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## DEFENDING LIFE



### Local residents join tens of thousands in Washington, D.C. for 2020 March for Life

WASHINGTON (CNS) – President Donald Trump credited attendees at the 47th annual March for Life for their commitment to protect the life of unborn and born children.

“Together we are the voice for the voiceless,” Trump told tens of thousands of people gathered at a noontime rally Jan. 24 on the National Mall.

“You stand for life each and every day. You provide housing, education, jobs and medical care for the women that you serve,” the president said.

Trump was the first president to speak in person in the

47-year history of the March for Life. He spoke for about 10 minutes at the start of the rally and before attendees began their march to the Supreme Court.

“Today, as president of the United States, I am truly proud to stand with you. We’re here for a very simple reason: to defend the right for every child, born and unborn, to fulfill their God-given potential,” Trump said.

He also credited the young people who made up a large portion of the crowd for their commitment to life, saying they were “the heart of the March for Life.”

“It’s your generation that is making this a pro-life nation,” the president said, adding, “You are powered by prayer and motivated by pure unselfish love.”

Trump’s speech before the largely supportive crowd was punctuated by applause and cheers. Calls of “Four more years” welcomed him to the podium.

The pro-life movement has been buoyed by Trump’s appointment of two conservative justices to the Supreme Court. Their goal has been a reversal of the court’s 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion.

Vice President Mike Pence and his wife, Karen, addressed the rally in a video recorded in Rome prior to Trump’s arrival at the rally. Pence met with Pope Francis earlier in the day.

He said in the video that he thanked the pope “for all that he and Catholic Americans have done to defend the sanctity of human life in the history of this movement.”

Karen Pence thanked attendees for their witness and compassion for the unborn. “Thank you for standing for life,” she said. “We cannot be more proud to be on this journey with you.”

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### Archbishop Chaput retires; Pope Francis names Bishop Perez successor in Philadelphia



Bishop Nelson J. Perez of Cleveland smiles at a news conference after Pope Francis appointed him archbishop of Philadelphia Jan. 23, 2020. (CNS photo/Sarah Webb, CatholicPhilly.com)

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) -- Proclaiming his successor as “exactly the man our church needs,” Archbishop Charles J. Chaput introduced Bishop Nelson J. Perez, whom Pope Francis named as the next archbishop of Philadelphia, at a Jan. 23 news conference in Philadelphia.

He will be installed as archbishop Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul.

The pope had announced the appointment while accepting the resignation of Archbishop Chaput, who last September turned 75, the age at which canon law requires that bishops turn in their resignation to the pope.

Anticipation for his successor had been building intensely in the archdiocese since that time, and judging by the

applause in the room filled with more than 100 archdiocesan staff, it was a warm welcome home for Archbishop Perez, 58, currently the bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland.

He described his appointment as a “surreal moment” for a former priest of the archdiocese to be named its new shepherd.

Archbishop Perez is the first archbishop of Philadelphia of Hispanic heritage; his parents emigrated from Cuba and he was born in Miami in 1961. He also is the first native son to be archbishop of Philadelphia since Archbishop (later Cardinal) Dennis Dougherty in the early 20th century.

And at 58, he is the youngest archbishop since Cardinal John Krol arrived in Philadelphia in 1961 at age 50.

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# Large crowds attend 47th annual March for Life

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The vice president called Trump the “most pro-life president in American history” and a “champion for the movement.”

“So keep standing strong and stand with that love and compassion that has always defined the movement for life,” Pence said.

Not all participants in the rally agreed with the single-issue stance of Trump and Pence. A group of Franciscan friars and their supporters held signs aloft outside of the security barrier with messages reading “I am 100% Pro-Life.” “Care for the Unborn.” “Protect the Earth” and “Seek Justice for the Poor.”

Franciscan Father Jud Weiksnar, pastor of Sts. Columba Brigid Parish in Buffalo, New York, said he attended the March for Life to encourage people to embrace a wider call in support of life, including care for the environment and peace.

“I’m very deeply convinced that my religious calling calls me to something like the March for Life,” he told Catholic News Service in a phone call from a point just off the Mall.

His group included about 20 people, among them priests, men in formation and laypeople.

His friend, Franciscan Father Jacek Orzechowski of Maryland, said he joined the march and rally “to remind others about what it means to be authentically pro-life.”

“It’s not enough to say that a person is against abortion, but especially about other concerns at this time when we as humanity are standing on the verge of ecological catastrophe,” he explained. “I’m not willing to fall into a false choice in caring for our common home or caring for the unborn.”

Rally-goers also heard from members of Congress and several other speakers, including women who survived attempted abortions, over the course of an hour following the president’s appearance.

Rep. Steve Scalise, R-Louisiana, urged the audience to support the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act that has been introduced in Congress. The bill would ensure that any child born alive after an abortion received medical care. It would also institute penalties for doctors who allow such infants to die or who intentionally kill a newborn.

He said he is working to bring the bill to a vote in the House of Representatives by filing a discharge petition, meaning it would by pass committee action and go directly to the full House. He said 204 House members have signed the petition -- all 197 Republicans and seven Democrats -- and that he is working to gain 14 more Democrats to gain a majority that would force a vote on the bill. He encouraged



Thousands of people walk up Constitution Avenue headed toward the U.S. Supreme Court while participating in the 47th annual March for Life in Washington Jan. 24, 2020. (CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz, Long Island Catholic)

those at the rally to contact their members of Congress to express support for the petition and the bill.

At times the rally turned to politics as speakers called on rally-goers to vote for pro-life candidates in the upcoming presidential election. They also complimented Trump for his appointment of 187 federal conservative judges who are more likely to support restrictions on abortion.

“We are at a pivotal moment for the pro-life movement and this great nation,” said Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of Susan B. Anthony List, a pro-life education organization, in crediting legislative efforts nationwide to limit abortion.

She encouraged the crowd to “go for the win” and “put the will of the people into law” in an effort to overturn *Roe v. Wade* in the Supreme Court in the November election. “It’s the most consequential for the cause of the unborn,” she said.

In brief remarks, Rep. Chris Smith, R-New Jersey, noted how there have been incremental steps to end abortion throughout the nation.

“We’re making progress,” Smith said. “Be very encouraged. With the help of ultrasound imaging, we will tirelessly struggle to ensure that unborn children are no longer invisible, trivialized, mocked, dehumanized and killed.”

Smith, who co-chairs the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, credited the crowd for their activism that has resulted in “countless” women and babies who have been spared “the violence of abortion and today live, love and thrive.”

Others addressing the rally included Elisa Martinez, founder of New Mexico Alliance for Life and co-chair of Native Americans for Life, and Democratic Louisiana State Rep. Katrina Jackson.



Notre Dame student Michael Danatzko holds a pro-life sign while on the shoulders of William Warnken during the March for Life.



Louis Maximilian Cochran, from Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, poses for a picture during the 2020 March for Life.



# Pro-Life pilgrims from Diocese participate in 47th March for Life



Bishop Joseph Bambera and Father Jeff Walsh, V.E., with pilgrims from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Brodheadsville.



Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Williamsport



Students from Notre Dame High School, East Stroudsburg



Students and staff from Saint John Neumann Regional Academy, Williamsport



Students from Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre



Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Wyoming Valley Chapter



Students and adults from Annunciation Parish in Hazleton, Saint John Bosco Parish in Conyngham, and Holy Name of Jesus Parish in West Hazleton



Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Milford



King's College, Wilkes-Barre



My dear friends,

This past week, I was once again privileged to participate in the annual March for Life in our nation's capital. Gathered together for the 47th time since the first March that was held on January 22, 1974, thousands of individuals witnessed their shared belief that human life is sacred and must be protected – especially the lives of the unborn, who are unable to protect themselves. Young and old, male and female, rich and poor, black and white, Catholics, Orthodox, Protestants and those from various faith traditions joined their voices in affirming the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis: “Our defense of the innocent unborn, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development.”

What struck me this year in a particular way is that while the participants in the annual March for Life change from year to year, their numbers do not. In fact, in an era that seems to have disavowed adherence to many traditional moral and religious values, more and more young people have chosen to assert their beliefs in the value of human life. It is perhaps for this reason, that the 2020 March theme: Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman, has resonated so powerfully with many of this year's participants. Jeanne Mancini, President of the March for Life, reminded all of us that “Pro-lifers should be inspired by the early suffragists who understood the true dignity of women, and that every person, born and unborn, deserves equal rights and protections under the law.”

Our affirmation of these words is needed today more than ever. While some strides on behalf of the dignity of human life have been made in recent years, our nation still has miles to go before every life is truly respected and cherished. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the most recent abortion statistics have shown an increase of 353, amounting to 30,364 abortions for the year 2018. That number sadly reflects a total of 1,342 women from the territory of the eleven counties of Diocese of Scranton who chose to have abortions, with a staggering 506 abortions secured by residents of Luzerne County alone.

These statistics, when coupled with the events of this past year that continue to find our world and even our cherished land confronted by dreadful acts of terrorism, violence and human disrespect, are sobering reminders to us of just how far we have drifted from the truth set forth by God, that every life has value because every life is made in the image and likeness of God. Tragically, in our “civilized” society, innocent lives continue to be treated with disrespect and threatened with extinction, from unborn children to the poor, to immigrants and refugees, to the disabled, the elderly and those who are forced to live on the margins of society because of discrimination, bigotry and hatred.

Despite such sad realities, however, there are countless signs of hope throughout our land and right in our midst. Locally, in the Diocese of Scranton, through the good efforts of those who work with agencies and programs such as Saint Joseph's Center, Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton, Friends of the Poor, Rachel's Vineyard and organizations like Pennsylvanians for Human Life, a difference for good has and continues to be made. Indeed, countless numbers of committed people are empowered by their faith to work to support, respect and sustain human life in all stages, circumstances and situations.

