO), which provides emergency food assistance to members of the community.

“This food pantry covers three school districts: Towanda, Wyalusing and Northeast Bradford and that covers a very large area,” Ed Krauss, President, Towanda Area Christian Outreach Emergency Food Pantry, said. Krauss and his wife Barbara are also parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul Church.

Once a month, individuals or families in need are able to visit a warehouse to receive enough food to help sustain them for several days.

“We’re in a rural community and most of the time you feel, oh, there’s not that many people here that are in need but the people in this location are really hard-pressed for



Reverend Edward L. Michelini, left, pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Church, discusses hunger issues with Ed Krauss, President, Towanda Area Christian Outreach Emergency Food Pantry.

finding jobs,” Rev. Michelini said.

Parishioners also support the cause by volunteering to sort and distribute food. Many also bring canned food items to Mass to donate.

“At our door, as you enter Saints Peter and Paul Church in Towanda, there’s a basket and it’s designated for TACO. On a Sunday morning there may not be anything in it but at the end of the day, the basket is full and during the week people come and drop food goods off and supplies,” Rev. Michelini said.

The support is greatly appreciated by those in need.

“We have quite a few people that come in. I’ve been doing this 18 years and I get satisfaction out of it because we’re helping those that need help,” Krauss said. “It makes me feel good because some people that come in are homeless and they

have absolutely nothing so we can help them along.”

Besides assisting TACO, parishioners at Saints Peter and Paul Church also help with other area organizations that help individuals with home repairs and general financial assistance.

“The people in the parish are very well aware that we’ve applied for the (Social Justice) grants and they’ve been given to those organizations and those organizations are constantly writing me, thanking me and expressing their gratitude,” Rev. Michelini said.

Social justice grants, which are funded by the Diocesan Annual Appeal, directly support parishes in their efforts to serve the needs of their communities. The grants are available to all parishes throughout the Diocese of Scranton.

Diocesan Annual Appeal at 48% of Goal

The 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal has raised more than \$2.4 million in gifts and pledges, bringing the campaign to 48% of the \$5 million goal.

Saint Mary Parish, Waymart, and the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, have surpassed their Annual Appeal parish goal. The following parishes have achieved 75% or more: Blessed Sacrament Parish, Throop; Immaculate Conception Parish, Scranton; SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Towanda; Saint Elizabeth Parish, Bear Creek; Saint Joseph Parish, Matamoras; Saint Luke Parish, Stroudsburg, and Saint Michael Parish, Canton. A full parish goal report listing the Appeal progress of all 118 parishes is shown on the following page.

“I am thankful to all of our parishioners and friends who have contributed to this year’s Annual Appeal,” Bishop Joseph C. Bambera said. “Donations to the Appeal are especially appreciated at this critical time in the life of our local Church. This generous support helps us continue to provide so many vital ministries to our brothers and sisters in Christ and reflects a wonderful commitment to this year’s Appeal theme: serving in faith with hope and gratitude.”

Annual Appeal donations support five Diocesan ministries – Catholic Social Services; Catholic schools; clergy education and care; parish life, social justice and faith formation programs; and Catholic media and communications. Gifts to the Appeal are used solely to support these ministries and will not be used to defray legal fees or to fund the Independent Survivors Compensation Program.

Diocesan Annual Appeal gifts are the primary source of funding for programs provided to those in need by Catholic Social Services. Feeding the hungry and providing clothing and shelter to the poor are at the heart of the mission

of the Diocese. Gifts to the Appeal help Catholic Social Services serve more than 300,000 people each year.

Gifts are also used to help more than 4,500 students received a quality, faith-based education in our 20 Catholic schools and to spread the good news through *The Catholic Light* and Catholic Television.

Appeal gifts assist our seminarians with the cost of their education and provide care for our ill and retired priests. Gifts to the Appeal also help the Diocese offer a variety of vocation discernment programs to youth and young adults to enhance their faith experience and embrace the example of missionary discipleship.

Parishes benefit directly from the Annual Appeal through programs offered by the Diocesan Office of Parish Life in support of all parish ministries such as religious education, RCIA and youth ministry and through social justice grants and new faith formation grants that are available from the Diocese.

“We are blessed to receive support from parishioners across the Diocese – support that is essential to raising the necessary funds to respond to the ever-increasing needs of those we serve,” Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development, said. “By coming together in support of the mission of our local Church, Appeal donors make a meaningful impact in the lives of our family, neighbors and friends.”

For more information on the Diocesan programs supported by gifts to the Annual Appeal, to view the Annual Appeal video in English and Spanish or to make a donation online, visit www.annualappeal.org. Gifts may also be made by calling the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250 or by sending a donation to: Diocesan Annual Appeal, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA, 18503-1279.

Your Appeal Gifts in Action!



16,555

Nights of Shelter and Supportive Services



110,000

Meals served at Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen

Regional chairs assist Diocesan Annual Appeal in Luzerne County



Frank and Sandra Orlando, center, and Father Richard Cirba, right, accept Bishop Joseph Bambera’s invitation to serve as regional chairs for the 2019 Annual Appeal.

Regional lay and clergy chairs serving the Annual Appeal on behalf of Luzerne County are Frank and Sandra Orlando, Sugarloaf, and Father Richard Cirba, pastor of Saint Robert Bellarmine, Wilkes-Barre, and Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Hanover Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlando are parishioners of Saint John Bosco Parish, Conyngham, where they serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Their family includes son, Anthony, and his wife, Jessica.

“We strongly support the Diocesan Appeal because we know that the funds will bring financial support to the ministries of our Diocese. The need for support continues to grow, especially among our poor,” Mr. Orlando said.

“Our son attended Holy Trinity School in Hazleton. We see the benefits in how he is progressing through life,” Mrs. Orlando said. “We absolutely need the help of the Appeal to continue Catholic education in Northeastern Pennsylvania.”

“I know of the need to provide Christian men with seminary education from high school friends who became priests,” Mr. Orlando explained. “We are blessed that we can, in some small way, contribute to our religious continuity. I encourage all of us to support the Appeal.”

Father Cirba added, “As a priest, I benefited from the Appeal in my vocation and our parishioners benefited. The Appeal supports so many ministries. It enables us to care for our retired and infirmed priests. It assists in educating our youth in the faith, and serving the poor and needy through Catholic Social Services.

“Personally, I am generous because I see the value of the mission. The Appeal means ‘being a disciple of Jesus Christ.’ The Appeal is the Gospel coming alive and the expression of God’s command to love one another. It is my hope and prayer that we keep an open mind and heart in our support of this year’s Annual Appeal.”

Diocese of Scranton
2019 DIOCESAN
ANNUAL APPEAL

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PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGES	PERCENTAGE
All Saints - Plymouth	\$40,000.00	\$16,141.00	40%
Annunciation - Hazleton	\$35,000.00	\$14,180.00	41%
Ascension - Forest City	\$27,000.00	\$14,475.00	54%
Blessed Sacrament - Throop	\$17,000.00	\$14,650.00	86%
BVM Queen of Peace - Hawley	\$81,000.00	\$50,805.00	63%
Christ the King - Archbald	\$71,000.00	\$36,865.00	52%
Corpus Christi - West Pittston	\$32,000.00	\$22,331.00	70%
Divine Mercy - Scranton	\$67,000.00	\$27,340.00	41%
Epiphany - Sayre	\$90,000.00	\$45,775.00	51%
Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Hanover Twp.	\$16,500.00	\$6,500.00	39%
Gate of Heaven - Dallas	\$50,000.00	\$19,410.00	39%
Good Shepherd - Drums	\$26,000.00	\$10,072.00	39%
Holy Child - Mansfield	\$30,000.00	\$19,438.00	65%
Holy Cross - Olyphant	\$50,000.00	\$28,495.38	57%
Holy Family - Luzerne	\$42,500.00	\$23,995.50	56%
Holy Family - Sugar Notch	\$17,000.00	\$7,995.00	47%
Holy Name of Jesus - West Hazleton	\$23,000.00	\$9,329.00	41%
Holy Name of Mary - Montrose	\$21,000.00	\$9,672.50	46%
Holy Rosary - Hazleton	\$18,000.00	\$13,094.00	73%
Holy Spirit - Mocanaqua	\$30,000.00	\$9,858.50	33%
Immaculate Conception - Scranton	\$42,000.00	\$32,925.00	78%
Immaculate Conception - Williamsport	\$28,000.00	\$6,950.00	25%
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Dushore	\$41,000.00	\$16,415.00	40%
Mary, Mother of God - Scranton	\$60,000.00	\$32,216.50	54%
Most Holy Trinity - Cresco	\$65,000.00	\$21,393.00	33%
Most Holy Trinity - Susquehanna	\$32,000.00	\$11,514.00	36%
Most Precious Blood - Hazleton	\$38,000.00	\$20,330.00	54%
Nativity of Our Lord - Duryea	\$42,000.00	\$19,715.00	47%
Nativity of the BVM - Tunkhannock	\$34,000.00	\$15,924.00	47%
Our Lady Help of Christians - Dorrance	\$19,000.00	\$10,332.00	54%
Our Lady of Fatima - Wilkes-Barre	\$47,000.00	\$15,897.00	34%
Our Lady of Hope - Wilkes-Barre	\$40,000.00	\$16,286.00	41%
Our Lady of Lourdes - Montoursville	\$44,000.00	\$22,386.00	51%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Carbondale	\$25,000.00	\$8,540.00	34%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Dunmore	\$60,000.00	\$33,971.00	57%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Lake Silkworth	\$20,000.00	\$9,660.00	48%
Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Wyalusing	\$20,000.00	\$9,450.00	47%
Our Lady of the Abingtons - Dalton	\$17,500.00	\$3,890.00	22%
Our Lady of the Eucharist - Pittston	\$17,000.00	\$6,320.00	37%
Our Lady Immaculate Conception - Freeland	\$28,000.00	\$10,424.00	37%
Our Lady of the Snows - Clarks Summit	\$92,000.00	\$44,201.20	48%
Our Lady of Victory - Harveys Lake	\$39,000.00	\$26,979.00	69%
Our Lady of Victory - Tannersville	\$55,000.00	\$32,711.00	59%
Our Lady Queen of Peace - Brodheadsville	\$62,000.00	\$40,269.38	65%
Prince of Peace - Old Forge	\$30,000.00	\$8,848.00	29%
Queen of Angels - Jessup	\$28,000.00	\$9,186.00	33%
Queen of Heaven - Hazleton	\$31,000.00	\$11,385.00	37%
Queen of the Apostles - Avoca	\$25,000.00	\$9,838.00	39%
Resurrection - Muncy	\$35,000.00	\$25,434.00	73%
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Dupont	\$32,000.00	\$10,865.00	34%
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Peckville	\$44,000.00	\$25,476.00	58%
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Weston	\$12,000.00	\$5,676.00	47%
Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary - Jermyrn	\$23,000.00	\$7,195.00	31%
SS. Anthony & Rocco - Dunmore	\$50,000.00	\$19,479.00	39%
SS. Cyril & Methodius - Hazleton	\$46,000.00	\$24,153.00	53%
SS. Peter & Paul - Plains	\$70,000.00	\$19,515.00	28%
SS. Peter & Paul - Scranton	\$14,000.00	\$1,185.00	8%
SS. Peter & Paul - Towanda	\$33,000.00	\$25,240.00	76%
St. Andre' Bessette Parish - Wilkes-Barre	\$30,000.00	\$9,733.50	32%

