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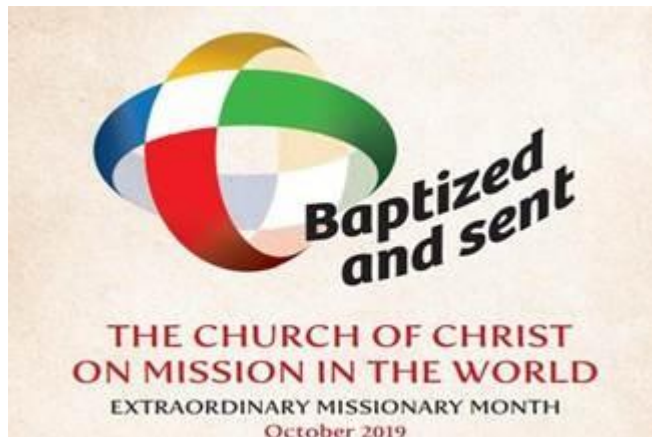
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## **PONTIFICAL MASS FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY TO BE HELD THIS WEEKEND**



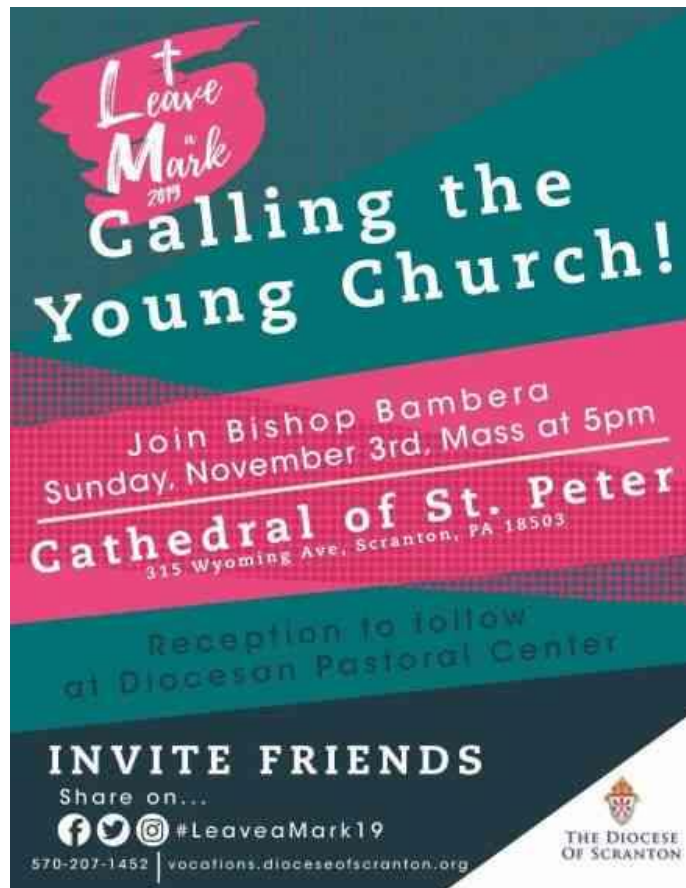
A Pontifical Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 12:15 p.m.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant, Father Brian J.T. Clarke, Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, will concelebrate. The homilist will be Father John Silalon, MM, PhD, Director of International Learning Programs at the University of Scranton.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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

## HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS TO ATTEND ANNUAL LEAVE A MARK MASS



The Diocese of Scranton's annual Leave a Mark Mass will be held on Sunday, November 3 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton at 5:00 p.m.

This will be the fourth year kicking off National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton with the #LeaveaMark event. The Mass and reception following is an exciting time for our local Church.

Bishop Joseph Bambera is once again inviting the young church of the Diocese to come together and focus on the question: How are you answering

Pope Francis' call to "Leave a Mark" and live as intentional and missionary disciples in our world today?

All are invited to attend, especially high school students, college students and young adults!

For more information, call (570) 207-1452.

## **CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY CELEBRATES 100th ANNIVERSARY**



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 in Sayre turned out on Saturday, October 12, 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.

Following Mass, a reception was held the anniversary.

Read more about the anniversary Mass celebration in next week's *Catholic Light* newspaper.

## **SAINT FRANCIS KITCHEN OUTREACH PROGRAM MARKS FOURTH ANNIVERSARY**



The Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen's community outreach program is marking its fourth anniversary this month. Since October 2015, more than 50,000 meals have been prepared and served at three different parishes across Lackawanna County on a weekly basis.

Hot, home-cooked meals are offered on Tuesday at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church in Archbald, on Wednesday at Saint Patrick's Church in Olyphant and on Thursday at Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Carbondale. The meals, which are served from noon until 12:30 p.m., are prepared at the Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton and then delivered to each parish. On average, 250-300 meals are served each week.

A celebration of the fourth anniversary of the program was held at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church in Archbald on Tuesday, October 15.

## **WORLD DAY FOR THE POOR PRAYER SERVICE**

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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

**NOVEMBER 13, 2019 | 6-8:30 PM**  
**DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER**  
**330 WYOMING AVENUE, SCRANTON PA**

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.

## **2019 MINISTRY FORMATION SKILLS WORKSHOP SERIES**

**Becoming Faithful Curators:  
Discovering and Evaluating Resources for Serving a 21st  
Century Church**

**Saturday, November 9  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

## Saint John Neumann Parish, Scranton

Parish leaders have the significant responsibility of curating the knowledge and practices of the Catholic Christian religion they provide their parishioners.

Recall Jesus' graphic message (Mt 18:6; Lk 17:2) about those who lead the little ones astray suffering a fate *worse than* drowning with a mill-stone tied about their necks? Jesus is so emphatic because at stake is people's ability to have a healthy relationship with God and to live the gospel authentically. This responsibility has perhaps been made even more challenging by the sometimes overwhelming availability of information today, even in the area of faith. How can we acquire religious "information literacy?"

Faithful curation involves discerning:

- a) relevance to the times and to the audience,
- b) opportunities for access,
- c) faithfulness to the gospel and to the Church

We will discuss useful yardsticks for measuring the appropriateness of information and practice applying them to typical choices parish leaders make, like deciding on programs and publications, Scriptural interpretations, news sources and prayer experiences.

Bernadette Rudolph, MA, MS, has worn many different hats in her lifetime, including teacher, pastoral associate, principal, retreat leader, daughter, sister, mother and wife. She endlessly explores how God is mixed-up in human lives and loves to help others see it as well. From 2012-2017, Bernadette was the Director for Family and Community Development for the Diocese of Scranton. She is currently an instructor in Villanova University's Theology/Religious Studies Department and publishes a weekly podcast, [www.GoodNews4You.net](http://www.GoodNews4You.net).

For more information, contact Kitty Scanlan at (570) 207-2213. To register, visit [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org).

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY**



Have you made a gift to the 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal yet?

Your generous gifts support many important programs and ministries across the 11 county Diocese of Scranton, including:

- Catholic Education
- Catholic Social Services
- Clergy Support and Seminarians
- Catholic Communication and Media
- Office for Parish Life
- Faith Formation Grants
- Social Justice Grants

If you'd like more information about the 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal, visit [www.AnnualAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualAppeal.org)

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

You are also encouraged to visit the Facebook pages of other Diocesan departments. They are listed on our website at:

<http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/social-media/>

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