For the good work of so many on behalf of life, we give thanks! May our recognition of the presence of God within the lives of all who have been created in his image and likeness give us the courage and resolve to love generously and to proclaim ever more boldly Jesus' Gospel of Life.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ *Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.  
Bishop of Scranton



Mis queridos amigos,

La semana pasada, nuevamente tuve el privilegio de participar en la Marcha por la Vida anual en la capital de nuestra nación. Reunidos por 47 vez desde la primera marcha que se celebró el 22 de enero de 1974, miles de personas fueron testigos de su creencia compartida de que la vida humana es sagrada y debe ser protegida, especialmente la vida de los no nacidos, que no pueden protegerse. Jóvenes y maduros, hombres y mujeres, ricos y pobres, blancos y negros, católicos, ortodoxos, protestantes y de diversas tradiciones religiosas se unieron a sus voces para afirmar las palabras de nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco: “Nuestra defensa de los inocentes no nacidos, debe ser claro, firme y apasionado, porque está en juego la dignidad de una vida humana, que siempre es sagrada y exige amor para cada persona, independientemente de su etapa de desarrollo.”

Lo que me llamó la atención este año de una manera particular es que, si bien los participantes en la Marcha por la Vida anual cambian de año en año, sus números no lo hacen. De hecho, en una era que parece haber rechazado la adhesión a muchos valores morales y religiosos tradicionales, cada vez más jóvenes han optado por afirmar sus creencias en el valor de la vida humana. Quizás es por esta razón, que el tema de marzo de 2020: Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman, ha resonado tan poderosamente con muchos de los participantes de este año. Jeanne Mancini, Presidenta de la Marcha por la Vida, nos recordó a todos que “los pro-vida deberían inspirarse en los primeros sufragistas que entendieron la verdadera dignidad de las mujeres, y que todas las personas, nacidas y no nacidas, merecen los mismos derechos y protecciones bajo la ley.”

Nuestra afirmación de estas palabras es necesaria hoy más que nunca. Si bien en los últimos años se han logrado avances en favor de la dignidad de la vida humana, nuestra nación aún tiene mucho camino por recorrer antes de que cada vida sea verdaderamente respetada y apreciada. En el Estado de Pensilvania, las estadísticas de aborto más recientes han mostrado un aumento de 353, que asciende a 30,364 abortos para el año 2018. Ese número refleja tristemente un total de 1,342 mujeres del territorio de los once condados de la Diócesis de Scranton que eligieron hacerse un aborto, con la asombrosa cantidad de 506 abortos asegurados solo por residentes del condado de Luzerne.

Estas estadísticas, junto con los eventos del año pasado que continúan encontrando nuestro mundo e incluso nuestros países confrontada por terribles actos de terrorismo, violencia y falta de respeto humano, nos recuerdan de lo lejos que nos hemos alejado de la verdad. establecido por Dios, que cada vida tiene valor porque cada vida está hecha a imagen y semejanza de Dios. Trágicamente, en nuestra sociedad “civilizada”, las vidas inocentes continúan siendo tratadas con falta de respeto y amenazadas de extinción, desde niños no nacidos hasta pobres, inmigrantes y refugiados, discapacitados, ancianos y personas que se ven obligadas a vivir al margen. de la sociedad por discriminación, intolerancia y odio.

Sin embargo, a pesar de estas realidades tristes, hay innumerables signos de esperanza en toda nuestra tierra y justo en medio de nosotros. A nivel local, en la Diócesis de Scranton, a través de los buenos esfuerzos de quienes trabajan con agencias y programas como Saint Joseph's Center, Catholic Social Services de la Diócesis de Scranton, Friends of the Poor, Rachel's Vineyard y organizaciones como Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Se ha hecho y se sigue haciendo una diferencia para el bien. De hecho, innumerables personas comprometidas están facultadas por su fe para trabajar para apoyar, respetar y sostener la vida humana en todas las etapas, circunstancias y situaciones.

¡Por el buen trabajo de tantos en nombre de la vida, damos gracias! Que nuestro reconocimiento de la presencia de Dios en la vida de todos los que han sido creados a su imagen y semejanza nos den el valor y la determinación de amar generosamente y proclamar cada vez más audazmente el Evangelio de la vida de Jesús.

Fielmente vuestro en Cristo,

+ *Joseph C. Bambera*

SER Joseph C. Bambera D.D., J.C.L.  
Obispo de Scranton





# Holy Cross Pro-Life Club supports Saint Joseph's Center

DUNMORE – Students at Holy Cross High School are known for making a difference in their community and members of the Pro-Life Club proved that in a way that celebrates the importance of life earlier this month.

Last week, the students organized a collection of hundreds of items for the Saint Joseph's Center Baby and Children's Pantry.

"It's amazing that the whole school was able to come together and donate that much and not even just the students but also the faculty, alumni and parents," sophomore Jonelle Symonies said.

The club asked each different grade level to focus on a different item.

"We had ninth grade bring pacifiers, tenth grade brought bibs, juniors brought wipes and seniors brought baby towels," senior Clara Bergman said.

The donated items filled a row of tables in the front entranceway of the school. It was a visual representation to students and visitors that they promote life, especially during the month of January.



**Members of the Pro-Life Club at Holy Cross High School help to organize donations collected for the Saint Joseph's Center Baby and Children's Pantry on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020.**



**Hundreds of items were collected in just one day by students, faculty and alumni. The number of pacifiers collected were enough to fill several boxes in the school's foyer. (Photos/Eric Deabill)**

"I walked through the doors today for school and it made me just so happy to see all the items on the tables. It was just really nice that everyone from our school can contribute to a bigger purpose," senior Sydney Skrutski said.

The Saint Joseph's Center Baby and Children's Pantry is a free community resource to all families who need baby food, clothing, diapers and other items. In 2017, the pantry had more than 3,700 visits from families in need and distributed more than 125,000 diapers.

"I think it's important for us, as a school, to show what we stand for," senior Leahy O'Connor said.

"It's an honor to be able to help people," sophomore Emily Clark added.

The collection for Saint Joseph's Center is just one of several community outreach activities the students are involved in.

"We do a lot of collections and a lot of drives. We're always trying to give back to the community. We recently did a sock collection and on Valentine's Day we're doing bags to give back to those who

don't have lunch," senior Fiona Jordan said.

Students at Holy Cross High School also participated in a "Celebration of Life" with an all-day Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020. The prayer and reflections were written by members of the Pro-Life Club and addressed all life issues including families in crisis, the elderly, poor and homeless and immigration.

"Prayer is a very important part of the Catholic life. Life is so important but it's so neglected. A

lot of people don't know the true value of a human life and to pray for life can really mean a lot," sophomore Sam Mulvey said. "I'm a member of the Pro-Life Club because all life is sacred. We all come from the same hand but we all have different purposes in life!"

Members of the Pro-Life Club say they enjoy being around their peers that are not ashamed to say they value all life.

"God gave us the gift of life and we should cherish it!" Bergman said.

"Teens are easily influenced and a lot of kids my age are influenced by the world and the media for pro-choice. To be pro-life like I am, a lot of times it requires me to get in debates to try and explain my point of view," O'Connor said.

With events like the collection of baby items for the Saint Joseph Center, members of the Pro-Life Club are living out the Gospel message.

"It's our mission to spread that word that life is important," Symonies added.

## Be a Man Catholic Men's Conference announces speakers

*Called to Fatherhood* is the theme of the sixth annual *Be a Man Catholic Men's Conference* to be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre. The *Be a Man Conference* is partnering with the Diocese of Scranton to offer a full day experience which will challenge all men to explore how they can be good fathers.

Saint Joseph, who was called by God to be the earthly father of His Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and husband of the Blessed Mother Mary, will serve as "model" for attendees. He serves as an example as leader, protector and provider for the Holy Family. As Joseph met the challenges of fatherhood in his day, men of our day must do the same.

More than 500 men from across the country attended last year's conference. This year, with a dynamic line-up of three guest speakers, organizers are hoping to grow that number even more.

Award-winning author, poet and songwriter, Mike Aquilina, will be one of three speakers at the 2020 conference. Aquilina is the author or editor of more than fifty books, including *The Fathers of the Church*,

*The Mass of the Early Christians*, and *Angels of God*. He contributed work on early Christianity to the *Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought*. His works have been translated into many languages, from Hungarian and Portuguese to German and Braille.

Aquilina has also co-hosted eleven thirteen-week series that air on the Eternal Word Television Network. He is solo host of two feature-length documentaries and for many years has been a panelist on "The Weekly Roman Observer," a news-commentary program on Catholic Familyland Network. A graduate of Penn State University, Aquilina and his wife, Terri, have been married since 1985 and have six children.

Jim O'Day, the director of Integrity Restored, will also address the conference. He has been actively involved in men's ministry as one of the founders of the Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference and the Georgia Catholic Men's Conference as well as a speaker at various national and regional Catholic Men's events. Jim is an active and engaged Catholic, husband, father and grandfather.

Father Glenn Sudano, CFR, rounds out the impressive line-up

of speakers. Father Sudano is one of the eight founding members of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, founded in the spring of 1987. The apostolic mission of the Community is to save the materially poor, especially the destitute and homeless. In addition to being a dynamic speaker, Father Sudano is also a well-known, gifted Spiritual Director.

The 2020 *Be a Man Catholic Men's Conference* will begin at 8:00 a.m. with an opening ceremony followed shortly by the speakers. The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, will celebrate the closing Mass of the conference at 1:45 p.m.

There will also be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as Rosary. Additionally, exhibitors will be present with a fully array of Catholic books and publications as well as CDs and ministry opportunities.

To register, visit [www.beamanconference.com](http://www.beamanconference.com). Early bird tickets are \$30 until April 1; \$40 after April 1. Students pay only \$15. Priests and Deacons are free. Lunch is also included with each ticket registration.

## PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE

**Monday, May 18, 2020**

**11:00 a.m.** Rally at the State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

**12:00 p.m.** March for Life

Visit [PAMarchforLife.org](http://PAMarchforLife.org) for more info.



# Believing in the power of prayer

## Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God held at Cathedral of Saint Peter



Presenters at the Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020, were, from left: Msgr. Vincent Grimalia, Coordinator for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations, Diocese of Scranton, and Coordinator of the Ecumenical Celebration; Rev. Dr. Robert Zanicky, First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre; Rev. Craig Miller, Upper Susquehanna Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Lewisburg; Bishop Barbara Collins, Upper Susquehanna Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Lewisburg; Right Rev. Kevin D. Nichols, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem; Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton; Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop, Polish National Catholic Church, Scranton; Bishop Samuel Zeiser, Northeastern PA Synod – ELCA; Rev. Carmen Bolok, Pastor of Saint Mary's Church, Duryea, Ecumenical Officer, Central Diocese, Polish National Catholic Church; Rev. Canon Maria Tjeltveit, Episcopal Church of the Mediator, Allentown; Pastor Dave Twiss, Assemblies of God Lead Pastor, Green Ridge Assembly of God Church, Scranton, Presbyter, North East Section of the Pennsylvania Delaware Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God; Rev. Rebecca Barnes, Pastor, Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, Scranton, President of Scranton Area Ministerium; Rev. Rebecca Tanner, Presbyterian Church, USA (Photos/Mike Melisky)

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

In his *A Century of History: The Diocese of Scranton 1868-1968*, the late Diocesan priest-historian, Monsignor John P. Gallagher, wrote that in September 1966, "Bishop McCormick departed even further from the traditional and created a second major group, the twenty-member Diocesan Commission on Ecumenism and Human Affairs. Since it was to be their delicate task to build a bridge of mutual trust between Catholics and those outside the fold."

Since that time many opportunities helped to "build a bridge of mutual trust." Catholic clergy became members of ministeriums and cooperated in community activities. Prayer services marking the Advent, Lenten and Thanksgiving seasons, as well as Christian Unity Prayer, became frequent as people began to know and grow in friendship.

Each year during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the rectory of Saint Peter's Cathedral serves as the site for fraternal dinners which gather clergy of the Roman Catholic and Polish National Catholic Clergy and members of Eastern Rite Catholic, Orthodox and Roman Rite Clergy. The Cathedral rectory also hosts the luncheon that follows the annual ecumenical service of the Word for Christian Unity held at Saint Peter's.

On their own initiative, additionally,

Orthodox and Eastern Rite clergy hold a monthly luncheon and invite members of the Roman Catholic Rite. These gatherings of prayer and collaboration not only build up trust, but friendship, and are punctuated by the fact that Scranton's own Bishop Joseph C. Bambera currently serves as the chairman of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Committee for Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs.

In the midst of this year's Christian Unity Week celebration on Wednesday, January 22, an Ecumenical Service of the Word was celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, with Right Reverend Kevin D. Nichols, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, delivering the homily. The music ministry for the service was led by The Royal Singers from Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre, and representatives of the Christian Communities Gathering of Northeastern

Pennsylvania and clergy and laity of various denominations gathered for the ecumenical prayer service.

In his encyclical *Ut Unum Sint*, Saint John Paul II wrote: "Concern for restoring unity pertains to the whole Church, faithful and clergy alike. It extends to everyone, according to the ability of each...All this is extremely important and of fundamental significance for ecumenical activity. Thus it is absolutely clear that ecumenism, the movement promoting Christian unity, is not just some sort of 'appendix' which is added to the Church's traditional activity. Rather, ecumenism is an organic part of her life and work, and consequently must pervade all that she is and does; it must be like the fruit borne by a healthy and flourishing tree which grows to its full stature."

Speaking to the Ecumenical Delegation of the Lutheran Church of Finland in 2019,



Participants at the Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God on Jan. 22, 2020.

Pope Francis stated, "A shared commitment to ecumenism is an essential requirement of the faith we profess; it stems from our very identity as Christ's followers. As disciples, following the same Lord, we have increasingly come to realize that ecumenism is a journey and, as the various Popes have repeatedly stated since the Second Vatican Council, a journey that is irreversible. This is not an optional way. Our unity grows as we make this journey."

While addressing the same ecumenical body this year, Pope Francis recalled that the report of the Catholic-Lutheran dialogue group for Sweden and Finland, entitled *Justification in the Life of the Church*, states, "...those who are already baptized can, together with their brothers and sisters, develop their opportunities for holiness, which come from their common justification in Christ. As members of one and the same mystical body of Christ, Christians are bound to one another and must bear one another's burdens. Since Christ came to redeem the whole world, it is also a mission for the church and for individual Christians, both lay and ordained, to witness to the good news in the midst of their daily life."

The words of Pope Francis are meant to encourage all of us to renew our prayer and commitment to promote Christian Unity. The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity provides the perfect means to rekindle enthusiasm for ecumenism and collaboration throughout the year.



# They Showed Us Unusual Kindness

(cf. ACTS 28:2)

*The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of more than 100 years. This year's celebration was held between Jan. 18-25, 2020.*

*During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Churches of all faiths are called together to pray for the full unity which is Christ's will "that all may be one."*

*The theme for each year's observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is chosen and prepared by representatives of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and representatives of the World Council of Churches.*



**Attending a dinner hosted by Bishop Bambara for members of the local Orthodox, Eastern Catholic and Latin Rite clergy were, seated in front, from left: Very Rev. Michael Lepa, Msgr. Vincent Grimalia, Bishop Joseph C. Bambara, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John Dougherty, Archpriest John Kowalczyk, Rev. John Wysochansky, Rev. Jeffrey Walsh, Very Rev. Paul Wolensky, Rev. John Cigan, Msgr. Dale Rupert, Rev. Thomas Petro, Rev. John Parker, Rev. Gregory White. Row Two: Rev. Innocent Neal, Very Rev. Michael Salnicki, Very Rev. Michael Evans, Rev. Robert Simon, Archpriest Basil Micek, Rev. Thomas Looney, C.S.C., Msgr. Francis Marini, Very Rev. Peter Henry, Very Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Rev. Myron Myroniuk, Protodeacon Sergei Kapral, Very Rev. Vladimir Fetcho.**

## Christian unity requires recognizing, welcoming others' gifts, pope says

ROME (CNS) -- As Christians work and pray for the restoration of full unity among them, they must be willing to learn from one another, even from the smallest of the Christian communities, Pope Francis said.

"Each community has a gift to offer to the others," the pope said Jan. 25 at the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

"The more we look beyond partisan interests and overcome the legacies of the past in the desire to move forward toward a common landing place, the more readily we will recognize, welcome and share these gifts," he said in his homily during evening prayer at Rome's Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

The service began with Pope Francis, Orthodox Metropolitan Gennadios of Italy and Anglican Archbishop Ian Ernest, director of the Anglican Centre in Rome, praying at the tomb of St. Paul and venerating the relics of the apostle's friend and co-worker, St. Timothy.

In his letters to Timothy, which are part of the New Testament, St. Paul calls the younger evangelizer his "child in faith." His relics were brought to Rome from Termoli, in southern Italy, for the week of prayer.

The theme of the 2020 week was drawn from the account in the Acts of the Apostles of St. Paul being shipwrecked in Malta.

Although, as a prisoner, "he was among the most vulnerable" onboard, Pope Francis said, Paul offered words of hope to the others and advice based on his trust in God that none of them would lose their lives in the storm.

"This account from the Acts of the Apostles also speaks to our ecumenical journey toward that unity which God ardently desires," Pope Francis said. For one thing, "it tells us that those who are weak and vulnerable, those who have little to offer materially but find their wealth in God, can present valuable messages for the good of all."



**Christian leaders venerate the relics of Saint Timothy during a prayer service in Rome's Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls Jan. 25, 2020. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)**

"Even the smallest and least significant" Christian communities in the eyes of the world, "if they experience the Holy Spirit, if they are animated by love for God and neighbor, have a message to offer to the whole Christian family," he said. That is especially true of "marginalized and persecuted Christian communities."

The biblical account also shows God's desire to save everyone, the pope said, which is why Christian churches and communities must not focus exclusively on internal matters, but "open ourselves to the good of all, to the universal gaze of God who took flesh in order to embrace the whole human race and who died and rose for the salvation of all."

The account of the shipwreck ends with praise for the hospitality the people and governor of Malta showed to St. Paul and the rest of their unexpected guests.

"From this Week of Prayer, we want to learn to be more hospitable, in the first place among ourselves as Christians and among our brothers and sisters of different confessions," the pope said.



**Bishop Bambara hosted a dinner meeting for Polish National Catholic Church clergy. Front row, from left: Bishop Joseph C. Bambara, Very Rev. Thaddeus Dymkowski, Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky, Msgr. Vincent Grimalia. Row Two: Msgr. Thomas Muldowney, V.G., Rev. Lucian Urbaniak, Rev. Carmen Bolok. Row Three: Rev. Robert Simon. Row Four: Rev. Boguslaw Janiec, Msgr. Dale Rupert, Rev. Thomas Looney, C.S.C.**



# Archbishop Chaput says successor is 'exactly the man our church needs'

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Cleveland and Philadelphia also share a renewed bond in that the new archbishop led that diocese and Cardinal Krol was an auxiliary bishop there before being appointed to Philadelphia.

Archbishop Perez was ordained a priest for the archdiocese in 1989 and one of his ordination classmates joined him at the news conference: Father Gary Pacitti, pastor of St. Basil the Great in Kimberton. Archbishop Perez referred to him not only as a friend but "like my brother."

It was a sentiment that he extended to all his brother priests of the archdiocese and he would mention the strong priestly fellowship here several times during his remarks.

"You know, once a Philadelphia priest, always a Philadelphia priest," he said. "So the part of me that has that identity inside of me cannot wrap its head around being the Archbishop of Philadelphia. It doesn't compute. But it is what the Lord wants and what the Holy Father wants."