PARISH	GOAL	PLEDGES	PERCENTAGE
St. Andrew - Wilkes-Barre	\$18,000.00	\$6,219.96	35%
St. Ann Basilica - Scranton	\$32,000.00	\$13,570.00	42%
St. Ann - Shohola	\$22,000.00	\$9,386.00	43%
St. Ann - Williamsport	\$63,000.00	\$25,955.00	41%
St. Barbara - Exeter	\$33,000.00	\$19,676.00	60%
St. Benedict - Wilkes-Barre	\$22,000.00	\$4,665.00	21%
St. Boniface - Williamsport	\$68,000.00	\$26,962.50	40%
St. Brigid - Friendsville	\$24,000.00	\$17,690.00	74%
St. Catherine of Siena - Moscow	\$67,000.00	\$24,011.00	36%
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Swoyersville	\$47,000.00	\$23,183.00	49%
St. Elizabeth - Bear Creek	\$25,500.00	\$19,378.00	76%
St. Eulalia - Elmhurst	\$42,000.00	\$18,662.50	44%
St. Faustina Kowalska - Nanticoke	\$50,000.00	\$25,213.97	50%
St. Frances X. Cabrini - Carverton	\$14,500.00	\$8,035.00	55%
St. Gregory - Clarks Green	\$79,000.00	\$37,060.00	47%
St. Ignatius Loyola - Kingston	\$90,000.00	\$49,517.00	55%
St. John Bosco - Conyngham	\$59,000.00	\$38,245.00	65%
St. John Neumann - Lords Valley	\$30,000.00	\$15,035.00	50%
St. John Neumann - Scranton	\$55,000.00	\$13,408.00	24%
St. John - E. Stroudsburg	\$61,000.00	\$22,406.00	37%
St. John the Baptist - Larksville	\$23,000.00	\$9,230.00	40%
St. John the Evangelist - Honesdale	\$68,000.00	\$41,154.00	61%
St. John the Evangelist - Pittston	\$60,000.00	\$29,685.00	49%
St. John Vianney - Montdale	\$32,000.00	\$15,585.00	49%
St. Joseph Marello - Pittston	\$29,000.00	\$12,807.29	44%
St. Joseph - Matamoras	\$40,000.00	\$33,807.00	85%
St. Joseph the Worker - Williamsport	\$80,000.00	\$57,380.38	72%
St. Jude - Mountain Top	\$84,000.00	\$46,130.96	55%
St. Katharine Drexel - Pleasant Mount	\$14,000.00	\$4,755.00	34%
St. Lawrence - S. Williamsport	\$28,000.00	\$12,906.00	46%
St. Leo - Ashley	\$35,000.00	\$9,059.00	26%
St. Lucy - Scranton	\$20,000.00	\$3,140.00	16%
St. Luke - Jersey Shore	\$17,000.00	\$7,345.00	43%
St. Luke - Stroudsburg	\$120,000.00	\$94,255.00	79%
St. Maria Goretti - Laflin	\$45,000.00	\$12,863.00	29%
St. Mary of the Lake - Lake Winola	\$13,000.00	\$3,315.00	26%
St. Mary - Waymart	\$18,000.00	\$19,706.00	109%
St. Matthew - E. Stroudsburg	\$70,000.00	\$28,790.00	41%
St. Maximilian Kolbe - Pocono Pines	\$26,000.00	\$13,313.00	51%
St. Michael - Canton	\$13,000.00	\$10,965.00	84%
St. Michael - Scranton	\$10,000.00	\$1,603.00	16%
St. Monica - West Wyoming	\$33,000.00	\$18,865.00	57%
St. Nicholas - Wilkes-Barre	\$55,000.00	\$23,491.00	43%
St. Patrick - Milford	\$35,000.00	\$21,336.00	61%
St. Patrick - Nicholson	\$10,000.00	\$4,320.00	43%
St. Patrick - Scranton	\$45,000.00	\$19,417.00	43%
St. Patrick - White Haven	\$17,000.00	\$5,962.00	35%
St. Paul of the Cross - Scranton	\$55,000.00	\$13,881.50	25%
St. Paul - Scranton	\$70,000.00	\$21,202.00	30%
St. Peter - Wellsboro	\$46,500.00	\$18,250.00	39%
St. Peter's Cathedral - Scranton	\$75,000.00	\$76,535.00	102%
St. Rita - Gouldsboro	\$15,000.00	\$8,777.00	59%
St. Robert Bellarmine - Wilkes-Barre	\$36,000.00	\$24,785.00	69%
St. Rose - Carbondale	\$66,000.00	\$32,862.38	50%
St. Therese - Shavertown	\$75,000.00	\$29,799.00	40%
St. Thomas More - Lake Ariel	\$52,000.00	\$35,535.00	68%
St. Thomas the Apostle - Elkland	\$14,000.00	\$3,199.00	23%
St. Vincent de Paul - Milford	\$37,000.00	\$14,501.00	39%
Visitation, Blessed Virgin Mary - Dickson City	\$59,000.00	\$35,213.00	60%

Dozens gather to remember deadliest anti-Semitic attack in U.S. history

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“We know all too well over this past year what a dreadful, dreadful act the shooting was at the Tree of Life Synagogue and there were stories to be told of those poor souls who lost his or her life,” Bishop Bambera said.

Bishop Bambera said the attack one year ago was an attack upon us all. He also said we are all potential victims of hatred.

“I’d suggest this moment, this day, prompts us all to reflect upon the neighbor whom we are called to love,” Bishop Bambera said. Besides devoted friends, the Bishop reminded the crowd, “Our neighbor is also the faithful soul who worships in a manner that might be unknown to your experience or mine, our neighbor is a person of color, our neighbor is a new immigrant hoping to be welcomed into our land.”

Calling the shooting heinous and evil, the Rev. Rebecca Barnes reminded the crowd that the victims were people of faith who had gathered together in prayer.

“It happened here in our state and it could just have easily happened here in our city yet we cannot live in fear nor allow ourselves to surrender to injustice and evil. We must have courage and strong and unwavering determination to route hatred, bigotry, racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism and all other forms of prejudice,” Rev. Barnes said.

In ending her comments, Rev. Barnes urged people to not turn a blind eye to intolerance.

“We are faced with a choice, to do nothing, or to reject this hatred with the strongest possible words and actions and to refute in every form, the philosophical foundation of anti-Semitism wherever they have gained a foothold,” Rev. Barnes added.

Sister Jean Louise Bachetti, I.H.M., echoed the prior speakers’ messages of love, unity and togetherness.

“Coming together today we join with our community all over the globe today and collectively we believe and pray and we send out a force-field of love,” Sister Jean Louise Bachetti, I.H.M., said.

At 5:00 p.m., after each faith leader had finished his or her remarks,

the crowd watched a live broadcast of a solemn service from Pittsburgh at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall. The program consisted of a candle-lighting, psalms and prayers and poetry.

A video was also played highlighting the lives of the 11 men and women who were killed. In Scranton, the video brought tears to the eyes of many people as many of the victims were remembered by family and friends.

Rose Mallinger was 97 years old. She loved to dance, even crashing weddings in her younger years just to be able to dance.

Joyce Fienberg, 75, was a peacemaker by nature who would reportedly “twist herself into knots” to help anyone else out.

Brothers David and Cecil Rosenthal were known as “the boys” because they were always together.

Richard Gottfried, 65, was a dentist who loved football and had just celebrated his 38th wedding anniversary.

Irving Younger, 69, was known to hang at the local JCC health club for hours and only got an iPhone to take photos and videos of his family.

That is just a fraction of what has been lost.

The video ended with the words, “the only way to combat evil is with love.”

That was the message that Bishop Bambera hoped to highlight.

“Our history tells us that words and gestures are simply not enough. This scourge can only be extinguished when all people of good will – and that means you and me – are courageous enough to peer into our own lives to assess the depth of our love and our respect for the common origin that every human being shares,” Bishop Bambera told the crowd.

He added, “May we – every one of us – embrace the commandment to love generously and selflessly. In so doing, may we model for this broken world the vision of creation that God entrusted to us – who are made in God’s own image and likeness – and instead of sowing seeds of hatred, anti-Semitism and division – that we sow seeds of justice, righteousness and peace.”



Rabbi Daniel Swartz speaks to a group of people inside the Jewish Community Center in Scranton just before the crowd watches a live-stream of a memorial service in Pittsburgh for 11 people killed in the Tree of Life synagogue attack in 2018. (Photo/Eric Deabill)

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

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

Very Reverend Richard W. Burke, C.P., to Pastor, Saint Ann Basilica Parish, Scranton, effective October 21, 2019. Father Burke will remain as Rector, Saint Ann’s Monastery.

Reverend Gerard M. McGlone, to Administrator pro tem, Ascension Parish, Forest City, and Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, Pleasant Mount. Father McGlone will remain Pastor of Queen of Angels Parish, Jessup. Effective October 18, 2019.

Reverend Sibi Padinjaredath, C.P., from Administrator, Saint Ann Basilica Parish, Scranton, to Assistant Pastor, Saint Ann Basilica Parish, Scranton, effective October 21, 2019.



BISHOP BAMBERA’S SCHEDULE

November 2 - All Souls Day Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.

November 3 - #LeaveaMark19 Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 5:00 p.m.

November 4 - Holy Rosary School Visit
Duryea, 1:00 p.m.

November 7 - Christian-Muslim Conference
Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

November 9 - 14 - USCCB General Meeting
Baltimore

November 16 - Catholic Schools Gala
Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton, 6:00 p.m.

November 20 - Saint Clare/Saint Paul School Visit
Scranton, 10:00 a.m.

For 43 years, community program puts the ‘giving’ in Thanksgiving

Donations, volunteers needed to feed less fortunate during the November holiday

SCRANTON — Long before Halloween arrived at our doorstep, organizers of the 43rd Annual Thanksgiving Community Program were hard at work making sure the many underprivileged in the greater Scranton area get treated for the next big holiday.

Now in her third year as the first lay leader of the Friends of the Poor apostolate that spearheads the yearly charitable project, Meghan Loftus and many others are currently in the throes of planning to feed thousands of needy individuals and families during the Thanksgiving holiday four weeks from now.

“As Friends of the Poor continues preparations for our annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner, we look forward to working with area families and businesses to provide a meal, comfort, and a renewed sense of community for those who are struggling among us,” Loftus said. “It is awe-inspiring each year to see our neighbors rally around those who need us most. This is, for us, the most evident example of God’s ministry in action through the hearts of His people.”

The annual Thanksgiving Community Program is one of the largest seasonal endeavors, involving dozens of different organizations and hundreds of volunteers. The end result is feeding about 1,500 less fortunate



Friends of the Poor President & CEO Meghan Loftus, far left, is pictured with Family to Family’s Linda Robeson, her son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Mary-Christine Robeson, and their daughter, Lucia, who arrived just in time for Thanksgiving last year.

at a sit-down holiday dinner two nights before Thanksgiving and providing twice as many Thanksgiving food baskets for families to take home and prepare through the Family to Family Food Basket Project.

This year, Loftus will lead the Friends of the Poor associates and volunteers in serving the traditional Thanksgiving dinner to local elderly, lonely and downtrodden on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 6 p.m. at the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple.

The following day, the Robeson Family will commandeer, for the fifth year

in a row, the Family to Family Food Basket giveaway at the Cultural Center. About 3,000 packages will be disbursed to needy families who will have all the ingredients to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner in the comfort of their own homes.

Donations for the Family to Family program go toward covering the cost of preparing the Thanksgiving family food baskets. Contributions from area families benefit those families in need — thus creating the family-to-family chain.

How You Can Be a Holiday Helper

- In addition to donations to help pay the Family to Family food bill, the Robesons are in need of volunteers to help pack and distribute food baskets throughout the day at the Scranton Cultural Center on Nov. 27, beginning at 9 a.m. Monetary donations may be sent to: Family to Family Program, P.O. Box 13, Scranton, PA 18501. (www.ftfthanks.org)

- The Friends of the Poor Tuesday night Thanksgiving dinner is in need of chefs, servers, table-setters, clean-up workers and donations of food items and supplies. Contact the Friends of the Poor office at (570) 340-6086. Cash donations can be sent to: Friends of the Poor, Thanksgiving Community Dinner, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18509.

Led by the family matriarch, Linda, the Robesons — including son Ryan and daughter-in-law Mary-Christine, who a year ago welcomed their baby girl, Lucia, into the world — have already ordered more than \$130,000 in food items, including 3,000 turkeys with all the trimmings. A donation of \$30 provides a Thanksgiving dinner for one family.

“When you think of your own children and grandchildren and what you want to provide for them, your desire to serve those who need a helping hand increases tremendously,”

Robeson said. “We never want to see the numbers of those we serve increase, but we do want to be able to provide meals to everyone if they do. We have so much to be grateful for and we want to pass that on to others.”

The annual Community Thanksgiving Program is three-fold in nature, beginning in prayer. The traditional Interfaith Prayer Service sponsored by the Scranton Area Ministerium will be held on Friday, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m. at Temple Hesus, 1 Knox Road, Scranton.



Scenes from the 2018 Thanksgiving Community Dinner, above, and the Family to Family Thanksgiving Food Basket giveaway, right, both held at the Scranton Cultural Center.

Outreach program provides more than a meal

Mid Valley community outreach program marks four years

ARCHBALD – Every Tuesday at noon, people from across the greater Archbald-area file into Christ the King Parish at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church for a combination of food and fellowship.

For the last four years, the Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen's Mid Valley Community Outreach Program has been providing a warm, home-cooked meal to people outside of the city of Scranton.

"It's food for the body but also food for the mind," Jim Teeple, volunteer coordinator at Christ the King Parish said.

Teeple says the program feeds both people who stop by the church but other meals are also delivered to people that physically can't get to the church.

"That group is happy to see a happy face knocking at the door providing a warm meal," Teeple said.

Since October 2015, more than 50,000 meals have been served at three different parishes across Lackawanna County on a weekly basis.

Besides the meals that are offered on Tuesday at Christ the King Parish at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church in Archbald, the service also extends on Wednesday to Holy Cross Parish at Saint Patrick's Church in Olyphant and on Thursday to Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Carbondale.

"We not only supply them with food but it's a lot of spiritual assistance. There are a lot of people that are lonely, they eat alone. One



Volunteers help to serve a warm meal inside Christ the King Parish at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church in Archbald on Tuesday, October 15, as part of the Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen's Mid Valley Community Outreach Program that is marking its fourth anniversary this month.

gentlemen calls his Wednesday meal his Sunday meal because it's the only warm meal he gets for the whole week," Jackie Musyt, volunteer coordinator at Holy Cross Parish said.

In Olyphant alone, volunteers say they've served more than 15,000 meals since the Mid Valley Community Outreach program started in October 2015.

"I've learned a lot from the people that come. I've encouraged our volunteers to go and sit with the individuals when they're done serving," Musyt said.

The borough of Olyphant not only has people from the community's two high-rises attend the meal but also two local housing projects.

Musyt says it's the small things that have brought her peace and hope.

"I had a gentleman ask me if he could have a hug every week because no one hugged him since his wife died two years ago," Musyt said.

In Carbondale, Sister Jane Connolly, I.H.M., volunteer coordinator at Saint Rose of Lima Parish and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, says many people attend their meal because they don't have transportation to get to Saint Francis Assisi Kitchen in Scranton.

"They don't have the transportation. That is hard. They don't have transportation to get to Saint Francis Kitchen so this meal is a wonderful blessing," Sister Connolly said.



Gathered to celebrate the fourth anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen's Mid Valley program include, first row from left: Rob Williams, Director, Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen; Mike McDonnell, driver, Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen; Jim Teeple, volunteer coordinator, Christ the King Parish; Sister Jane Connolly, I.H.M., volunteer coordinator, Saint Rose of Lima Parish and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish; Monsignor Michael J. Delaney, Pastor, Holy Cross Parish and Blessed Sacrament Parish, Throop. Second row: Rev. Brian J.T. Clarke, Pastor, Christ the King Parish; Kathy Teeple, volunteer coordinator, Christ the King Parish; Lucille Raziewski, volunteer coordinator, Blessed Sacrament Parish. Third row: Ellen Kosar, volunteer coordinator, Christ the King Parish, and Jackie Musyt, volunteer coordinator, Holy Cross Parish.