He said it is "awesome" to return Philadelphia with people who are faith-filled, who love the Lord, love the church. So I'm grateful to the Holy Father for placing this huge trust in me that I really don't deserve."

After studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and his priestly ordination, then-Father Perez served at St. Ambrose Parish in Philadelphia, worked in ministry to Hispanic Catholics of the archdiocese and led two parishes, St. William in Philadelphia and St. Agnes in West Chester, before he was ordained an auxiliary bishop in the Diocese of Rockville Center, New York.

In 2017, he was named bishop of

Cleveland and at the news conference he praised the people of that diocese, especially its Catholic young adults who "were a great source of joy" for him. He added that he "hoped to reach out to the young adults here" in Philadelphia.

Archbishop Perez also singled out praise for Archbishop Chaput, whom he called a friend and mentor.

Acknowledging the challenges of the past eight years in Philadelphia ranging from parish and school closures to financial crises to a wounded morale for both clergy and laity due to the sexual abuse crisis, Archbishop Chaput confronted them "with great courage and steadfastness," Archbishop Perez said.

"I watched it from afar (and) learned from him, how steadfast he was and with profound faith that while things were tough, that God would make a way, that somehow, someday all things happen for the good of those who love God, as St. Paul said."

Even in the midst of criticism, "I saw him make tough decisions, many times like a father. He made calls that today have placed the archdiocese in a way better place. We owe him a profound debt along with our gratitude (and) our love," Archbishop Perez said, inviting everyone to applaud his predecessor.

After the installation Mass, Archbishop Chaput will begin his retirement. For the first three months, he will have no public appointments as he takes up residence at St. Edmond's Home for Children, an archdiocesan facility in Rosemont for children with intellectual and physical disabilities.

After that period, he said, he will assist Archbishop Perez as needed and accept some writing and speaking engagements.

# Diligence required for background check renewals in 2020



By Kathleen Bolinski

Safe Environment Coordinator

The year 2020 is a pivotal one for the Safe Environment office in the Diocese of Scranton.

When the Pennsylvania child protective services laws were revised in 2015, the diocese amended many of its protocols to align with state standards. The majority of clergy, employees and volunteers updated their background checks at that time. Since the clearances are valid for 60 months, background check renewals will be due for this group in 2020.

Information regarding the renewal process was sent to parishes, schools and diocesan organizations during the last quarter of 2019. We expect everyone to be proactive in completing this critical obligation.

The second major event occurring in 2020 is an on-site audit to monitor compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

Each year, dioceses in the United States submit data to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to document the fulfillment of Charter mandates. Auditors are on site every three years conducting a comprehensive review to verify that policies are established, tracked and followed. They will converse with key personnel regarding safe environment practices.

Following the three-day visit, a report will be submitted to Bishop Bambera identifying both accomplishments and areas for improvement. The cooperation of clergy, staff and volunteers is essential to maintain safe, healthy and nurturing environments for youth in our diocese. Thank you to all who support and engage in this important activity.

Questions may be directed to Kathy Bolinski, Safe Environment Coordinator, at (570) 207-1453 or email [kathleen-bolinski@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:kathleen-bolinski@dioceseofscranton.org)

## CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

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

**Reverend Stephen Amponsah Asomah**, from Graduate Studies at Fordham University, New York, for the Diocese of Sunyani, to Assistant Pastor, Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit, effective February 1, 2020.

**Deacon Patrick J. Massino**, from Diaconal Ministry, Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Jermyn, to Diaconal Ministry, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Carbondale, and Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, effective February 1, 2020.

## Bishop Bambera's Statement on New Archbishop of Philadelphia

"It is with sincere joy and pleasure that I say 'welcome home' to Archbishop-designate Nelson J. Perez upon Pope Francis' announcement that he will succeed retiring Archbishop Charles J. Chaput in Philadelphia.

As a former parish priest in the Philadelphia-area, Archbishop-designate Perez has many gifts to share and will certainly be a welcoming presence to all people in the city and beyond.

With the Diocese of Scranton being within the province of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, I look forward to building upon my relationship with him. He has shown himself to be a dedicated leader who loves the church and its people.

I also offer sincere thanks to Archbishop Chaput for his steadfast leadership and service since 2011.

I encourage everyone to keep Archbishop-designate Perez and Archbishop Chaput in their prayers."



## BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

**February 11** - World Day of Prayer for the Sick  
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.

**February 12** - Nativity Miguel School Visit  
Marywood University Campus, 10:00 a.m.

**February 16** - International Student Leadership Institute Mass  
Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, Dalton  
4:00 p.m.

**February 18** - Installation Mass for Archbishop Nelson J. Perez  
Philadelphia, 2:00 p.m.

**February 19** - Wyoming Area Catholic School Visit  
Exeter, 10:00 a.m.



# Social justice grants help parishes provide critical ministries

SCRANTON – With financial help from the Diocesan Annual Appeal and the Social Justice Trust Fund, parishes across the Diocese of Scranton are getting assistance to focus on important social justice ministries.

More than 50 people came together at the Diocesan Pastoral Center on Wednesday, Jan. 22, to learn more about what is being done throughout the 11 counties of the Diocese. The event also served as an inspiration for many to continue their work and even expand upon it.

Katy Windels, Coordinator for Service and Social Justice in the Diocesan Office for Parish Life, put together the reception with the goal of celebrating all of the work that takes place.

“For 2019-2020, over 45 parishes received grants of \$180,000,” Windels said. “We will provide any support to get your grant applications off the ground.”

The highlight of the reception involved six parishes, each from a different part of the Diocese, explaining their programs in detail.

Parishioners from Saint Andre Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre used a slide-show presentation to showcase the work of its Social Justice Council.

The parish assists nursing home and homebound individuals, honors military members, helps families in need and supports Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen among many other activities. The parish focuses on social justice grants to live up to its vision, which is a being a parish of “hospitality, healing and holiness.”

Several volunteers from Saint Joseph the Worker Parish in Williamsport presented the social justice ministries they are involved in.

During the Diocesan Annual Appeal video for Lycoming and Tioga counties, the Children’s Clothing Closet which opened



**More than 50 people from parishes across the Diocese of Scranton attended a Social Justice Trust Fund Grant reception on Jan. 22, 2020 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.**

in 2014 was featured. Volunteers explained how much of an impact it has had in the community, giving away free clothing to families in need.

“Since October, we’ve given out 230 coats,” a program volunteer told the crowd.

Rev. Alex Roche, pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Lake Silkworth, explained how his parish has started a Social Justice Education Program which includes a series of field trips and mini-retreats for young adults to take teaching social justice learning outside of the classroom and put it into action.

“We’ve gone to a local nursing home, the Dorothy Day Worker Farm, the Weinberg Food Pantry in Pittston,” Rev. Roche said. “It’s been a great experience and now a lot of the adults in the parish have gotten a little jealous!”

Beth Craven Connor from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Brodheadsville discussed the parish health ministry that has been started to help train nurses to go out into the community and connect with people that can’t get to Mass.

“They have made 744 visits,” Connor said. “The work of these nurses has been dynamic. This ministry gives them a sense of connection to the parish!”

Rev. Cyril Edwards, V.E., pastor, Mary, Mother of God Parish in Scranton, explained how his parishioners provide programs several times a year for the children at two area housing developments. Rev. Edwards says the events serve as an evangelization tool because “we always register people for CCD.”

Mary, Mother of God Parish only requests a little more than \$500 to put on its community programs but is very thankful to the Diocesan Annual Appeal and its donors.

“It’s the Appeal in a very simple way helping people!” Rev. Edwards said.

The presentations ended with parishioners from Saint John Parish in East Stroudsburg discussing how they have partnered with community organizations, including Bushkill Outreach, Mady’s Angels and Valor Clinic Foundation to reach the “unchurched” in their community.

Any parish in the Diocese of Scranton that is running social justice ministries or hopes to develop them, may apply for a Social Justice Grant of up to \$5,000.

The 2020-2021 grants timeline will begin in March when applications are sent out to pastors. Applications will be due May 1, 2020 and later reviewed by a committee that will determine funding.

For more information about the program, Katy Windels can be reached at (570) 207-2213, ext. 1101 or by email at [kwindels@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:kwindels@dioceseofscranton.org).

Social Justice Grants are just one way in which parishioners can see their donations to the Diocesan Annual Appeal at work. Interested donors may make a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal by visiting [www.annualappeal.org](http://www.annualappeal.org) to give online, by calling the Diocesan Development Office at (570) 207-2250 or by sending a donation to: Diocesan Annual Appeal, 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503.

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## Regional chairs assist Diocesan Annual Appeal in Wayne and Pike counties



**Deacon Edward Kelly, Parish Life Coordinator, Saint Mary Parish in Waymart, second from the left, and Dr. Robert and Mary Gan, right, accept Bishop Joseph Bambera’s invitation to serve as regional chairs for the Annual Appeal.**

Regional clergy and lay chairs serving the Diocesan Annual Appeal on behalf of parishes in Wayne and Pike counties are Deacon Edward Kelly and Dr. Robert and Mary Gan.

Deacon Kelly is Parish Life Coordinator at Saint Mary Parish, Waymart. To illustrate the importance of the Appeal, he uses the parable of the Good Samaritan, comparing donors to kind travelers on life’s journey who respond to strangers in need through the ministries of the Diocese.

“The Appeal creates an awareness that each parishioner belongs not only to a parish, but also to a diocese ultimately uniting us all as one Universal Church throughout the world,” Deacon Kelly said.

“The Appeal also helps fill the need of educating not only our children and our seminarians but also our deacons, like myself, who more and more serve the critical needs of our people in our parishes. Those who support the Appeal support the sacramental life of the church,” he added.

The Gans are active members of Saint John the Evangelist Church, Honesdale, where Mary serves as an Eucharistic Minister and Bob serves on the Parish Finance Council and chairs the Buildings and Grounds sub-committee. The couple has three children: Dr. Stephen R. Gan, Alicia Gan and Anastasia Gan.

Dr. Gan agrees that the Diocesan Annual Appeal supports the people in our parishes and “perhaps more importantly, the people who need our help the most.”

As Catholics we have a responsibility to a larger community, Dr. Gan continued.

“We need to support our priests in formation, their ministry and their retirement. There are people who need a place away from the cold, a hot meal served by someone with a warm smile, someone to talk to, and a place to go to when they’re faced with an unexpected pregnancy or addiction. There are children that need to be educated in our faith in our Catholic schools and parish programs. Mary and I ask everyone to share this year’s Appeal message with their fellow parishioners who have not yet made a gift.”



# Compelled by compassion

## Catholic Social Services, through its homeless shelters, brings hope and comfort to those in need

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

While many people think about the region's homeless population as temperatures drop in the winter, on any given night, there are dozens of people seeking assistance year-round in one of three shelters operated by Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton.

During 2019, shelters operated by Catholic Social Services served 1,296 unduplicated clients between its shelters in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton. The combine average nightly population for the three locations was 55 individuals.

"It is our responsibility to help the poor and to ease their plight as much as we possibly can," Steve Nocilla, director of housing and residential services with Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton, said. "We're not ever going to totally solve the (homelessness) problem, but we have to at least try to do it in a dignified manner and to at least provide these people with the hope that there may be an opportunity to live a self-sufficient life."

Providing shelter to the homeless is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. It abides to the teachings of Christ and Catholic Social Services follows those teachings by providing shelter to the homeless through Saint Anthony's Haven in Scranton, Mother Teresa's Haven in the Wyoming Valley and Divine Providence Shelter in Hazleton.

The shelters are typically open from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m., providing 13 hours of warmth and fellowship. Two employees from Catholic Social Services are always on site and those staying at the shelters also receive food. There are kitchens that provide meals at Saint Anthony's Haven and at Divine Providence Shelter, and those staying at Saint Anthony's Haven also have access to meals at the nearby St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen. Individuals staying at Mother Teresa's Haven receive meals from Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen or the hosting site. Showers and laundry facilities are also available at the Divine Providence Shelter and Saint Anthony's Haven.

### SAINT ANTHONY'S HAVEN

Saint Anthony's Haven, 409 Olive Street in Scranton, is a permanent shelter for both men and women.

In 2019, the facility served 697 unduplicated guests and had an average of 24 homeless individuals per night.

"Saint Anthony's Haven is proud to have served homeless individuals of Lackawanna County since 1987," Gerald Hallinan, programs supervisor at Saint Anthony's Haven, said. "The shelter operates on the



**Saint Anthony's Haven in Scranton has provided the homeless with a warm and safe place to sleep since 1987. (Photo/Alan K. Stout)**

principle to treat all guests with dignity and respect. This method of operation is what keeps our doors open 13 hours a night, 365 nights a year."

Hallinan says that Saint Anthony's Haven and its supportive programs have helped people turn their lives around.

"Over the years, Saint Anthony's has incorporated several programs to complement its shelter services. Case managers assist guests of the shelter with obtaining information and referrals to housing and housing programs, veterans' housing and health programs, behavioral health housing and health programs, drug and alcohol referrals for treatment, and assistance with advanced health issues," Hallinan added.

### MOTHER TERESA'S HAVEN

Mother Teresa's Haven, which serves men in the Wyoming Valley, is a mobile program that changes its location every few weeks throughout the year.

Hosting sites include Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, Saint Benedict Roman Catholic Church, Saint Ignatius Roman Catholic Church, Our Lady of Hope Roman Catholic Church, Firwood United Methodist Church, Saint Nicholas Roman Catholic Church, Trucksville United Methodist Church, Church of Christ Uniting, All Saints Roman Catholic Church, Dorranceton United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Camp Orchard Hill.

In 2019, there were 380 unduplicated clients at Mother Teresa's Haven, and an average of 18 guests per night.

"Without these church communities we would not be able to run the shelter and our men would be out on the streets," Harry Lyons, program supervisor with Mother Teresa's Haven, said. "Their dedication to

minister to the homeless is humbling and inspiring. We are incredibly grateful for their hospitality."

### DIVINE PROVIDENCE SHELTER

Divine Providence Shelter, 214 West Walnut Street in Hazleton, is a permanent shelter for men and women.

During 2019, there were 219 unduplicated clients and an average of 13 homeless guests per night.

"The community has been vital to our success through its support and donations," Amanda Deisroth, coordinator/caseworker with Divine Providence Shelter, said. "It continues to provide much needed items that are vital to residents and to the overall function of the shelter."

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera celebrated a blessing ceremony at Divine Providence Shelter in April, which marked the new permanent home for the facility.

"Our wish is that more people understand that because a person is homeless does not mean they are not a person. Our residents are your neighbors, cousins, friends and family. They are someone's daughter, son, mother or father. They are people that have fallen on hard times, suffer from addiction/mental illness or have just given up on themselves," Deisroth said. "For many, they are individuals that have exhausted all options and swallow their pride by asking for help. We hear the phrase 'I never thought I would end up here' all the time. Our job is not just to provide shelter and case management, but also to provide some hope and a sense of self-worth to all that walk into the shelter."

### SHELTER REQUIREMENTS

Nocilla says there are requirements for someone to stay at a Catholic Social Services shelters. No weapons or alcohol are allowed

### 2019 SHELTER STATISTICS

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697 unduplicated guests  
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on the premises and proper identification is required.

If the person in need of shelter has proof of recent residency in the same county as the shelter, they may stay 30 nights. If they are not from the county, they may stay three nights. Some funding for the shelters comes from the county, thus county residents may stay longer. If the person opts to participate in additional self-help programs offered through the shelters, such as the CSS homeless assistance program or programs offered by other local human-service agencies, they may stay longer as long as they continue to work towards their self-sufficient goals.

"If they have a job and they're saving money and they can show that they're developing some sort of self-sufficiency, we give them credit for that, and they can remain in the shelter until they are ready to move into their new housing," Nocilla said. "It depends upon their progress and it is individually-based."

Nocilla, who has worked with supportive housing programs for more than 30 years, realizes that shelters are not an ideal way for people to live, but adds that they are a necessity in most communities. Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton is committed to helping those in need come in from the elements and to helping them get their lives in order.

"God never intended for people to live in a shelter," he said. "But we have an awful lot of poor people, and housing the unhoused is really what we're trying to do. These are human beings. This, at one time, was someone's precious child. Housing is a right of every American. And there should be great concern about that."

For information on St. Anthony's Haven, call (570) 342-1295. For information on Mother Teresa's Haven, call (570) 825-9948. For information about Divine Providence Shelter, call (570) 455-1521.



# Catholic Youth Center helps coordinate Point-in-Time homeless count

WILKES-BARRE – In the shadow of churches, schools, homes and businesses is a problem that most people are familiar with but don't think about on a daily basis.

Homelessness is a problem in many local communities.

The issue gained attention on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020, as volunteers in several local counties conducted their "Point-in-Time" count. The "Point-in-Time" count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January.

Using flashlights, eight volunteers in Wilkes-Barre crossed railroad tracks, dodged tree branches and navigated icy paths to reach out to those living in those cold and snowy shadows of society.

"The first thing we do is we offer to take them to a shelter. Most people don't want to go," Mark Soprano, Executive Director of the Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center said. "We have blankets, hats and gloves and food to provide them."

For the last seven years, the Catholic Youth Center has helped to organize the "Point-in-Time" count in Wilkes-Barre. Managers of the CYC receive assistance from the city's police department and other agencies including the Wilkes-Barre Housing Authority, Volunteers of America, Ruth's Place Women's Shelter, and the Veterans Administration.

"The people that go on this venture every year, we really care about the homeless population and to see if we can help them in any way," Mike Wasko with the Wilkes-Barre Housing Authority said.

While some people might be surprised that an agency like the Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center is involved in the "Point-in-Time" count, managers say that



**Mark Soprano, Executive Director of the Catholic Youth Center, left, and other volunteers begin the process of conducting the annual "Point-in-Time" in Wilkes-Barre on Jan. 22, 2020. (Photo/Eric Deabill)**

shouldn't be the case because several of the people they serve deal with homelessness in some way.

"Right now, we have close to 40 children in our homeless program for child care. These are families that are in transitional housing that the kids can come here at no cost and attend our before-or-after school program, our child care center," Soprano said.

Over the course of several hours in the Wilkes-Barre-area, the group visited several known homeless locations. The group encountered a total of ten individuals.

The first two men the group interacted with have been homeless for nearly five years and more than 20 years respectively. The men are 50 and 62 years old. Both work at the same temporary job earning about \$225 per week. The 62-year-old man is a veteran but does not collect any benefits.

"I think every year that we've gone out we've found at least one veteran. There are tons of programs available for veterans. There's no reason for any veteran to be on the street," Soprano said.

During each encounter, the volunteers collect as much information on the homeless individuals as they are willing to share. The information is then forwarded to other community agencies who can also reach out to them to try and get them off the streets and into housing programs.

Brian Johns, a service outreach coordinator and navigator for Volunteers of America, took part in the "Point-in-Time" count. His job responsibility is to assist the homeless.

"I go out every morning at 8:00 o'clock. I go out and I reach the tents, the same people know me. It might not take the first time of going out, the second time or even the third time, but I have people who are homeless for five years, I've gotten them a job, first I got them shelter and gave them a voucher for some clothes," Johns said.

Johns believes it is a combination of his persistence, visiting their sites daily, and his non-judgmental approach that helps him in his efforts.

"I've probably helped over 200 homeless people in the last year and a-half," Johns said.

Johns says a lack of documentation can often be a stumbling block to people being able to get an apartment, since many landlords ask for an individual's prior addresses.