Besides a meal, the program also brings many people companionship.

"They all sit together. They all get along. They look out for one another. If the world were like that, we would have peace!" Sister Connolly said.

The most people that the Carbondale location has served in one day is 125 individuals.

"I met a man on the street the other day and he said, 'I'm really sorry I wasn't able to come to the meal the other day because I had a doctor's appointment but I'll

be there tomorrow.' It truly is a community," Sister Connolly said.

The meals, which are served in each community from noon until 12:30 p.m., are prepared at the Saint Francis Kitchen in Scranton and then delivered to each parish. On average, between 250-300 meals are served each week.

For more information about the Mid Valley Community Outreach Program or volunteer opportunities or the donation needs of the Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen can call (570) 342-5556.

Catholic Social Services announces holiday food, gift distribution programs



"CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR KIDS"

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Catholic Social Services & Friends of the Poor

Christmas Toy Registration - Lackawanna County

Dates: Monday, November 18th - Friday, November 22nd

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Catholic Social Services, 516 Fig Street, Scranton

(Families residing in Jessup and North of Jessup should sign up at CSS, 34 River St. in Carbondale)

Parents must bring:

Photo ID / social security card, birth certificate, or insurance card for children / proof of address with a recent date.



Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen is once again teaming up with local parishes and the United States Marines "Toys for Tots."

Christmas Toy and Food Registration - Wyoming Valley Area

Date: Monday, November 25

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Saint Mary's (Our Lady of Fatima Parish)
134 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre

Children up to age 10 are eligible. Parents should bring the following:

- 1) Photo ID of Parent or Guardian
- 2) Original Birth Certificates for each child &
- 3) Proof of address - such as a recent utility bill.

Food Distribution will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 E Jackson St., WB on Monday, December 16th from 10 AM - 1 PM and 3 PM - 6 PM.

Toy Distribution will take place at St. Mary's (Our Lady of Fatima Parish), 134 S. Washington St., WB on Monday, December 16th from 10 AM - 1 PM and 3 PM - 6 PM.



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GIVING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019

All Giving Tuesday donations will help provide food to the Catholic Social Services food pantries and St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen.

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Please send donations to:

Catholic Social Services - Giving Tuesday
300 Wyoming Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503

8th Annual Run Against Hunger

The 8th annual "Run Against Hunger," which benefits the St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, will take place on Saturday, November 9.

The 5k/10k run and two-mile walk will take place at the LHVA River Trail, Olive Street trailhead, in Scranton. (Near the Ice Box Sports Complex)

To pre-register for the event, visit
www.runsignup.com/runagainsthunger

Catholic Social Services committed to serving veterans

Saint Hedwig's Veterans Village and Saint Francis Commons offer shelter and support

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

Mike Cobb's apartment is warm, bright and comfortable. Photos of his daughter, grandson, nieces and nephews grace the walls. An acoustic guitar sits next to a chair. A large aquarium helps decorate the living room. CNN is on the TV. Just outside the bedroom, a few fishing poles stand in the hallway.

"This is home," Cobb, 65, a resident of Saint Hedwig's Veterans Village in Kingston, said. "For my personal situation in life, it was a Godsend."

Cobb served in the United States Air Force from 1973-1977. He is one of more than 100 local veterans that are assisted each year by Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton. Saint Hedwig's Veterans Village, located at the former Saint Hedwig's School, offers permanent supportive housing to veterans in need. The facility, which opened in 2013, features 12 modern apartments. Cobb has resided there since shortly after its doors first opened.

"I was couch-surfing for years, but I finally woke up and realized what I needed to do for myself in life," he said. "I wasn't getting any younger."

Cobb says that even though he had income, he never fully applied himself towards building a better life. With the help of Catholic Social Services and the Veterans Administration, he said he's been able to turn things around and that Saint Hedwig's Veterans Village has given him the support and the stability to do so.

"At Saint Hedwig's, you can communicate with your neighbors on a first-name basis," he said. "We all come from different backgrounds but what we have in common is that we are all military veterans and at one point in life we had housing problems. When Catholic Social Services and the VA got together and created these apartments for us, it was a blessing. Each veterans' situation in life is an individual one, and they don't just lump us all together. My situation in life isn't the same as the man next door. They were able to direct their attention to the problems I was having, personally. They want you to succeed. They want to see you get on your feet and be productive."

Steve Nocilla is the Director of Housing and Residential Services for Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton. In that position, he oversees Saint Hedwig's Veterans Village as well as other permanent supportive housing apartments in Pike County, Lackawanna County and Luzerne County. He also oversees Saint Francis Commons, a completely modern transitional housing facility for homeless veterans located in Scranton.



Mike Cobb, a veteran who resides at Saint Hedwig's Veterans Village, is thankful for the home that is made available to him by Catholic Social Services.

In all, Nocilla said Catholic Social Services has 67 living units designated for veterans. Over the course of a year, CSS on average serves 115 veterans through its residential programs. Over the past five years, CSS has served 571 veterans.

Saint Francis Commons, which has 30 units, opened in May of 2015. It's primarily function is to assist veterans who are homeless. Nocilla says the length of time that a veteran may stay at the facility is determined by the progress they've made towards living more independently. Some stay for just 90 days, while others stay for up to two years. Of its 30 units, 22 are designated for veterans dealing with housing insecurities, behavioral health issues, PTSD, or a physical disability.

"Those are veterans that are going to the VA for medical appointments and are getting reconnected with their benefits," Nocilla said. "They're a more difficult population, because they've been out on the street for some time and they require a little bit more attention. They're given more flexibility to overcome some of their concerns, such as their addictions, as we try to get them into more productive treatment."

The eight remaining units at Saint Francis Commons are designated for "specialized residential services." They are used by veterans that are not necessarily experiencing any behavioral or physical issues, but are still financially distressed and have also been designated as homeless. Like all of the other guests at Saint Francis Commons, they must have a DD-214, which certifies an honorable discharge from military service.

"A lot of those veterans end up working," Nocilla said. "We connect them with the VA, and they have a work program through which they will hire them. We work alongside the VA, CareerLink and other employment agencies to help them get on their feet. We're trying to get them to be self-sufficient so that they can move on to a permanent living arrangement."

Nocilla says that once a veteran leaves Saint Francis Commons, they might move on to a unit at the VA or one of its supplementary programs. Others may move on to a senior housing facility, a retirement

home for veterans, or one of CSS's permanent apartments for veterans, such as Saint Hedwig's Veterans Village. Like Saint Hedwig's, Saint Francis Commons was several years in the making.

"I feel humbled by the mere fact that we were able to do this," Nocilla said. Nocilla has worked for CSS for 33 years. "None of this happened overnight. We've been working with homeless veterans for 28 years, and we were in multiple locations. For Saint Francis Commons to have materialized and to be identified specifically as a homeless veterans site ... I think that has a tremendous impact of the veterans that we serve in Northeastern Pennsylvania. We've made a big difference in people's lives."

Nocilla feels the same about Saint Hedwig's Veterans Village, which is not a transitional facility. A veteran may stay there as long as they choose. Spouses and/or children are also permitted to live there.

"Saint Hedwig's has offered a very instrumental service to veterans and family members," Nocilla said. "We're very proud of what we're able to do there. They can stay there for as long as they want to."

Funding for Catholic Social Services veteran programs comes from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Catholic Charities USA, Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency and AmeriCorps. In addition to Saint Francis

Commons and Saint Hedwig's Veterans Village, CSS oversees permanent housing apartments for veterans in Luzerne, Lackawanna and Pike counties. Though those apartments are more traditional rentals, residents there also receive assistance from the CSS staff.

"We assist them with rental payments and provide support," Nocilla said. "Some veterans don't have any connection with family members or any other significant person in their life. They could be living in an apartment alone and not really have much contact with the outside world other than our caseworkers. We're on call 24/7. We're their connection to the VA and to help make sure they're living a healthy life. That's the idea behind permanent supportive housing: keeping the veteran in a permanent stable living environment, so that they can receive the services that they need to maintain that lifestyle. They're off the street. Statistics have shown that a stable home environment does wonders for a person's health."

Though the United States will mark Veterans Day on November 11, Nocilla says CSS is grateful to serve veterans 365 days per year.

"All Americans have a sensitivity towards folks that have given to the military service to protect our country, our freedom, and our way of life," he said. "Anytime you put on that uniform and you do some of the things that we're asking them to do – it's something we'll never really understand. The country is sensitive to what it initially failed to do for the Vietnam veterans, and it's looking at these young men coming home today who have become disabled, and who have their whole life ahead of them, and the sensitivity has changed to acknowledgment and understanding. We have a long way to go, but I do believe the country is doing the best that it can. And their lives are better for it."

Cobb, relaxing in his apartment at Saint Hedwig's, agrees.

"They honestly care," he says. "That's the beauty of the whole program."



Saint Hedwig's Veterans Village, which is located in Kingston and the site of 12 apartments, opened in 2013.

The Eight Works of Mercy: Building Bridges and a Culture of Encounter



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

In his 2014 Message for World Communications Day, Pope Francis wrote, “Good communication helps us to grow closer, to know one another better, and ultimately, to grow in unity. The walls which divide us can be broken down only if we are prepared to listen and learn from one another. We need to resolve our differences through forms of dialogue which help us grow in understanding and mutual respect. A culture of encounter demands that we be ready not only to give, but also to receive.”

It is important in our daily lives as well. Do we really make an effort to listen and to understand? There are many books and resources that promote conversation and listening skills because understanding is not always easy.

Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote, “Whatever is received, is received according to the manner of the receiver.” Our capacity, our prejudices, biases, experiences often condition or misunderstand what we hear. Sometimes we hear what we want to hear. How often in our daily conversations do we jump to conclusions or make a gaffe? There can easily be miscommunication at both ends of a conversation. How often in our daily conversations do we jump to conclusions?

Authentic dialogue involves real listening. Pope Francis, in a recent speech to theologians, noted a need to listen carefully to one another: “Here I would mention a dangerous syndrome — the ‘Babel syndrome.’ We think that the ‘Babel syndrome’ is the confusion that arises when we don’t know what the other person is saying. That is the first stage. But the real ‘Babel syndrome’ is when I do not listen to what the other person is saying and think that I know what the other is thinking and is about to say. That is the bane!”

Dialogue is important. Also, collaboration, cooperation, working together is another way of developing a relationship and getting to understand others.

In its document, “Celebrating Mercy with Believers of Other Religion,” the

Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue emphasized that Mercy is not only a topic for dialogue but a motive for collaboration and cooperation.

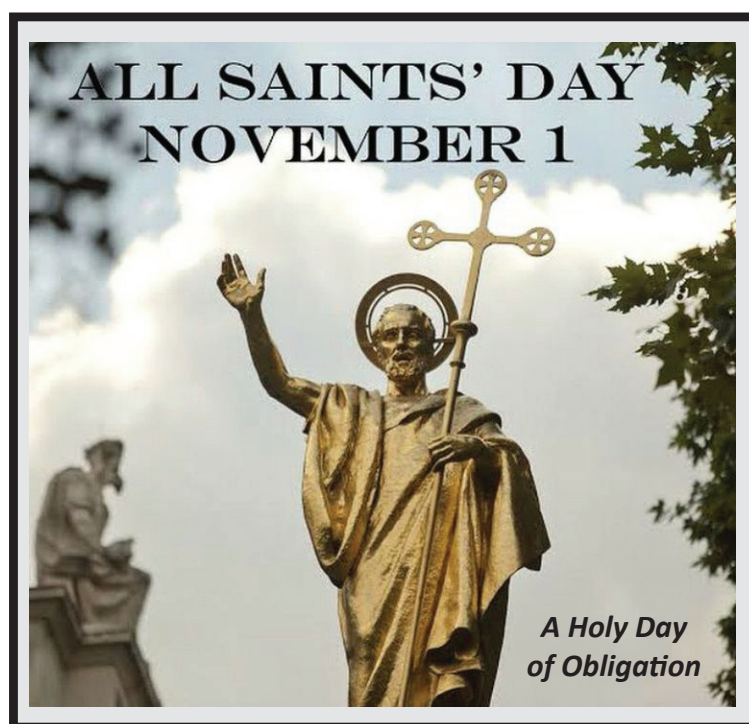
Our Holy Father, in the introduction to the document *Misericordiae Vultus*, the Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee of Mercy, describes the path that led to the Jubilee and expresses the following wish:

“I trust that this Jubilee year celebrating the mercy of God will foster an encounter with these religions (Judaism and Islam) and with other noble religious traditions; may it open us to even more fervent dialogue so that we might know and understand one another better; may it eliminate every form of closed-mindedness and disrespect, and drive out every form of violence and discrimination.”

The document further states: “Our motivation for this compendium is to live this year of grace with our brothers and sisters from different religions. The theme of mercy is actually found in the spirituality of other religious traditions; with this commonality the possibility emerges of sharing moments of spirituality and of interreligious dialogue, as well as concrete works of charity to benefit the needy.”

Pope Francis wrote in “Show Mercy to Our Common Home,” his message for World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in September 2016:

“The Christian life involves the practice of the traditional seven corporal and seven



Prayer Requests for Priests

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

October 31, Father Patrick McLaughlin; November 1, Pope Francis; November 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; November 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; November 4, Father Peter Menghini; November 5, Father Edward Michellini; November 6, Jesuit Father J. Patrick Mohr; November 7, Father Joseph Mosley; November 8, Father Joseph Motsay; November 9, Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, V.G.; November 10, Father Kevin Mulhern; November 11, Father Paul

Mullen; November 12, Father Richard Munkelt; November 13, Father Babu Muttickal; November 14, Father James Nash; November 15, Jesuit Father Eugene Nolan; November 16, Father Theodore Obaza; November 17, Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter Father Joseph Orlowski; November 18, Holy Cross Father Thomas O'Hara; November 19, Father Peter O'Rourke; November 20, Passionist Father Joseph O'Shea; November 21, Passionist Father Sibi Padinjaredath; November 22, Father James Paisley; November 23, Father Francis Pauselli; November 24, Holy Cross Father Stephen Pepper.

spiritual works of mercy. We usually think of the works of mercy individually and in relation to a specific initiative: hospitals for the sick, soup kitchens for the hungry, shelters for the homeless, schools for those to be educated, the confessional and spiritual direction for those needing counsel and forgiveness.”

Parishes working together, as well as ecumenically or in an interreligious way, develop relationships of understanding and friendships. There are many groups that work together in the various counties of the Diocese of Scranton.

When religious groups work together they can be “yeast, salt and light,” witnessing and living the message of the Gospel and developing a culture of encounter.

Pope Francis continues his message on Mercy, in these words: “But if we look at the works of mercy as a whole, we see that the object of mercy is human life itself and everything it embraces.”

Obviously “human life itself and everything it embraces” includes care for our common home. So let me propose a

complement to the two traditional sets of the seven works of mercy to include “care for our common home.”

As a spiritual work of mercy, to quote Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si*, ‘care for our common home calls for a “grateful contemplation of God’s world,” which “allows us to discover in each thing a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us.” As a corporal work of mercy, care for our common home requires “simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness” and “makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world.”

No matter who our new neighbors are, there are always common concerns that can build bridges of understanding and a culture of encounter for people of various religions and all those of goodwill, including “seekers” and non-believers.

When we get to know people of different cultures, religions and backgrounds, we learn not only of our differences, but also what we have in common as members of one human family.

Bishop Bambera gets first-hand lesson in STREAM technology

SCRANTON — The kindergarten students inside Molly Sullivan's classroom at All Saints Academy were all smiles as they welcomed Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on Wednesday, October 16.

What the Bishop didn't know as he entered the room was that he was going to help the youngsters with one of their lessons for the day.

The students, paired off in teams of two, were tasked with making apple trappers out of just paper and tape. The students later tested their inventions to see if they could successfully retrieve a paper apple from a nearby table while standing more than a foot away.

Like any new invention, some of the apple trappers didn't work at first — but the student teams went right back to work to correct the problems and develop a device that was successful.

"He's invested in their future. It shows them that he's coming to our school to look at what we're doing. It's amazing for the kids to see that he's on their level," All Saints Academy principal Brittany Krupski said about the Bishop's visit.

Just weeks after the Diocese of Scranton announced a \$1 million investment in its STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math) initiative, Bishop Bambera was able to get a first-hand look at some of the new resources that have already been purchased for the initial implementation phase.

"This just seems like a whole

new world," Bishop Bambera said after he had witnessed many of the new devices that are already being used, including BeeBots and Spheros robotics. "The energy inside the classrooms is palpable!"

Bishop Bambera toured two individualized instruction classrooms and visited both kindergarten and first grade classrooms, before stopping by a seventh grade class which was studying Ancient Rome and joining another sixth grade music class. The bishop acknowledged that many people in the community are talking to him about their excitement about STREAM all across the Diocese.

"It's exciting to be a teacher right now. It's exciting to be a principal right now as well because you get to be a part of that collaborative effort," Kristen Donohue, Diocesan Schools Superintendent said.

The interactive lessons that many students at All Saints Academy are involved in won't soon fade from their memory.

In the first grade classroom that the Bishop visited, some students were excitedly gluing photographs of their prior lessons and experiments inside their STREAM journals.

Besides helping students in the engineering and design process for some projects, the journals will no doubt be something students use to look back on their experiences.

"You want them to remember, even in a couple years, to see how far they've come," Krupski said.

Diocesan schools receive more than \$400,000 in school safety grants

HARRISBURG -- The Pennsylvania Department of Education has awarded the Diocese of Scranton's Catholic School System \$441,875.34 in competitive 2019-2020 Safe Schools Targeted Grants. Grants have been awarded to Diocesan schools to purchase safety and security-related equipment and enhance emergency communication with law enforcement.

"We are incredibly thankful that the Pennsylvania Department of Education has provided these grants to help strengthen our security measures," Jason Morrison, Diocesan Secretary of Catholic Education/Chief Executive Officer, said. "This money will

be used throughout our individual school buildings to build upon efforts that have already been taken to keep our students and faculty safe."

Schools in the Diocese of Scranton plan to use the grant funding to update surveillance cameras and install modernized mass communication systems that will decrease vulnerability.

"Having the most effective and efficient mass communication system can make the difference between chaos and stability," Kristen Donohue, Superintendent of Diocesan Catholic Schools, said. "We are very appreciative of our state lawmakers who have seen the value in making these grants available to both public and nonpublic schools."

On October 17, 2019, the Pennsylvania Department of Education announced the recipients of \$7.2 million in competitive 2019-2020 Safe Schools Targeted Grants. More than \$4 million has been awarded to public schools. In accordance with Act 18 of 2019, this year \$3.2 million has been awarded to nonpublic schools.

"Students perform their best when they feel safe and secure," Pedro A. Rivera, Pennsylvania Education Secretary, said. "The Safe Schools Targeted Grant program provides school leaders with options when determining which safety tools work best for their own school communities."



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera was the principal celebrant for a Mass at Saint John Neumann Regional Academy in Williamsport on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. In addition to celebrating Mass with the students, the Bishop also visited students and classrooms at Saint John Neumann Regional Academy's Lower Campus.

Bishop Bambera has made a commitment to visit all 20 Diocesan schools this academic year. While he has already visited four schools since the beginning of the year, his monthly schedule remains:

November 2019: Holy Rosary Elementary School; Saint Clare/Saint Paul School

December 2019: Holy Family Academy; Notre Dame High School & Elementary School; Monsignor McHugh Elementary School; Wyoming Area Catholic Elementary School

January 2020: Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Elementary School

March 2020: Good Shepherd Academy; Our Lady of Peace Elementary School; LaSalle Academy

April 2020: Holy Cross High School; Epiphany School; Saint Agnes Elementary School; Saint Nick/Saint Mary Elementary School

May 2020: Saint Jude Elementary School



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera and two students from Molly Sullivan's kindergarten class at All Saints Academy use paper and tape to construct "Apple Trappers" as part of a STREAM lesson on October 16.

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



Saint Jude School in Mountain Top



Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg



Saint John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport



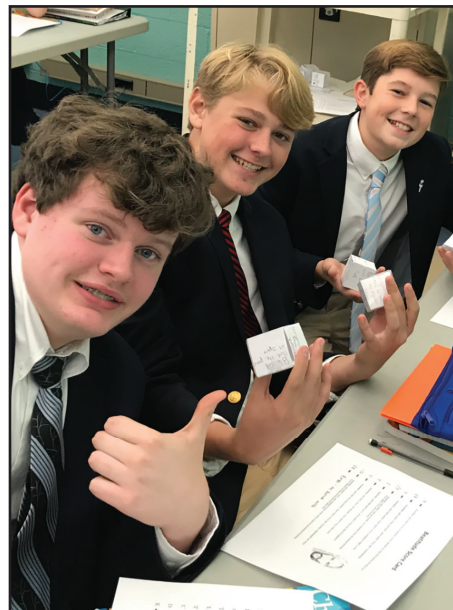
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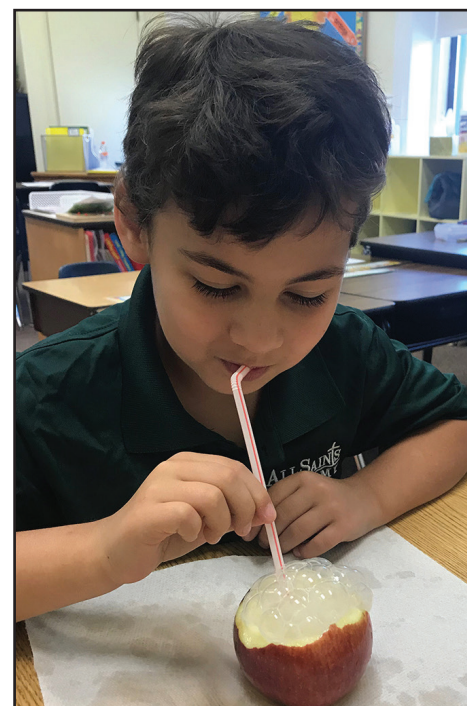
Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco



Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter



Jake Munley, Max Tierney and Finn Kane, eighth grade students at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green**, enjoy a Beatitudes review game, using the Beatitude Dice they constructed and a score card.



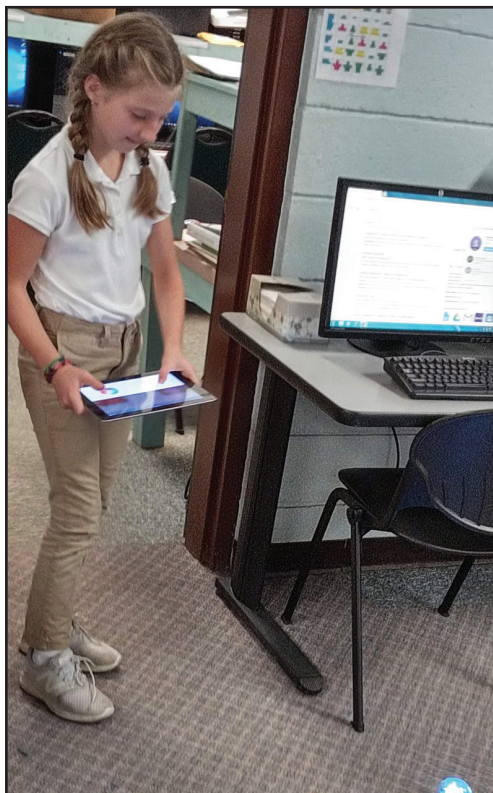
All Saints Academy in Scranton



Ryan Sankey and Tessa Romani, seniors at **Holy Redeemer High School** in Wilkes-Barre, stand with their court after being named Homecoming King and Queen.



Timothy Beers and Nicole Siciliano, seniors at **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High** in East Stroudsburg, were recently crowned the school's Homecoming King and Queen.



Saint Agnes School in Towanda



Holy Family Academy in Hazleton



The Individualized Instruction Class at **Good Shepherd Academy** in Kingston recently began an eight-week yoga class.



Epiphany School in Sayre



Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton



Earlier this year, *The Catholic Light* newspaper announced plans to recognize 20 young adults (between the ages of 18 and 40) from around the Diocese of Scranton who are making a difference in their parishes, schools and communities on a daily basis.

Readers were invited to submit online nominations and more than 50 nominations were received and evaluated.

We believe the good things taking place every day in the Diocese of Scranton should be shared and celebrated!

As the Diocese prepares for its annual #LeaveaMark19 Mass on November 3, we hope you enjoy learning about some of the projects our youth are currently involved in across the 11-county Diocese.



Michael Sowa

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Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Duryea

Music is a passion for Michael Sowa and as a result you could find him at any one of a number of parishes around the Diocese of Scranton on any given day.

While a parishioner of Nativity of Our Lord in Duryea, Sowa also serves as the organist/director of music for Our Lady of the Eucharist in Pittston, an assistant organist at the Cathedral of Saint Peter and coordinator of liturgical music for Marywood University. In August 2019, Sowa was also an organ recitalist at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

Music, of course, makes many holiday celebrations most festive – and the 30 year old serves as coordinator and accompanist for the Greater Pittston community annual Independence Day concert and helps to coordinate caroling visits to a local nursing home at Christmas.

“He always lets singers know they are most welcome to come to his parish to join up with the choir and sign at a funeral with them. He makes everyone feel comfortable,” nominator Ann Irvin said.

In addition to his all his music ministries, Sowa also is a volunteer at the Nativity of Our Lord Parish summer picnic.



Elizabeth McGill

35

Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish, Dunmore

Originally from Elmira Heights, New York, Elizabeth McGill now lives in northeastern Pennsylvania and just entered the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart-Novitiate in September.

As a member of Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish in Dunmore, the 35 year old has taken part in the Diocesan Day of Service and the Bold Choices Retreat on two occasions.

Described by her nominator as incredibly personable and kind, Sister Elizabeth is described as “a great example of someone who puts her faith into action.”

Sister Elizabeth has also been a volunteer with the Friends of the Poor and Saint Joseph's Center for several years. During the past year, she has collaborated with others to begin the process of organizing a food pantry and resource center on a local university campus.

As a volunteer with the Friends of the Poor, Sister Elizabeth says her eyes have been opened to the amount of food insecurity in the greater Scranton area. She has recognized that food insecurity touches individuals of many different socio-economic backgrounds.



Sarah Hallock

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Saint Ann Basilica Parish, Scranton

As a fourth and fifth grade math and science teacher at All Saints Academy in Scranton, Sarah Hallock is helping to shape the minds of the next generation. Actively involved in the new vision for Catholic Education in the Diocese, Hallock co-teaches the STREAM club and is a NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) moderator.

Hallock was nominated by Lindsey Crean, a fellow educator, who wrote, “She consistently comes up with the most engaging lessons to get her students excited about learning! She lives out her faith and sets an excellent example for them through both her words and actions.”

As a member of Saint Ann Basilica Parish, the 29 year old is currently a member of the parish council, a CCD teacher and a team member of the former Youth Group at Saint Ann's.

Hallock also volunteers every year during the Saint Ann Novena in July, the Breakfast with Santa and Night at the Races. As Thanksgiving approaches, she also regularly serves Thanksgiving Dinner in coordination with the Friends of the Poor at the Scranton Cultural Center.