"The homeless don't have documentation to even get in, so they're going to stay homeless," Johns said. "If you have nothing and they want your past three landlords but you've been homeless for five years, you can't provide that information."

At the end of the night, the group had accomplished its mission. While the count itself is important, volunteers say the outreach and ability to personally connect with homeless individuals is much more critical.

"It's all about helping people," Wasko said.

"We talk about us dressing warm and being warm. I'm not worried about me. I'm worried about these people out there. This is their life, they're out there night after night after night," Soprano added.

If you are interested in helping the homeless in our community, you can contact any of the agencies involved in the "Point-in-Time" count. Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton is also a resource in the community that provides meals and shelter to homeless individuals on a daily basis. Online donations can be made at [www.dioceseofscranton.org/css/](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/css/) contribute or a donation can be made to the annual Diocesan Annual Appeal with your gift specifically earmarked for Catholic Social Services.

## Feast of Our Lady of Altagracia



**Bishop Joseph C. Bambera celebrates a Mass in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Altagracia at Annunciation Parish in Hazleton on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020. Hundreds of parishioners turned out for the celebration of the patroness of the Dominican Republic.**

## Procession and Mass honors Patroness of Ecuador's 'Our Lady of the Clouds'



**On the first day of the new year, Ecuadorians celebrated 'La Virgen de la Nube' or 'The Virgin of the Cloud' with a procession to Saint Matthew Parish in East Stroudsburg.**



**Rev. Jaime Perez Restrepo, assistant pastor, Saint Matthew Parish, places a crown on the statue of 'The Virgin of the Cloud' during Mass. More than 460 people attended Mass.**



**Jennifer Robles, parishioner of Saint Matthew Parish, performs a traditional harvest dance in the basement of Saint Matthew Parish following Mass on January 1, 2020.**



# Marriage in distress?

## Retrouvaille weekend returning to Diocese of Scranton

DRUMS – After 15 years of marriage, Phil and Sue Milazzo both began to realize something was missing. Between work, family life and children, both started to realize that they were unhappy.

“It was a culmination of little things that built up,” Phil Milazzo said.

That unhappiness led to Phil’s poor choice of becoming emotionally and physically involved with another woman. It seemed like the couple, who married on Long Island at the age of 19, was headed for separation and divorce.

“It was very shocking for me when I heard that there was someone else,” Sue Milazzo said. “I ran in circles trying to find something to help us, to try and turn things around, trying to make some sense of what was happening and try to work on our marriage. I had no help at all. No matter where I went, people were helping me get divorced, no one was helping me stay married!”

That is when the Milazzo’s discovered Retrouvaille.

Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vi) is a marriage program for couples facing challenges in their relationship. The program is peer-facilitated by other couples that have gone through difficult times in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples.

“It is basically for people who are suffering a crisis in their marriage, whether they are in the middle of the crisis or they may even be separated or divorced,” Phil said.

The Retrouvaille program is broken down into three phases.

The first phase involves a weekend retreat where three presenting couples share the breakdown of their own personal marriage stories and teach tools they have learned to improve communication.

The second phase of the program includes six follow-up sessions which help the couples



**Phil and Sue Milazzo of Drums are working with the Office for Parish Life to bring back a Retrouvaille weekend to the Diocese of Scranton from May 29-31 at Saint Gabriel’s Retreat Center in Clarks Summit. (Photo/Eric Deabill)**

in healing and rebuilding a new foundation based on love, respect and communication.

The third phase consists of ongoing monthly small group meetings, called CORE (Continuing Our Retrouvaille Experience), to keep marriages on track.

Overall, the Retrouvaille experience is focused on improving a couple’s communication through the sharing of feelings.

“Feelings are a large part of the program because feelings cannot be judged as right or wrong,” Phil said.

While several couples attend a weekend retreat at the same time, there is no large group sharing in Retrouvaille, which puts many people at ease. Privacy is also a priority.

“There is no group sharing unless you want to,” Phil added. “No one is ever forced to say anything about their relationship. You can go through the entire weekend and not even say why you were there!”

Sue Milazzo is very blunt about the impact Retrouvaille has had on her marriage.

“We would not be sitting here today together if it wasn’t for Retrouvaille,” she admitted.

The program left such an impact on the couple that they have now spent more than three

decades presenting it to other couples in need of assistance.

“We’ve been gifted to see people get back together after being divorced,” Sue said.

After moving to Luzerne County several years ago, Phil and Sue Milazzo are now working to bring the Retrouvaille program back to the Diocese of Scranton in coordination with the Diocesan Office for Parish Life.

A Retrouvaille Weekend has been scheduled for May 29-31 at Saint Gabriel’s Retreat Center in Clarks Summit. In addition to explaining the program and looking for couples that might benefit, Phil and Sue are also in need of help to get everything off the ground.

“We need people to do prayer letters, people to do hosting, people to just get supplies and get set-up for the weekend,” Sue said.

Over the last 35 years, the Milazzo’s have presented a total of 94 Retrouvaille weekend retreats. With an average of 20 couples attending each one, they’ve already helped roughly 2,000 people improve their marriages. They want to keep going.

“When we first started, we had a priest that we were very friendly with say to us, forget the couples you save, think about the families and the ripple effect!” Sue said.

*“We would not be sitting here today together if it wasn’t for Retrouvaille.”*

-Sue Milazzo

The Milazzo’s stress that Retrouvaille is different than other marriage programs, including marriage counseling, since there is no mediating of any kind.

While some spouses might initially resist the idea of attending the program, Phil Milazzo believes anyone that attends can come to a better understanding of themselves and their partner.

“You have nothing to lose by trying it. If this is a last ditch thing, it’s a last ditch thing and if you still decide that you want to split after that, then you can do it, but at least give this one shot and see what happens!” he said.

In December 2015, Retrouvaille International surveyed its program participants from the previous five years, and more than 76-percent responded that they are still married to the same spouse at the five-year anniversary of attending a

Retrouvaille weekend.

“We’ve heard the phrase that it’s the best kept secret in the Catholic Church and I don’t know why that is!” Phil joked.

“This little non-threatening way of communicating changed our lives. It brought us back to why we got married, why we fell in love and re-discovered each other all over again!” Sue said. “Retrouvaille saved us. It saved our family and we are so grateful!”

To learn more about attending the Retrouvaille weekend in May, or to learn more about helping to bring this weekend to life, please contact: Phil & Sue Milazzo, philmilazzo@outlook.com, or call (631) 338-5413. Additional information is also available by contacting Jen Housel, Director for Community and Family Development in the Diocesan Office for Parish Life, jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, (570) 207-2213, x1104.

### Top Benefits from Retrouvaille Program

1. Improved communication
2. Learned more about my spouse
3. Learned more about myself
4. Grew closer together as a couple
5. Improved conflict management
6. Improved relationship with faith

### Most Common Reasons Couple Participate

- Fighting/Disagreements
- Married Singles Lifestyle
- Extra Marital Affairs/Online Relationship
- Pornography
- Verbal Abuse
- Sexual Problems
- Financial Difficulties
- In-laws/Extended Family Influences
- Living Apart/Travel for Work
- Substance Abuse/Addiction Recovery
- Working too Much/Job Stress

Information from Retrouvaille website: HelpOurMarriage.org



# "Made for More" coming to Williamsport

WILLIAMSPORT – Six parishes in Lycoming County are joining forces for a special event during Lent and people from north central and northeastern Pennsylvania and beyond are invited to attend.

Saint Boniface Catholic Church, 326 Washington Boulevard, Williamsport, will host *Made for More: Visions from the Promised Land* on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

The event will feature Christopher West, best-selling author, speaker and teacher, along with folk/Americana musician Mike Mangione.

"Where do we come from and where are we going? If we don't have compelling answers to these questions, we have no orientation in our lives," West said.

West is known around the world for his teaching of Saint John Paul II's "Theology of the Body." He is co-founder of the Theology of the Body Institute. Written by the late Pope John Paul II, the Theology of the Body offers an in-depth biblical exploration of the meaning of our creation as male and female in the divine image.

"We're taking people on a journey through some particular words of Christ. We start with: 'They look but do not see.' So we've been trained to look at the world, but not see it; to look at the human body, for instance, but not see it. All of creation has a message, and Jesus says, 'Come and become one who sees.' He's in the business of giving sight to the blind," West added.

Makenzie Conner, director of youth ministry for Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, says the program will include live music, videos, images and the spoken word.

"It will give you a greater understanding of what we are celebrating as Easter people and what we're looking for in the resurrection of Christ," Conner said about the timing of the program, which will be right before Holy Week.

Organizers are hoping for several hundred people to attend.

"My hope and goal personally for this event is that people attend, are open minded about it, gain something from it and then use that later in their everyday life or parish life," Conner added.

The evening is being hosted by Saint Joseph the Worker Parish in Williamsport and co-hosted by Saint Ann, Saint Boniface/Saint Lawrence and Immaculate Conception/Saint Luke parishes in Williamsport; The Church of the Resurrection Parish in Muncy; and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Montoursville.

"Every pastor is fully committed and fully involved in the process of bringing Christopher West and Mike Mangione and the Made for More project here to Williamsport," Conner said. "We wanted to be able to bring an experience, not just a speaker or workshop, but an actual experience!"

The event is open to everyone in the community, not just Catholic parishioners.

"This event is for married, single, celibate, Catholic, non-Catholic, devout, skeptic, youth and experienced," Mangione said.

When asked to describe the *Made for More* program, Mangione called it a special and unique opportunity.

"It's a presentation meant to meet you where you are and bring you to a place of communion. It is the culmination of Christopher's 25 years in this work, my 15 in music and our friendship. It is a conversation through sight and sound about how God reveals himself through creation and how our desires are meant to draw us closer to Him," he said.

*Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land* is a ticketed event. The cost to attend is \$25 and tickets may be purchased at [corproject.com/Williamsport](http://corproject.com/Williamsport).