Caroline Cipriani

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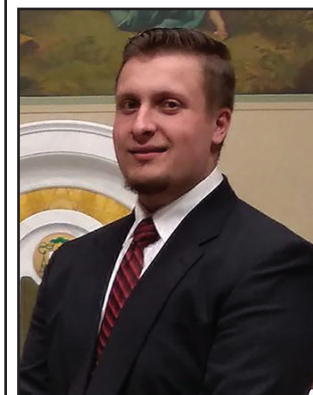
Saint Ann Parish, Williamsport

Fellow parishioners describe Caroline Cipriani as an amazing influence, especially among the youngest members of her Church. The Williamsport resident is actively involved in many programs for children, including Children's Liturgy of the Word, Vacation Bible School and LAUGH (Learning About us, God and Humanity) Children's Ministry.

“Every Sunday at our 9:45 Mass, Caroline oversees Children's Liturgy by proclaiming the Gospel in a manner that is relevant and engaging to our Pre K-3 through first graders and leads them in activities that bring the Good News to life,” her nominator wrote.

In addition to those ministries, Cipriani is also a member of the choir, including being a cantor and playing the flute.

The 28 year old also is a volunteer at her annual parish picnic and participates in a number of Diocesan events, including being a choir member for the Leave a Mark Mass and a chaperone for the Light the Fire Youth Rally.



Joseph Jones

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Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston

As the youngest recipient of the 20 Under 40 recognition, Joseph Jones already has quite the resume. At just 18 years old, the Dupont teen already serves as the chairperson of the annual Saint John the Evangelist bazaar in Pittston.

When not planning three days of summer-time food and fun, Jones serves as a sacristan at the church in addition to being chairperson of both the annual parish chicken dinner and the parish ethnic heritage dinner.

Nominated several times for this recognition, Jones' fellow parishioners describes him as someone who is bright, dedicated, honest and hard-working.

“He's kind, considerate and respectful of not only those older than him, but of his own peers. He had 10 boys from his football team to help with different (church) functions and I don't think that would have happened if he wasn't well-liked and respected,” Sylvia and Donald Waxmonsky wrote in their nomination.

Jones attended the International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) in February 2018, the One Bread One Cup Leadership Conference at Saint Meinrad in Indiana and was a recipient of the Bishop's Youth Awards in both eighth and twelfth grades.



Shannon Kowalski

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**Holy Spirit
Parish,
Glen Lyon**

Since joining the Diocese of Scranton as Coordinator for Youth & Young Adult Ministry in 2017, Shannon Kowalski has had a tremendous impact on the lives of young people.

Through her position, the 29 year old has had the opportunity to plan several retreats and conferences – helping young people learn the Gospel and develop their faith. Kowalski runs programs that include the International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI), Up & Over Retreat for junior high school students and the Daybreak Retreat for middle school students.

This November, Kowalski will help lead more than 130 people from the Diocese of Scranton to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis where they will encounter Christ, experience Church and be empowered for discipleship. She also helps to coordinate Diocesan pilgrimages to World Youth Day which are held around the globe.

“Shannon is clearly dedicated to her Catholic faith and collaborating with other ministers, religious and priests in serving the needs of the ‘young church,’” Father Ryan Glenn wrote in his nomination.

Kowalski has also served as the Associate Youth Director at Saint Faustina Parish in Nanticoke, Youth Minister at Saint Catherine of Siena Church in Moscow and is currently the part-time Youth Minister at Saint Ignatius Parish in Kingston.



Stephen Tokarz

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**Saint Peter
Parish,
Wellsboro**

As a member of his Church’s parish council and religious education teacher for the last decade, Stephen Tokarz is certainly leaving his mark in Tioga County.

Besides helping out at church dinners, Tokarz serves as a small group facilitator for the ChristLife program, working to help others personally encounter Jesus Christ and be transformed into His missionary disciples.

As a husband and father, Tokarz believes the Holy Spirit has given him the idea to start helping people celebrate our Creation Day, the day God created each person at conception. Hoping to spread the message that life begins at conception, Tokarz wants people to realize all life is sacred and dignified and we do not have the right terminate the life of God’s child.

A resident of Antrim, Tokarz has also voluntarily used his woodworking skills for various parish projects.

“Stephen has utilized his skills such as building a suggestion box and a beautiful wood and glass cabinet for our Holy oils,” nominator Paul Uner said.



Andrew McCarroll

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**Saint Robert
Bellarmine
Parish,
Wilkes-Barre**

Andrew McCarroll is currently in seminary formation for the Diocese of Scranton but his faith has always been an important part of his life.

Beginning as an altar server for his parish, McCarroll has taken on elevated roles throughout the years. While participating in most fundraisers and events, the 21 year old from Lehman has also helped to coordinate his parish Summer Vacation Bible School and assisted in directing the parish Living Stations of the Cross.

As a seminarian for the Diocese of Scranton, McCarroll is now in his fourth year of studies. He is serving as the Seminarian Director of Liturgy and Music at Cathedral Seminary in Douglaston, New York.

McCarroll is also involved in several youth ministry efforts including being an adult member of the International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) team and participating on the seminarian team for Quo Vadis Days.

McCarroll also attended World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland.



Kayla Binner

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**Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary Parish,
Tunkhannock**

At only 20 years old, Kayla Binner already has been a positive and inspiring person in her parish. As a CCD aide and teacher, Vacation Bible school music leader, youth and adult contemporary choir member and altar server, the Tunkhannock native is leaving her mark.

Along with other family members, Binner has participated in her Church’s musical living stations performance, “The Way,” for several years but also joins the same production at Nativity of Our Lord Church in Scranton.

Binner’s volunteer activities include visiting and performing piano for residents of the Golden Living and Methodist Manor nursing homes, painting windows at the Meadows nursing home in Dallas and passing out snacks for residents at the Mercy center in Dallas.

Binner was nominated by her fellow parishioners, the Fetter family, who described her as “very positive, always aspiring to bring out the best in people.”

Binner has also taken part in the International Student Leadership Institute, Up & Over Retreat, Light the Fire Youth Rally, Steubenville Youth Conference, Bold Choices Retreat and has helped to pack meals for the “Rise Up Against Hunger.”



Brandon Jopling

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**Saint Joseph
Marello Parish,
Pittston**

As a sacristan and office assistant for Saint Joseph Marello Parish in Pittston, Brandon Jopling has become an active and devoted member of parish community.

While his job responsibilities include preparing the Church and altar for all Eucharistic and liturgical celebrations, designing and editing the weekly bulletin and providing materials for liturgies, Jopling’s greatest passion has been rooted in the music ministry of the Church.

In addition to being a cantor at weekend and Holy Day celebrations, the 22 year old frequently provides organ and/or piano accompaniment for liturgies, including weddings and funerals. He also aids in the direction and preparation of the church’s adult choir, in addition to working with the youth of the parish.

Nominated twice for this recognition, fellow parishioners described Jopling as enthusiastic and dedicated.

“I have seen first-hand the amount of time and effort Brandon devotes to our Church...he accepts his calling to serve the Church as Jesus did: with quiet dedication and genuine love,” nominator Mary Pat Blaskiewicz wrote.

Jopling also works closely with various members of the Church’s Knights of Columbus and Columbiette organizations to provide opportunities for enjoyable, relaxing and faith-filled activities.



Chris Sheperis

35

**Our Lady of
Fatima Parish,
Wilkes-Barre**

As Director of Development Operations for the Diocese of Scranton, Christopher Sheperis oversees the day-to-day activity of the Diocese’s many giving opportunities.

Sheperis finds his work with the annual Diocesan Annual Appeal rewarding because he gets to directly see all of the Diocesan ministries and programs that benefit, including Catholic Social Services, Catholic Schools and the education of our seminarians.

At Our Lady of Fatima Parish, the 35 year old serves on the parish council and is also a Eucharistic Minister.

Sheperis was nominated for this recognition by Jeff Proof, who described the Plains resident as “very down to earth, honest and sincere.”

Before joining the Diocese of Scranton, Sheperis was involved in politics, so Proof says his nominee has a “good sense for dealing with people and a good demeanor.”

Sheperis and his wife Tashara have two children, Delaney and Christian. Delaney is a kindergarten student at Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School in Wilkes-Barre.



Lauren Peterson

35

**Saint Matthew
Parish,
East Stroudsburg**

Lauren Peterson has a passion for helping people in her community. The 35 year old is the Executive Director of Women's Resources of Monroe County, where she helps those affected by domestic and sexual violence.

Having been in the field of victim services for fifteen years, Peterson has also served as a counselor, legal advocate and hotline crisis counselor.

Currently a parishioner at Saint Matthew's Parish in East Stroudsburg, Peterson has been a trained facilitator of the VIRTUS Safe Environment program for adults since 2011 and continues to provide programs for Monroe County parishes.

Peterson was nominated by Marynell Strunk, a fellow parishioner from Saint Matthew's Church, who wrote, "She consistently demonstrates her ability and passion to focus on what needs to be done to improve the lives of all WRMC clients by seeking new opportunities for funding, counseling, housing, education and legal advocacy."

In addition to her work protecting others from abuse, Peterson is also a part of her church choir and is a song leader/cantor.



Stephen Wallo

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**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel
Parish,
Lake Silkworth**

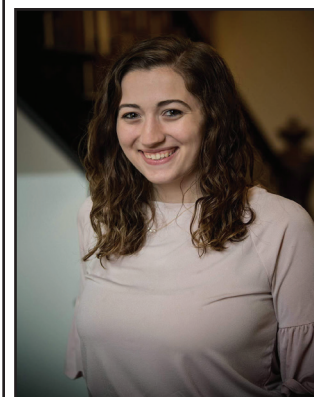
If there is a youth or young adult event in the Diocese of Scranton, chances are Stephen Wallo will be involved in it. After serving 11 years as the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at Our Lady of the Snows in Clarks Summit, Wallo now holds the same position at Saint John the Evangelist/Saint Joseph Marello in Pittston since 2017.

While currently in formation for the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Scranton, Wallo has helped to organize more than a dozen mission trips, including 14 to West Virginia, two to Jamaica and two to restore the Shrine of Saint John Neumann.

A founder of Light the Fire Youth Rally, Wallo is also a team member for both the International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) and the Up & Over Retreat. He is also currently a Diocesan Youth and Young Adult board member and #LeaveAMark committee member.

"Steve proves incredible passion and faith in every aspect of his personal and professional life. He is a dedicated servant leading countless youth in ministry, faith-building events and Catholic retreats," nominator Brandon Jopling wrote about Wallo.

In addition to all his work with the Church, Wallo also served as a committee chairperson for the Abington Relay for Life from 2007-2017.



Monica O'Malley

23

**Mary, Mother of
God Parish,
Scranton**

At only 23 years old, Monica O'Malley is already making a name for herself in terms of servant leadership.

The Scranton native is currently in her second year of a two-year service program called Operation TEACH (Teachers Enlisted to Advance Catholic Heritage) in Baltimore. The post-graduate service program seeks to develop highly committed educators to meet the needs to students in Baltimore area Catholic elementary and secondary schools.

Growing up at Holy Rosary Church in Scranton, O'Malley taught vacation bible school and was an active member of her Church's youth group. She has also participated in week-long service trips to soup kitchens in the Bronx and Philadelphia.

For five years, O'Malley also worked with the Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence, serving meals to elderly residents and working to brighten their day.

In her nomination, Maureen O'Malley said that Monica "believes a good Christian shows his or her faith through actions and service to others. Growing up in the Church, she always strived to reach populations who needed compassion."



**Rebecca "Becky"
Goonan**

31

**Saint Ann Parish,
Williamsport**

Anyone that has been to Saint Ann Parish in Williamsport has probably met Becky Goonan since she wears many different hats.

For the last five years, the 31 year old has been employed as the Director of Music at the parish, but took on additional roles in 2017.

Now also serving as Assistant Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry and Communications and Technology Coordinator, the Williamsport native is able to use her talents to serve God and his people.

Goonan also helps to coordinate a joint Vacation Bible School program for Williamsport parishes every year and also volunteers at the annual Women's Conference held in the Diocese of Scranton.

Nominated by her husband Tim, Goonan was described as "an immensely positive force in our parish and the Diocese of Scranton."

Goonan also coordinates youth group trips to events like Light the Fire Youth Rally and sings at events including XLT and the Leave a Mark Mass.



Raphael Micca

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**Holy Spirit
Parish,
Glen Lyon**

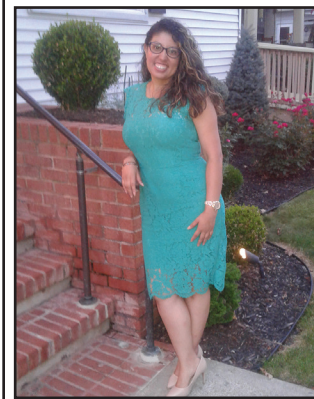
An inspiration and a gift to all who meet him. That is how people describe Raphael D. Micca, 31, an educator at Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston.

Nominated by three different individuals for this recognition, nominator Sara Michaels described Micca as someone who teaches students adoration and respect. "It is not only in what he teaches, but how he teaches, by true example," Michaels wrote.

As a music and social studies teacher since 2012, Micca gives selflessly to his students on a daily basis. Outside of the classroom, the Shickshinny resident has been a life-long parishioner at the Church of Saint Martha in Fairmount Springs, where he has been an organist, choirmaster, youth minister, music ministry volunteer, festival volunteer, men's association member and homebound/nursing home ministry volunteer.

Micca also serves as music director at Saint Joseph Marello Parish in Pittston, served as a pilgrim for the Diocese of Scranton to World Youth Day in Panama in January 2019 and has been a vacation bible school volunteer at Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish.

Founder of the Shickshinny Area Community Choir, Micca has also volunteered with World Artists Experiences, coordinating performances for international musicians and artists visiting northeastern Pennsylvania since 2014.



Alejandra Marroquin

40

**Saint John
Neumann Parish,
Scranton**

When Alejandra Marroquin moved to Scranton in 2005, she became the Latino Outreach Coordinator for Nativity Parish in Scranton. She quickly found success in bridging the gap between the community and its incoming Latino population by planning retreats, assisting in faith formation and effectively communicating between all people.

When the parish consolidated, forming Saint John Neumann, Marroquin stayed involved, becoming the assistant to the Director of Faith Formation. She developed two important programs: an alternative program for children that needed sacraments but were older and a program for Spanish-speaking adults that wanted to go through the RCIA process.

Outside of her parish, Marroquin worked for Catholic Social Services for eight years as the Hispanic Outreach Coordinator and Intake caseworker with the primary responsibility of connection people with food and housing resources.

In 2011, Marroquin became an IHM associate. She has been involved in numerous service trips with IHM sisters and Marywood students to Chicago, Delaware and Guatemala. The 40 year old also served the Diocese as the Fifth Encuentro coordinator.

Marroquin is currently a board member of Network, a Washington, D.C., non-profit which is a Catholic leader in the global movement for justice and peace. She also serves on the Board of Trustees for Marywood University.



Brendan Murphy

40

**Saint Katharine
Drexel Parish,
Pleasant Mount**

While he is currently a member of Saint Katharine Drexel Parish in Wayne County, the talents of Brendan Murphy extend well beyond that community.

The 40 year old currently serves as the Director of Religious Education at Christ the King Parish in Archbald. He also currently is serving as a Word Committee member and Confirmation Catechist at his home parish.

From 2012 to 2019, Murphy served as Director of Adult Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish in Jermyn.

While his resume has too many positions to list -- the Orson resident has also been Director of Youth and Young Adult Programming at the Fatima Renewal Center; Associate to the Office of Parish Life; and Director of Family Life, Marriage Preparation and Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese.

"Brendan is a man of deep faith, impressive intellectual ability, genuine concern for the poor and vulnerable, and a man who embraces with gentleness and fervor teaching the faith," Father Brian J.T. Clarke wrote in nomination form.

Murphy, who has five children, is also a youth soccer coach and regular participant/supporter of the 4H program.



Claudia Pitts

18

**Mary, Mother of
God Parish,
Scranton**

At only 18 years old, Claudia Pitts' resume is already full of community service projects. Pitts, who was Salutatorian of her senior class at Scranton High School in June 2019, is currently enrolled as a student at the University of Scranton.

Pitts began her community service projects with the organization Serving Seniors Inc., visiting elderly residents at Allied Terrace and creating lasting relationships with them. That work continued as a parishioner at Mary, Mother of God Parish, where as part of the Building Connections program, she also spent time with older nursing home residents.

The Scranton native currently serves as a lector at her church and previously was an altar server and youth group member. Pitts also traveled on service trips to Saint Francis Inn in Philadelphia and Our Daily Bread in Baltimore, Maryland.

During her time at Scranton High School, Pitts organized a board game drive to collect toys for patients at the Children's Advocacy Center in Scranton.

Through her community service work, Pitts says she has realized she wants to help people. After realizing that many people are having a tough time making ends meet, Pitts is currently planning to study finance to help break the chain of poverty in families.



Nathan Morgan

21

**Saint Jude Parish,
Mountain Top**

After attending Catholic schools his entire life, Nathan Morgan is now in his senior year at King's College in Wilkes-Barre where he is expecting to graduate in May with a degree in Accounting, Theology and a minor in Ethics.

The 21 year old is currently a member of the King's College Campus Ministry program. This past summer he participated in a summer-long internship with the Diocese of Scranton's Vocations Office. The Mountain Top native helped to plan, coordinate and execute Quo Vadis Days, which is an annual summer retreat for young high school men at Misericordia University.

During Quo Vadis Days, Morgan gave a presentation on Pope Francis' recent papal letter, Christus Vivit, as it pertains to youth discernment.

Morgan's relationship with the Diocese began while he was in high school as a student participant and facilitator of the International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI). He also attended World Youth Day 2016 in Poland as a pilgrim with the Diocese.

#LeaveaMark19 Mass this weekend

Gathering of the Young Church with Bishop Bambera

"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," Pope Francis said at World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland. "No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark. It is very sad to pass through life without leaving a mark."

For the past few years, hundreds of young people and families gathered in the Cathedral of Saint Peter with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera to kickoff National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton. #LeaveaMark brings together public and Catholic high school students, college chaplains and students, young adults, families, women and men religious, priests, directors of religious education and youth ministers from throughout the Diocese of Scranton.

Bishop Bambera is inviting the young church of the Diocese of Scranton to gather once again



this year in the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Sunday, November 3, for a special Mass at 5 p.m. followed by an interactive reception in the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

"The energy and enthusiasm of all who attend will be joy-filled and promising for the future of our Diocese," Father Don Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians, said. "We want to kickoff National Vocation Awareness Week with this event once again this year as we encourage the young church to live as intentional and missionary disciples in our world today."

Students and young adults from throughout the diocese are helping plan the event. Promotions, liturgy, and reception subcommittees are working hard to make this year's event the best one yet.

Connor Nealon, a sophomore at the University of Scranton, enjoyed being involved on the committee the past few years and is excited about the event once again this year.

"I have been involved with #LeaveaMark for the past three years," Nealon said. "It is always great to see how alive the young church is here in the Diocese of Scranton. This year, I am once again creating personal testimony videos to be used on social media to help advertise the event. I will also help with the interactive reception during the actual event. I encourage all young people to attend!"

For more information about this event, please contact the Diocesan Vocation Office at 570-207-1452 or visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org.



Hundreds of young adults and their families filled the Cathedral of Saint Peter for the #LeaveaMark18 Mass. Organizers of this year's celebration are once again inviting the community to attend this year.

#LeaveaMark19 Mass
Sunday, November 3, 2019
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

4:40 p.m. Praise and Worship Music
5:00 p.m. Mass
Reception follows in Diocesan Pastoral Center

Monsignor Francis J. Beeda

I usually remind our fellow Catholics, on such occasions of our transition through death in faith, of the fitting context of our farewell: the Memorial Meal of Our Lord. It is the same context of his farewell to his first disciples.

Lately, I also encourage them to learn and celebrate the date of their baptism, which was the occasion of the beginning of a supernatural life — a life hopefully to be fulfilled in their resurrection.

Today we recall that Francis Beeda lived out his vocation of baptism in the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ.

This morning, I recall my experience of being his associate, or parochial vicar, for five years at then-Saint Joseph Parish in the 1980s. I remember a kind and thoughtful pastor to me, his staff and parishioners.

He especially took pleasure in relating with those who worked in the church basement kitchen, at bingos, the parish picnic and school students. I remember a personable pastor beloved by his people.

To me, he exhibited a devout, firm faith and the piety of a generation of Catholics we long to revive. He possessed an informal theology of and appreciation for his priestly identity and inspired several young men to desire to become a priest.

He also possessed a personality that attracted and developed many friendships among priests. They obviously valued his friendship and counsel.

I have many pleasant memories of the staff and hospitality I experienced at Saint Joseph Rectory. Monsignor was known for choosing endearing nicknames for some of our helpful and youthful members.

Periodically, Monsignor would wander from his office to the kitchen and announce to me, “Oh, Joseph, the pressure, the pressure!” Or he would lean over a chair to relieve indigestion and say, “You know, Joseph, it’s acceptable to belch after a good meal” in Italy.

In anticipation of midnight Mass one year, I asked Monsignor’s permission to use the stately stone fireplace, which was a lovely backdrop in a living room with white carpeting. He graciously granted it with the condition that I first have it inspected for proper draft and safety purposes. His approval was a bit of a pleasant surprise because I thought that his perfectionist personality would prohibit the thought of the carpet color and a blazing wood fire!

Christmas Eve, between the Vigil Mass and Mass at midnight that year, John Nilles, John Simkovich and I listened to Christmas songs by the fireplace, trying to identify some of the musical or vocal artists.

Monsignor’s perfectionist personality was especially evident at Christmas and Easter when decorating the sanctuary with followers. Indeed, each spring he tried to attend the Philadelphia Flower Show. I can still visualize his micro-managing the display of flowers in the sanctuary with Mary Dzurisin and Mamie Kobrick trying to please his eye for the precise placement of the plants!

When I received the call for my first pastorate, I was still at Saint Joseph’s; it was in October of 1989. Monsignor offered affirming words and bought me a small statue of my patron, Saint Joseph. He also encouraged me to continue my practice of private periods of prayer in church.

It came to mind during this reminiscence that it has been thirty years ago this month that I transitioned from his associate to a pastor, and that I am now participating in the funeral Mass of his transition from time to eternity.

The moment of his passage was unannounced and unaccompanied by a pastoral presence, so I shall conclude by commending his soul to the Lord in the prayer of the Church he served as a priest — a prayer he would have heard from another priest:

“Francis Beeda, christened and now called from this mortal state of being, I commend you to Almighty God and entrust you to your Creator. May you return to Him who formed you from the dust of the earth. May Holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints come to meet you as you go forth from this life. May Christ who was crucified for you bring you freedom and peace. May Christ who died for you admit you into his Garden of Paradise. May Christ, the true Shepherd, acknowledge you as one of his flock. May he forgive all your sins, and set you among those he has chosen. May you see your Redeemer face to face, and enjoy the vision of God forever.”

Excerpted from the homily by Father Joseph J. Manarchuck at the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for Monsignor Francis J. Beeda on October 17 at Saint Joseph Church in Hazleton.

**Deacon
James Rebarchick**

**Immaculate
Conception Parish,
Freeland,
and Good Shepherd
Parish, Drums**

**Ordination
Year: 2017**



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

I am involved in many aspects of service ministry at both Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd parishes. This includes presiding as a Deacon at liturgies, including preaching homilies and wake services; and assisting in administering sacraments such as baptisms and marriage ceremonies.

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

It is difficult for me to select any one aspect of my various ministerial roles. However, on pondering this, I would have to say at the top of the list would be performing baptisms — welcoming new individuals into the Church and parish community and witnessing the commitment and dedication of their parents and family. Another fulfilling aspect has been experiencing the dedication, involvement and faith by all, especially that of children and young adults promoting involvement in our parishes, lay ministries and local communities.

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

I have found that, for me, one of the most difficult challenges has been finding the appropriate balance of my time with my family and management of time between my secular work and the responsibilities of my Diaconate ministry and service.

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

I would strongly encourage anyone who feels the call to the Permanent Diaconate to read and become more familiar about the role and responsibilities of a Deacon: to speak with ordained Deacons and their families, those in formation, and seek counsel from priests. Most importantly, they should continuously pray, seeking guidance in making their decision and throughout their formation to this “call.” While at times it may seem challenging, the commitments and fulfilling service as an ordained Permanent Deacon are extremely rewarding.

Synod document: New ministries can serve evangelization in Amazon

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- To proclaim the Gospel message of hope, the Catholic Church in the Amazon must open new paths of evangelization in the region, including by instituting new ministries for lay men and women, the Synod of Bishops said.

The final document of the Synod of Bishops for the Amazon looked at ways the church can increase its ministry in the region, including by ordaining married men. But at the heart of the document was the need to bring the good news to the Amazon, a mission that includes safeguarding the indigenous people, cultures and land that are under constant threat of annihilation.

“The Amazon rainforest is a ‘biological heart’ for the increasingly threatened earth,” said the final document, released Oct. 26 after synod members voted on it.

The Amazon, members said, is on “a rampant race to death. It is scientifically proven that the disappearance of the Amazon biome will have a catastrophic impact on the planet as a whole!”

The synod brought together 185 voting members -- cardinals, bishops, 20 priests and one religious brother -- and 80 experts and observers to discuss “new paths for the church and for an integral ecology.”

The focus of the synod’s final document was the call for the church to further its mission in proclaiming the Good News by uniting itself more to the people of the Amazon



Pope Francis attends the final session of the Synod of Bishops for the Amazon at the Vatican October 26, 2019. Also pictured are Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri, secretary-general of the Synod of Bishops, and Cardinal Claudio Hummes, relator general of the synod. (CNS photo/ Paul Haring)

who, for decades, have suffered the consequences of humankind’s greed.

At the synod, “We discovered that the mighty waters of the Spirit, similar to those of the Amazon River, which periodically overflow, lead us to this overflowing life that God offers us to share in the announcement” of the Gospel,” the document said.

The Amazon faces environmental threats that make it “a wounded and deformed beauty, a place of suffering and violence,” the bishops wrote. Violence against nature, in the form of rampant extraction of resources, unsustainable development

and climate change, also have “serious social consequences.”

To bring greater awareness and responsibility to the universal church, the synod document proposed a definition of ecological sin as an act of commission or omission against God, against one’s neighbor, the community and the environment.”

The document also proposed the creation of “special ministries for the care of our ‘common home’” that would promote ways of caring for the environment “at the parish level.”

The synod called on all Christians to show their awareness of the value

of God’s creation by countering the current “culture of excessive consumption” through recycling, reducing their use of fossil fuels and plastic, as well as by reducing their consumption of meat and fish.

“The future of the Amazon is in the hands of us all, but it depends mainly on our immediately abandoning the current model that is destroying the forest, not bringing well-being and endangering this immense natural treasure and its guardians,” the document said.

The discussions that took place in the synod, the document said, also offered bishops an opportunity to reflect “on how to structure the local churches” in order to address the needs of a “church with an Amazonian face.”

Among those ways are new ministries and roles for the laity, including “in consultation or decision-making in the life and mission of the church.”

To increase the church’s presence in areas that lack priests, the document proposed that bishops entrust “the exercise of the pastoral care of the communities to a person not invested” with the priesthood for “a specific period of time.”

However, “the priest, with the power and faculty of the parish priest, is always responsible for the community,” the document said.

Synod members asked for further discussion on the idea of women deacons, but approved several paragraphs in the document insisting

that their role in leading Catholic communities be recognized and that “the voice of women can be heard, they are consulted and participate in decision-making” in the church.