Tickets may also be purchased by contacting any of the sponsoring parishes or by contacting Makenzie Conner at (570) 323-9456 or emailing [youthmin@sjwparish.com](mailto:youthmin@sjwparish.com).

## Meet the Deacons



**Deacon José  
Mendoza**

**Most Holy Trinity  
Parish, Cresco**

**Ordination  
Year: 2015**

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

I am very involved with the Hispanic community and the elderly in our parish and surrounding area. Every Thursday at the Belmont Knoll senior living apartments I conduct a Communion service in the community room for those who cannot attend a regular Sunday Mass because of a lack of transportation or due to health issues. I also bring Communion to those with disabilities who are unable to come to the general service held at the Belmont Knoll.

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

The privilege of helping others who would normally be forgotten.

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

I get frustrated when I do not have enough time to be everywhere that I am needed.

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

If you feel the call, answer it. Do not hesitate; you may be sorry you did. God does not just call anyone. God gave us all talents, and it is up to us to use them for the betterment of all.

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## Prayer Requests for Priests

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

January 30, Father John Turi; January 31, Father Anthony Urban; February 1, Pope Francis; February 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; February 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; February 4, Monsignor Neil Van Loon; February 5, Father Brian Van Fossen; February 6, Father Joseph Verespy; February 7, Father John Victoria; February 8, Father Alfred Vito; February 9, Father James Walsh; February 10, Father Jeffrey Walsh, V.E.; February 11, Passionist Father Mark Ward;

February 12, Monsignor William Ward; February 13, Monsignor Christopher Washington; February 14, Father Marek Wasilewski; February 15, Father Seth Wasnock; February 16, Holy Cross Father Jarrod Waugh; February 17, Father Joseph Weber; February 18, Father Donald Williams; February 19, Father Bryan Wright; February 20, Holy Cross Father Michael Wurtz; February 21, Father Clement Yeboah; February 22, Father Daniel Yenkevich; February 23, Father Michael Zipay; February 24, Father Joseph Adonizio; February 25, Saint Peter Priestly Fraternity Father Zachary Akers.



## Misericordia president to leave position



**President Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D.**

DALLAS – President Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D., announced on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020, his intent to resign from his post at Misericordia effective June 2020. Dr. Botzman, an Ohio native, has accepted the president’s position at the University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio. Dr. Botzman previously served for 15 years as a member of the faculty at Mount Union, while also having served in other administrative roles.

“It has been my privilege to serve Misericordia University for the last seven years,” Dr. Botzman said. “The University is well positioned to prosper and deliver excellent academic programming in a collaborative and caring environment in the spirit of our founders, the Sisters of Mercy.

“I cherish the relationships I have made here with students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees and the community,” he adds. “As I return to my home state to be closer to my family, I want to express my deep appreciation to the Misericordia community for the hospitality they have shared with Vanessa, Gabriela and me. I wish everyone associated with

Misericordia University all the best in the years to come.”

Information regarding a search to replace Dr. Botzman will be released at a later time after review by Board of Trustees leadership.

Dr. Botzman officially became the 13th president of Misericordia University on July 1, 2013. During his time, the University undertook its largest fundraising campaign in history. The Now for Tomorrow Campaign, which has raised more than \$35 million to date, is funding a large portion of the ongoing construction of the Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Science Center that is slated to be completed in late spring 2021. It will be the University’s largest academic building.

In response to the news, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera released the following statement.

“I am grateful to Dr. Thomas Botzman for all he has done to enhance the mission of Misericordia University during his last seven years as president.

I am thankful for his leadership and dedication, not only as the university has taken on new construction projects focused on academic excellence, but also as it has grown initiatives like the Women with Children Program which helps disadvantaged single mothers receive a college degree.

President Botzman has certainly helped strengthen Misericordia University during a challenging time in higher education.”

## World Day of Prayer for the Sick Mass Feb. 11



The Diocese of Scranton will hold its Mass in observance of the World Day of Prayer for the Sick on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate a Mass for the Sick at 12:10 p.m. During the Mass, there will be a celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for anyone acutely or chronically ill, anyone suffering a debilitating condition, anyone facing surgery, the elderly, and all who might be a candidate for this sacrament.

CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live.

The World Day of the Sick offers us an opportunity to draw particularly close to people who are ill, and to those who care for them.

## Ash Wednesday Retreat



The Office for Parish Life will offer a Retreat on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. The faithful of the Diocese are invited to share in this day of prayer.

Catherine Butel, Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life, will lead the retreat with the theme “Radiate Christ.” Lent is a counter-cultural season that is more about how we are meant to bring Christ to the world than just a focus on ourselves as individuals.

The day will include the 12:10 p.m. Mass celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Peter. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to Mass, and lunch will be served after Mass. More details to follow. The fee is \$30, which includes lunch. To register, call Jacki Douglas at the Office for Parish Life, 570-207-2213 x-1100 or e-mail [jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org). Registration is also available at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org).



**Bishop Bambera visited Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020. The bishop joined students for morning prayer and then visited several classrooms, getting a chance to see how students are embracing the new Diocesan STREAM initiative. (Photos/Eric Deabill)**



**Holy Redeemer High School students Edward Langdon, Richard Morris, Anarose Davidson, Olivia Wagner and Alex Strickland interviewed Bishop Bambera for their student newspaper at the Diocesan Pastoral Center to learn more about his vocation story and his roles and responsibilities as bishop of the Diocese of Scranton.**





# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020

January 26 - February 1, 2020

National Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Now in its 46th year, Catholic Schools Week helps schools connect with prospective families, donors, educators and other community members.

In the Diocese of Scranton, our elementary and high schools are eager to share what makes them the best choice for educating faith-filled Catholic citizens and life-long learners.



Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg



Saint John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport



Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green



Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg



The Pre-Kindergarten students at Holy Rosary School in Duryea made homemade vegetable soup to celebrate the letter "V."



Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton





Diocese of Scranton teachers and principals recently had a Professional Development Day with Dr. John Collins that focused on content writing. To help their students improve in this area, Dr. Collins instructed the attendees on particular strategies regarding “Vocabulary Cards,” “Ten Percent Summary,” as well as “Compare and Contrast.”



The Scott Snyder Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a student pursuing their high school career at **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre**. Graciously donated by the Snyder family, this scholarship honors the memory of Scott Snyder who had attended Bishop Hoban High School. Shown are the 2019 recipient Abby Jones and the 2020 recipient Nathan Stilp, along with Mrs. Elaine Snyder and HRHS Principal, Mrs. Doreen Dougherty.



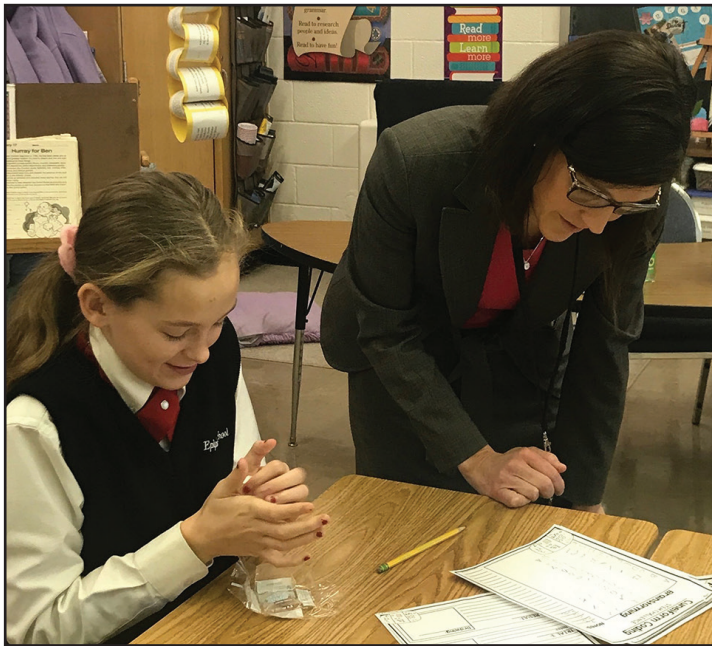
Saint Agnes School in Towanda



Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston



Students in Mrs. Kelsey Swift’s Aeronautics class at **Saint John Neumann Jr./Sr. High School in Williamsport** finished their course with the construction and launch of model rockets.



Sixth grade students at **Epiphany School in Sayre** created their own cuneiform tablets to help them understand the challenges of cuneiform writing.





Kayleigh Farrell and Nora Flannery, freshmen at **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore**, assist La Salle Academy's Eva Carachilo in Science class while Eva was shadowing as a "Crusader for a Day!"



**Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter** and Pittston Area PDG Leo's Club have joined forces to fight blindness by asking for donations of used prescription glasses. Glass Glo, the collection container that loves to "eat" glasses, is located in the school's lobby so people can easily deposit their prescription glasses or sunglasses.



Makenzie Dunnighigh & Jeanette Bohdal, Kindergarten buddies at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco**, love spending time reading together — there's nothing better than a book and a friend!



Zachary Minich, an eighth grader at **Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore**, hosted a Christmas Toy Drive to benefit the Saint Joseph's Center Trinity Child Care Center. Through his hard work and commitment to serving others, Zachary has logged more than 380 community service hours this year. Pictured with Zachary are Michele Johnston, director of the Trinity Child Care, and Shanon Kaspriskie, RN.



Katie Genovese, a fifth grade student at **Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School in Wilkes-Barre**, recently won the school spelling bee. She now moves on to the Discover Lehigh Valley Spelling Bee on Feb. 18 at Northampton Community College.