The final document also emphasized the importance of the Eucharist as “the source and summit of all Christian life.” However, it acknowledged that a lack of priests means Catholics in the Amazon have only sporadic access to the Eucharist, reconciliation and anointing of the sick.

While highlighting the gift of celibacy in the Catholic Church and the need for celibate priests in the region, the document proposed the ordination of “suitable and esteemed men of the community, who have had a fruitful permanent diaconate and receive an adequate formation for the priesthood, having a legitimately constituted and stable family.”

Although the paragraph regarding the proposal for ordaining married was approved, it received the least amount of support among those who voted, with 128 in favor and 41 opposed.

After the votes were cast, Pope Francis told synod participants that he hoped to publish a post-synodal exhortation “before the end of the year so that not too much time has passed.”

“A word from the pope about what he has lived in the synod may do some good,” the pope said. “It all depends on how much time I have to think.”

U.S. archbishop to head Vatican academy for diplomats



Pope Francis named a U.S. archbishop serving as a nuncio to head the Vatican diplomatic academy.

Archbishop Joseph S. Marino, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, 66, was named president of the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, the Vatican announced Oct. 11.

He will be only the second U.S. prelate to head the Rome-based school, which was founded more than 300 years ago.

Born in 1953, he graduated from Birmingham’s John Carroll High School in 1971 and earned degrees from the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

USCCB assembly to review third-party reporting system, elect new officers

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- An update to the Program on Priestly Formation, a progress report on the establishment of a nationwide, third-party reporting system for abuse or misconduct by bishops, and a vote on new leadership for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops are on the agenda for the bishops’ fall general assembly.

Gathering in Baltimore Nov. 11-13, the bishops also will review and vote to approve a short letter and five short video scripts to supplement “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship,” the bishops’ quadrennial teaching document for the faithful on the political responsibility of Catholics.

The changes in the sixth edition of the Program on Priestly Formation have been in the works for more than a year. The document has governed seminary formation in the United States since the bishops issued the first edition for dioceses in 1971.

At their June assembly, the bishops overwhelmingly voted to authorize the implementation of a third-party system that would allow people to make confidential reports of abuse complaints against bishops through a toll-free telephone number and online.

This new national reporting system would not replace systems already in place in every diocese for the reporting of abuse by priests. It is to be operated by an outside vendor and should be in place no later than May 31, 2020.

The bishops also will elect a new president, a vice president, a chairman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee for Religious Liberty and chairman-elect for five USCCB committees: canonical affairs and church governance; ecumenical and interreligious affairs; evangelization and catechesis; international justice and peace; and the protection of children and young people.



The Diocese of Scranton provides opportunities for ongoing training and reflection for new priests. Many of them gathered together for such an experience on Monday, October 21, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton.

Pictured, front row, left to right: Rev. Ryan Glenn; Rev. Jose Joseph Kuriappilly; Rev. Neftali Feliz Sena; Rev. Wilfredo Milan Mamani Cusicanqui; Rev. Philbert Takyi-Nketiah; Rev. Edward Casey; Rev. Peter Tuyen Tran; Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.

Back row, left to right: Rev. Donald J. Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations & Seminarians; Rev. Jeffrey J. Walsh, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; Rev. Arun Lakra; Rev. Joseph Mosley; Rev. Clement Amankwah Yeboah; Rev. Seth Wasnock; Monsignor David Bohr, Diocesan Secretary for Clergy Formation; Rev. Ravel Toppo.



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NOVEMBER 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	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS					
5:30 AM	DECISION POINT	THE BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS	APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION	FUNDAMRNTALS OF CATHOLICISM		DR. RAY	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. SCOUNDRLS					
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	THE ROAMIN' CATHOLIC	LIVE WITH PASSION	HOLY ROSARY FROM LOURDES					
12:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LIVE AT 12:10 p.m.						EWTN DAILY MASS (Encore)				
12:30PM		"DIOCESAN DATEBOOK" airs before and after Mass.										
1:00 PM	(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												
3:00 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG											
3:20 PM	REFLECTIONS											
3:30 PM	THE HOLY ROSARY IN STAINED GLASS	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						ROSARY FOR LIFE				
4:00 PM	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM	THE HOLY ROSARY DIOCESAN DATEBOOK						CALLLED TO COMMUNION				
4:30 PM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	MASTERPIECE DONUT SHOP	WE ARE CATHOLIC	MY TIME WITH JESUS	CAT CHAT	BUGTIME ADVENTURES	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE					
5:00 PM	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHOICES WE FACE	DECISION POINT	BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT	THE BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS						
5:30 PM	PASSIONIST SUNDAY MASS	SPECIALS						THE 4TH CUP				
6:00 PM	HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)						FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM				
6:30 PM		CATHOLICS COME HOME	REAL LIFE CATHOLICS	CHURCH UNIVERSAL	VATICANO	SAVORING OUR FAITH	CHURCH AND POOR					
7:00 PM	THE JOURNEY HOME	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)						DAILY MASS				
7:30PM		THE HOLY ROSARY POPE'S AUDIENCE THE HOLY ROSARY 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	WEB OF FAITH 2.0					
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				

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Pocono Parishioner's Passion: Helping Orphan Children in Ukraine



Sandie Flannery with some of the boys with disabilities at an orphanage in the western Ukraine.

The Ukraine has been in the news a lot lately, but not for the reason Sandie Flannery would like.

For the past ten years, the parishioner at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Brodheads ville has been sending out a clarion call to aid the destitute orphan children in the Ukraine and the abominable conditions they are subject to.

Sandie says she received a calling from God in 2009 when she accompanied friends to Ukraine who were adopting three children there with Down syndrome. Four years ago, she established the Orphan Outreach Ministry at her parish in the Poconos, which hosts a big fundraiser every year that coincides with worldwide “Orphan Sunday.”

This year, the international day to draw attention to the urgent needs of orphans will be observed on Nov. 10. The Orphan Ministry at Our Lady of Queen of Peace will hold its fifth annual Tricky Tray event the day before, on Saturday, Nov. 9, to raise crucial funds to support orphans, many with severe disabilities, who have been abandoned by a society that is content to let them exist in horrid institutions.

“Ukraine is full of disabled children and youth whose lives are not seen as valuable and are locked away in orphanages and boarding houses in remote villages,” Flannery said. “Parents are still being discouraged from taking their children if they have disabilities. The country uses orphanages instead of foster care.”

Flannery related that many of the suffering children live in

substandard buildings completely devoid of the respect and dignity they deserve.

“Many are fed and diapered only twice a day and never leave their cribs,” she said. “They receive none of the necessary therapies or even medical attention they need.”

These days, Flannery, a retired special education teacher and the mother of a daughter with special needs, travels to the Ukraine two to three times a year to help provide much-needed educational, therapeutic and sensory materials.

The Orphan Outreach Ministry’s four previous fundraisers have been able to supply orphanages with a blood analysis machine and yearly supplies, hygiene products, televisions, religious items, and educational, therapeutic, medical and sensory materials and equipment.

Through the efforts of the Ukrainian American Relief Committee, the Ministry is instrumental in shipping electric beds, wheelchairs, walkers, adaptive bath chairs, swings and therapy equipment. Twice they have covered the cost of a dental mission through Mercy Trucks of Ukraine, and recently they began a collaboration with the DePaul Society of Ukraine, which provides trained staff who minister to the orphans’ needs five days a week.

Doors open for the Nov. 9 fundraiser at 9 a.m. and drawings for the Tricky Tray’s more than 200 theme baskets and gift certificates begin at 12:30 p.m. *(see event’s listing on page 31)* For more information, call Flannery at (570) 350-9652.

DRE & Youth Minister Network Workshops

We are excited to announce the upcoming Network Workshops for DREs and Youth Ministers. These meetings will have a new focus: Lifelong Faith Formation through Catechesis and youth ministry.

Members of the Office for Parish Life team will be on hand to discuss several various topics.

All DREs and Youth Ministers or other parish catechetical leaders are invited to one of the following meetings (all held from 6 to 8 p.m.):

Wednesday, November 6 — Southern Region

Wednesday, November 13 — Western Region

Tuesday, December 3 — Northern Region

Wednesday, December 11 — Eastern Region

Ministry Formation Skills Workshop Series

“Becoming Faithful Curators: Discovering and Evaluating Resources for Serving a 21st Century Church,” a workshop for parish leaders, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Saint John Neumann Parish in South Scranton.

The program will be presented by Bernadette Rudolph, an instructor in the Theology/Religious Studies Department at Villanova University and publisher of a weekly podcast: www.GoodNews4You.net.

For more information, contact Kitty Scanlan (570) 207-2213. To register, visit dioceseofscranton.org

NPM Meeting: Creating Effective Worship Aids

The Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will hold a meeting on Tuesday, November 12, beginning at 6 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 213 West Green St., West Hazleton.

The topic of discussion for the evening will be “Creating Effective Worship Aids,” presented by David Baloga, Director for Worship in the Diocesan Office for Parish Life.

Meeting begins with dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the presentation at 7 p.m., and concluding with Night Prayer. For more information and registraton, contact David Baloga at (570) 207-2213 ext. 1158 by Nov. 8.

Enthronement Mass Celebration Slated for Christ the King Feast



Father Dan Toomey

PITTSTON — The Diocesan Enthronement Guild of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary will host a special Mass of Enthronement to celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, Nov. 24.

The Mass commemorating the annual feast day that marks the end of the Church’s liturgical year will be celebrated at 3 p.m. in the chapel of the Oblates of Saint Joseph Seminary, located on Route 315 in Laffin.

Father Dan Toomey, spiritual moderator of the Enthronement Guild, will serve as principal celebrant for the liturgy. Saint Joseph Oblate Father Joseph Sibilano, seminary director, will concelebrate.

The Sacred Heart Singers, directed by Ernie Pappa, will provide the music ministry for the liturgical celebration, beginning with a prelude of contemporary Christian music at 2:30 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the Mass.

All faithful are welcome to attend the Christ the King celebration, which will also feature a religious articles display. Donations will be accepted in support of the Enthronement Guild.

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart apostolate enables families and individuals to consecrate their homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Homes that have been enthroned become an extension of the liturgy, whereby faithful can follow up their Eucharistic devotion in church with prayerful devotion in their own private settings.

Anyone interested in enthroning their home to the Sacred Hearts may register to receive an Enthronement packet by contacting Maria Pappa, coordinator of the Enthronement Guild, at (570) 587-0805. Enthronement renewals are also available.

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

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



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Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Devotion

— **NOV. 3**, hosted by St. Lucy Church, 949 Scranton St., West Scranton; devotion held every Sunday evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the church or at the outdoor grotto (weather permitting) through the first week of December. Includes recitation of the 15 decades of the Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries) and additional prayers offered for the special intentions of world peace, an increase in vocations to the priesthood/religious life, and an end to abortion.

Weekly Novena to St. Anthony of Padua — **NOV. 5-DEC. 17**, hosted by Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre; 13-week St. Anthony Novena devotion held on consecutive Tuesday evenings,

beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the parish church. Novena theme: "St. Peregrine: Patron Saint of Cancer Patients." All faithful are welcome to attend; for more information, call (570) 824-7832.

Padre Pio Prayer Ministry

— **NOV. 6**, 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

— **NOV. 6**, 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.

Weekly Bible Study — NOV.

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

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Catholic Choral Society 18th 'Generations' Concert Nov. 10

SCRANTON — The Catholic Choral Society announces the 18th anniversary celebration of its "Generations Sing" concert, to be presented Sunday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 316 William St., North Scranton.

Celebrating their 71st season, the Catholic Choral ensemble of singers is composed of more than 50 members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Pike, Wyoming and Susquehanna counties, performing sacred/inspirational, classical, stage and popular music.

The Generations Sing event, which celebrates both ecumenical diversity and multi-generational

singers, was established 18 years ago at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, during the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Mother Church of the Diocese of Scranton.

Since the inaugural "Generations" performance, the Choral Society has hosted singing groups of all ages from public and private schools throughout the region, presenting four or five different age groups at each event.

This year the Catholic Choral Society will host the following fellow choral groups: Valley View Fifth Grade Chorus, directed by Stacey Whitaker; Western Wayne Middle School, directed by Joyce Covaleski;

Wyoming Valley West High School, directed by Justin Davis; and the Marywood University Chamber Singers, directed by Dr. Rick Hoffenberg.

Ann Manganiello serves as music director for the Catholic Choral; Jean Shields is the accompanist.

The concert is open to the public free of charge; however, there will be an opportunity for a free-will offering to support the concert.

For more information about Catholic Choral Society events and membership, call (570) 575-1040 or visit: www.catholicchoral.society.org.



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Spiritual Offerings

Weekly Divine Mercy Devotion — **NOV. 6**, 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.

"Season of Hope" Bereavement Support Group — **NOV. 6-20**, sponsored by Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Hawley; consecutive weekly gatherings on Wednesday mornings in the parish hall at BVM Queen of Peace, 314 Chestnut Ave., following the 9 a.m. Mass in the church. Christ-centered group provides bereavement support by journeying through the grief process with prayer, Scripture, faith-sharing and fellowship. For more information, call Rosemarie Mazzotta (570) 390-4196 or the rectory office (570) 226-3183.

Scranton Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Family & Friends — **NOV. 7**, 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 approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God; and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener at (570) 344-7231.

Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — **NOV. 9 & 23**, hosted by the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; providing a safe, supportive space for individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the Bishops Hall at the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. Participating Scranton parishes include St. Peter's; Mary, Mother of God; and Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener at (570) 344-7231.

Grief Support: Surviving the Holidays — **NOV. 10**, hosted by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish at Lake Silkworth (Hunlock Creek); held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lake Silkworth Parish Hall. Support program, focusing on the importance of fellowship and faith, offered to those who are grieving the loss of

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PHL Anniversary Dinner to Honor Gohsler

Pennsylvanians for Human Life will host its 45th Anniversary Dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Fiorelli's Catering, 1501 Main St., Peckville.

The gala's festivities will include a tribute to Helen Gohsler, who will be honored upon her retirement as president of the Scranton PHL Chapter for the past 37 years.

A social hour will open the event at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Cost to attend is \$35 per person.

Reservations are required by Nov. 5 and may be made by calling (570) 343-5099 or (570) 347-8299. Responses may also be mailed to: Pennsylvanians for Human Life, 400 Wyoming Ave., Suite 110, Scranton, PA 18503.

Ladies of Charity Plan 'Recollection Day'

WILKES-BARRE — The Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Scranton announce they will host their annual Day of Recollection on Saturday, Nov. 16, at Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish in Wilkes-Barre.

Doors open at 10 a.m. for the day's program, which begins with recitation of the Rosary at 10:30 a.m., followed by celebration of Mass with Father Richard Cirba at 11 a.m.

urgency, a luncheon will be served in the parish cafeteria.

During the day, a collection basket for pro-life donations will be available. New members to the Ladies of Charity are always welcome.

Cost for the luncheon is \$15 per person. Reservations are required by Nov. 8.

For reservations, forward check payable to "Ladies of Charity" to: Mary Ann Magda, 80 East Carey Ave., Plains, PA 18705.

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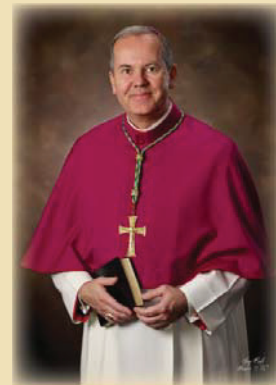
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Mission Message

Go Forth

By Father Brian J.T. Clarke
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As you read this, we bring to a close another month. This “All Hallows’ Eve” ushers in the month of November, a month of thanksgiving for our many blessings and a time to pray for our departed loved ones. We also bring to a conclusion a unique time of prayer, study, sacrifice and renewal during this Extraordinary Missionary Month.

While this calendar month has a definitive end and this extraordinary month also ends, we ought to find this time of commemoration, prayer and reflection as a call for renewal and future action. I hesitate to employ clichés, but this ending is really meant to be a beginning.

This Extraordinary Missionary Month was convened by Pope Francis as a commemoration of the fire engaged in the church by Pope Benedict XVI, who reminded all of the momentous charge given to the Church at Pentecost — a charge which is always at the heart of the Church’s mission:

This mandate from Christ is “a momentous and a holy charge, that was not to lapse with the death of the Apostles but [binds] their successors, one after another, until the end of the world...Entrusted with this mandate, ‘they went forth and preached everywhere’ (Mk 16:20) the word of God.”

There is nothing old, stagnant, or bygone about this challenge given to the Church, one that you and I are both blessed to receive and obligated to embrace.

That is why this time of extraordinary focus on the Church’s missionary work is not fleeting or temporary; rather, it has been a time of renewal and recommitment for each of us. Therefore, we do not stand at this passing moment grateful that it has been well spent and, quite frankly, all of the solemnity and preaching now complete.

No, we now must move forward committed to the challenge given not by Pope Benedict XVI, not by Pope Francis, but the mandate given by Christ to go forth and preach the Gospel to every creature. There is nothing optional or sentimental about our Lord’s call. It’s explicit; it is challenging; it is who and what we are at our core: a missionary Church.

Go forth we must. Not necessarily to the developing world and to cultures and

experiences foreign to us. Go forth we must into our own neighborhoods, marketplaces, schools, workplaces, our own backyards to proclaim the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

Father John Sivalon preached powerfully this missionary message in his homily for World Mission Sunday at our Cathedral this past Sunday. Even as he spoke of his experience as a missionary in Tanzania, he challenged us all to hear the cry of the poor as one whose sound is not far from our own ears and our own everyday experience.

As Psalm 34 reaches our ears and our hearts to hear the cry of the poor, Father Sivalon spoke of that cry as one that comes from the mouths of the addict, of those suffering mental anguish, of survivors of abuse, of those in financial and spiritual distress, of those whose faith has been shaken.

Please, let us take this time of “ending” as a time of recommitment. If we have been deaf to the cry of the poor and lax in our response to it, let us ask for the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit to recharge and reform us knowing that, unworthy and seemingly ineffective as we may be, it is His work to renew the face of the earth and He gives us the grace of participating in this momentous charge.

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a loved one and facing the inherent challenges of the upcoming holiday season. Facilitators: Tammy Bowen & Maianna Oplinger. For more information, contact the parish office at (570) 477-5040.

Monthly Meeting of the Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic — NOV. 10, 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.

Evening of Marian Devotion — NOV. 13, hosted by the Diocesan Legion of Mary in response to the Blessed Mother's request at Fatima for prayers for world peace; devotion begins at 6 p.m. at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church, 322 Chestnut St., Dunmore. 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 throughout the world.

Evening of Prayer with the Sisters of IHM — NOV. 13, 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.

Meeting of Lay Carmelites — NOV. 16, 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.

Meeting of the St. Joseph Secular Franciscan Fraternity — NOV. 17, hosted at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laflin. Liturgy of the Hours recited at 2 p.m. in the seminary chapel.

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Gathering of the Secular Discalced Carmelites — NOV. 17 & DEC. 8, canonically established community of the Diocese of Scranton; gatherings are usually held on the third Sunday of every month at Holy Annunciation Monastery in Sugarloaf, Luzerne

County. All are welcome, especially those who feel called to a deeper consecration in life and wish to experience Carmelite spirituality and community. Call Ann Marie Fierro (570) 454-4493, Nicole Tranguch (570) 751-4729, or Marie Schimmelbusch (570) 822-6561 for more information.

Monday Evening Marian Devotion — NOV. 18, 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.

Catholic Charismatic Advent Prayer Breakfast — NOV. 30, sponsored by Catholic Charismatic prayer groups in the Scranton Diocese; hosted from 9 to 11 a.m. at Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca (across from St. Mary Church). All are welcome; for reservations, contact Jim at (570) 267-1614 or jim@echoes.net.

Catholic Happenings Around the Diocese

Boy Scout Pasta Dinner — NOV. 2, sponsored by St. Ann's Boy Scout Troop 50 in Scranton; served from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Learn and Grow Child Care Center, 1228 St. Ann's St., West Scranton (take-out dinners available). Pasta dinner includes meatballs, salad, dinner rolls, dessert and beverage. Cost: adults, \$10; children (ages 5 to 10), \$7. Tickets available at the door.

Meatloaf Dinner & Basket Raffle — NOV. 2, hosted by Gate of Heaven Parish in Dallas; take-out dinner orders begin at 4 p.m., followed by sit-down dinners starting at 5 p.m. Cost: \$10 per person, includes dinner, beverage and dessert. Tickets sold in advance; call the parish office (570) 675-2121.

Parish Craft Fair — NOV. 2, sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville; held from 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m. in the school gymnasium & cafeteria, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Featuring arts & crafts displays by more than 50 vendors; lunch will be available. Open to the public free of charge.

Christmas Bazaar — NOV. 2 & 3, hosted by the Altar & Rosary Society of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 220 Church St., Moscow; held Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Kelly Hall, located downstairs from St. Catherine Church. Pre-holiday event features Christmas Attic Treasures display, handmade crafts, book and bake sales; also includes more than 70 theme basket drawings, special raffles, and a wide variety of foods and homemade soups for sale. All proceeds benefit the parish, North Pocono Food Pantry, and St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton. Free admission.

Toy Bingo — NOV. 3, sponsored by St. André Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre; hosted at St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre. Doors open at 12 noon; games begin at 1:30 p.m. Admission fee: \$15. Seating is limited; advance reservations are encouraged. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Mary at the parish office (570) 823-4988.

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by recitation of the Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Serving as celebrant for the Mass will be Father August Ricciardi, pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge, and spiritual director of the Charismatic Renewal in the Scranton Diocese.

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

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Annual Roast Beef Dinner — **NOV. 3**, hosted by Mary, Mother of God Parish in North Scranton; dinner held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Stirna's Restaurant, 120 W. Market St., Scranton (take-out orders available). Cost: adults, \$10 in advance, \$12 at door; children (under age 10), \$5. Advance tickets available at the parish rectory, 316 William St., Scranton; call (570) 342-4881.

Election Day Pasta & Meatball Dinner — **NOV. 5**, sponsored by St. John Bosco Parish, SR 93, Conyngham; dinners served from 4 to 7 p.m. in the parish center (take-out orders begin at 3:30 p.m.). Theme basket and raffle drawings will also be held. Dinner includes pasta & meatballs, salad, Italian bread, homemade dessert and soft beverages. Cost: adults, \$10; children (ages 10 & under), \$5. Tickets available at the parish office (570) 788-1997, or at the door.

"Friendsgiving" Dinner Fundraiser — **NOV. 7**, sponsored by Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton to benefit the Divine Providence Homeless Shelter, St. Joseph's Food Pantry and all Catholic Social Services programs in the Hazleton area; held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Capriotti's, One Bank Ave., McAdoo. Cost: \$60 per person, including five-course meal (cash bar available). Entertainment provided by DJ Rockin' Ray and wine sampling with Honey Hole Winery. Those eligible for door prizes include groups of three or more and patrons providing non-perishable food items for St. Joseph's Pantry. For more information, call (570) 455-1521.

Fifth Annual Ukrainian Orphanage Fundraiser — **NOV. 9**, sponsored by the Orphan Outreach Ministry of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Brodheadsville; tricky tray games party to be held in the parish's McCawley Hall at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Route 209, Brodheadsville, with proceeds to benefit an orphanage for disabled children in war-torn Ukraine. Doors open at 9 a.m.; drawings begin at 12:30 p.m. for more than 200 theme baskets and gift certificates. Food and beverage items will be available for purchase. Admission cost: \$10, includes one sheet of tickets. Theme basket raffle donations will be accepted at the parish office. For more information, contact Sandie Flannery at (570) 350-9652 or sandieflannery@gmail.com.

Craft & Vendor Fair — **NOV. 9**, hosted by Holy Family Parish, 574 Bennett St., Luzerne; held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Event features displays by dozens of vendors & crafters, basket raffles, and food and refreshments. Admission is free of charge.

Monthly Gathering of Theresians International of Scranton — **NOV. 12**, gathering opens at Immaculate Conception Church in the Hill section of Scranton with recitation of the Patriotic Rosary at 11:30 a.m. in the church's adoration chapel; followed by Mass celebrated at 12:10 p.m. Theresians' luncheon meeting follows at 12:45 p.m. at Cooper's Seafood House. Month's guest speaker: Monsignor Peter Madus.

Pittston Central Catholic Class Christmas Party — **NOV. 16**, for members and guests of the Pittston Central Catholic High School Class of 1955; held at 6 p.m. at Fox Hill Country Club, Tunkhannock Ave., Exeter. For more information & reservations, contact Mary Jane Tomesette at (570) 654-1914. Plans are underway for the class' 65th Reunion next year. Any suggestions may be directed to Cataldo "Ky" Lazzari at (570) 825-2648.

Pork Roast Dinner — **NOV. 16**, hosted by Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Jermyn; dinners served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. (take-outs available from 2 to 4 p.m.). Dinner includes roast pork, mashed potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, rolls and variety of

homemade desserts; theme basket raffle will be held. For dinner tickets, call Annette at the rectory (570) 876-1061.

Craft Sale — **NOV. 16 & 17**, sponsored by the Crafters Group of St. Luke Parish, 818 Main St., Stroudsburg; held in the lower level of St. Luke Church. Sale hours: Saturday, 3 to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring a wide variety of autumn and Christmas craft items and sweet treats for sale. Event includes a Free Health Fair sponsored by the Nursing Ministry; offering blood pressure screenings, information on nutrition, drug/alcohol abuse, bullying and more, massage station and relaxation breathing demonstration.

Harvest Dinner — **NOV. 17**, sponsored by St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Scranton; serving begins at 12:30 p.m. at St. Vladimir Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Ave. Dinner features roast beef & mashed potatoes/gravy, hot vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee/tea and soft beverages. Event includes door prizes and raffle drawings for basket of cheer and handmade Ukrainian tablecloth. Dinner cost: adults, \$13; children (ages six to 12), \$8. Advance reservations only by Nov. 11; no tickets will be sold at the door. Take-out dinners available by advance order and must be picked up between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon. For reservations, call (570) 503-1514.

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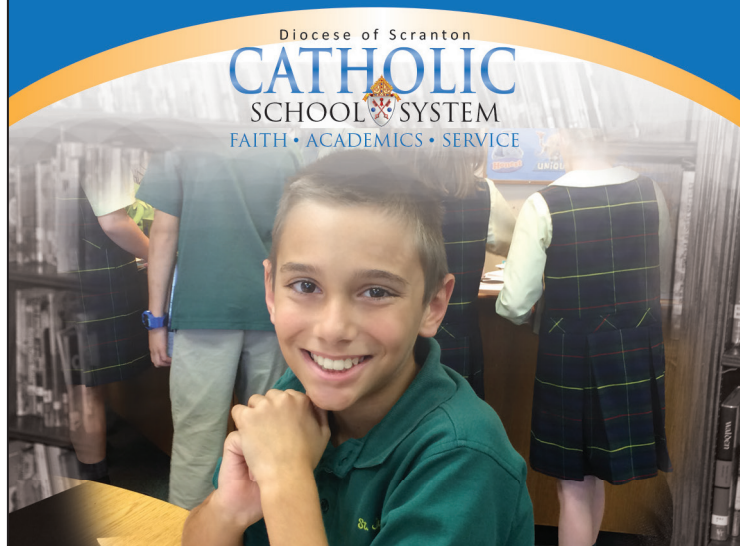
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