# CTV: CATHOLIC TELEVISION

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## FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

CTV LOCAL ORIGATION IS BOXED IN BOLD BORDER, OTHER PROGRAMMING IS FROM EWTN

	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 VS SCOUNDRELS	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG	YOU'RE AMAZING		
4:00 AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	SUDAY VESPERS			HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH	BOB AND PENNY LORD PRESENT	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH	
4:30 AM		THE EUCHARIST	THE CHURCH:GOD'S PLAN	(4:40) ANGELUS FROM NAZARETH	A FORCE FOR GOOD	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	EXTRAORDINARY FAITH		
5:00 AM	MATTHEW'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	THE 4TH CUP	EWTN SPECIALS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS		
5:30 AM	DECISION POINT	THE BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS	APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION	FUNDAMRNTALS OF CATHOLICISM			CATHOLICS COME HOME		
6:00 AM	ANGELUS WITH POPE FRANCIS	EWTN ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS							
6:30 AM	WHERE GOD WEEPS	G.K. CHESTERTON	CHURCH AND THE POOR	FR. RUTLER: CHRIST IN THE CITY	ICONS SPOTLIGHT	THE CHOICES WE FACE	SAINTS vs. 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 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	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 & DAUGHTERS	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 SAINTS	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 WITH FR. CONNOR	THE HOLY ROSARY						CALLED TO COMMUNION	
4:30 PM	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	DIOCESAN DATEBOOK							
5:00 PM	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHOICES WE FACE	DECISION POINT	BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT	THE BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE		
5:30 PM	PASSIONIST SUNDAY MASS	SPECIALS						THE 4TH CUP	
6:00 PM	SUNDAY VESPERS	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)						FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM	
6:30 PM	THE EUCHARIST	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			
8:00 PM		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			
10:30 PM					DEFENDING LIFE	ICONS SPOTLIGHT			
11:00PM	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS	BATTLE READY	THE CARPENTER'S SHOP	CROSSING THE GOAL	LONG RIDE HOME	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	WEB OF FAITH 2.0		
11:30PM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	WOMEN OF GRACE						REMEMBERING JESUS	

## Avoca parish lists ‘Hope & Peace’ mission

AVOCA — Father Phillip Sladicka, pastor, announces Queen of the Apostles Parish will host its 2020 mission series, “Hope and Peace,” from Saturday, Feb. 8, through Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the parish worship site of Saint Mary Church, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca.



**Marty Rotella**

The spiritual offering will feature multi-talented singer, songwriter, evangelist and Grammy award-nominee Marty Rotella, who will integrate his gift of music with a unique

preaching style during the parish’s three weekend Masses and the succeeding mission services.

Weekend Masses will be celebrated at Queen of the Apostles on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 4 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 9, at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

The special mission services, which will include Mass, will continue each evening at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 9-11. Masses will also be celebrated on Feb. 10 & 11 at 8 a.m.

An anointing of the sick service will be conducted on Tuesday, Feb. 11, to commemorate the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes/World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

For more information, call the parish office at (570) 457-3412.

## “Preparing Our Hearts for Lent: Journey Together in Ministry” Retreat Feb. 7-8

The Office for Parish Life in the Diocese of Scranton will sponsor a pre-Lenten retreat, “Preparing Our Hearts for Lent: A Journey Together in Ministry,” on Feb. 7 & 8.

Serving as retreat facilitator will be Father Michael Bryant.

The retreat is designed for Pastoral Associates, participants in Lay Ministry Formation, Directors of Religious Education, Youth Ministers and other catechetical leaders to gather for prayer, reflection and fellowship.

Hosted at the Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, 1000 Seminary Road, Dalton, the retreat

begins on Friday evening, Feb. 7, from 5 to 6 p.m., and will conclude on Saturday, Feb. 8, by 3 p.m. The cost is \$100 per person and includes the retreat program, meals and lodging.

Building on the relationships created among parish leaders, DREs and Youth Ministers will better equip those who nurture the young people and families entrusted to them.

For more information, contact Jacki Douglas, Director of Word and Lifelong Faith Formation, Office for Parish Life, at (570) 207-2213 ext. 1100, or [jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org).

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# Annual Knights' Respect Life Mass Celebrated



The annual Respect Life Mass sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Councils in the Wyoming Valley was offered on Jan. 12 at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Swoyersville, with Father Leo McKernan serving as principal celebrant and homilist. Participating in the liturgy were Knights of Columbus from the area councils of Ashley, Dallas 8224, Pittston 372, Plymouth 984, Swoyersville, and Wilkes-Barre 302, along with representatives from Pennsylvanians for Human Life. Special intentions offered during the Mass by the Knights and pro-life faithful included a greater respect for all human life and an end to abortion. Knights of Columbus pictured in attendance with the Mass celebrant are, first row from left: Robert Roccograndi, William Leandri, Father McKernan, John Hraboski, Walter Grycko and Christopher Calore. Second row: Arthur Kohler, John Witkosky, James Poppo, Michael Cherinka, Robert Williams, John Lucas and Patrick Umbra. Third row: George Grantkuskas, Dennis Shovlin, Charlie Jones, Francis Kennedy, Chris Libus, David Miller and John Strish.

## FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Program Facilitator Training February 29

The Office for Parish Life in the Diocese of Scranton will offer a FOCCUS Pre-marriage Inventory Facilitator Training and refresher option on Saturday, Feb. 29. Snow date is April 4.

The training will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a light lunch provided.

The FOCCUS Pre-marriage Inventory is a comprehensive, user-friendly tool for use by lay individuals, couples or professionals who are helping couples prepare for marriage and who become trained as facilitators.

The FOCCUS Inventory is designed to help engaged couples appreciate their unique relationship, learn more about themselves, and discuss topics important to their lifelong marriage.

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tool very similar to FOCCUS, but is utilized by couples already married. REFOCCUS is an easy and effective means of marriage enrichment and helpful at any stage of marriage.

The fee for the Feb. 29 training is \$100 for an individual or \$150 for a couple. For those who completed the five-hour training and have a "FOCCUS Facilitator Manual" and a Certification number, a refresher option is offered for a fee of \$50 per person.

Anyone trained in FOCCUS can use the same skills for REFOCCUS.

Any parish staff member or couples interested in the FOCCUS training or refresher may contact Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development in the Diocesan Parish Life Office, at (570) 207-2213 ext. 1104, or at [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org).

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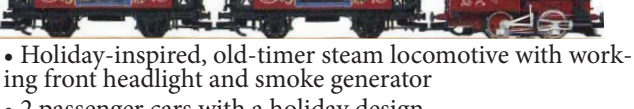


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## Hibernians Name Scranton Pastor 2020 ‘Man of the Year’



The Paul “Hook” O’Malley Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 4 has announced Father Richard Fox, pastor of Saint Patrick Parish in West Scranton, will be the honoree for this year’s “Man of the Year” dinner, to be held on Wednesday, March 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Fiorelli’s in Peckville. Hibernians pictured in the parish church of Saint Patrick with the 2020 Man of the Year are, foreground from left: Atty. Terrence Gallagher, Patrick O’Malley II, Vincent O’Malley, 2019 Man of the Year Bernard McGurl, Father Fox, AOH Division President Patrick O’Malley, Joe Holland, Keith Oleski and Jim Sweeney. Second row: John Fletcher, Jim Barrett, James Connor, Bob McAndrew, Kevin Shaughnessy, Bob Fletcher, Kevin Donovan and Jim Foley. Reservations for the dinner are \$35 per person. For more information about the dinner, including program sponsorships, contact Joe at (570) 342-7596, or Kevin at (570) 351-1478.

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# Misericordia, Medical World Mourn the Loss of Renowned Physician Dr. Stanley Dudrick

DALLAS — Stanley J. Dudrick, M.D., a world-renowned medical pioneer who was the Robert S. Anderson endowed chairperson and founding medical director of the physician assistant program at Misericordia University, passed away on Jan. 18 at his home in New Hampshire after an illness. He was 84.

Known as the “father of intravenous feeding,” Dr. Dudrick developed total parenteral nutrition or TPN, while he was serving as a surgical resident at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital from 1961-66. The technique, which allows people who cannot eat to be fed through a tube that bypasses their intestines, is credited with saving the lives of millions of acutely ill people, according to the American College of Surgeons.

“Stan Dudrick was internationally known as a physician who changed the lives of countless people through his pioneering work,” Misericordia University President Thomas J. Botzman said. “Moreover, he was a lifelong teacher of others as he sought to share his excitement and enthusiasm for bettering the lives of others. He was an incredible friend to all at Misericordia University and will fondly be remembered as a humble physician from Nanticoke who changed the world to be a better place.”



*Dr. Stanley Dudrick*

During his career, Dr. Dudrick trained tens of thousands of medical students, thousands of surgeons, established a medical school in Texas, and also became internationally known as an expert in fistula surgery, complex re-operative surgery, intestinal failure, surgical metabolism and nutrition, and much more.

Many of his medical colleagues from around the world acknowledged his contributions to medicine and humankind. His development of intravenous feeding is recognized as one of the four most significant accomplishments in the history of the development of modern surgery and one of the three most important advancements in surgery during the past century along with open heart surgery and organ transplantation.

In 2012, a hospital in

Skawina, Poland, was named the Stanley J. Dudrick Hospital in Dr. Dudrick’s honor. Five years later, on July 19, 2017, the City of Nanticoke and local state legislators celebrated Dr. Dudrick Day in his hometown

to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his invention of TPN. The celebration was highlighted by the presentation of a street sign and historical marker to the city native son, honoring his numerous accomplishments.

## Bernardine Sister Ann Damian Dies; Served at Villa of Our Lady

READING — A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Bernardine Franciscan Sister Ann Damian Schwegler on Jan. 24 in the chapel of Sacred Heart Convent at Mount Alvernia.

Well-known in the Diocese of Scranton for her ministry at Villa of Our Lady Retreat House in the Poconos, Sister Ann Damian died Jan. 18 at Saint Joseph Villa in Reading, where she had resided since 2017. She was 74.

Born in Philadelphia, daughter of the late William and Catherine Kuzmann Schwegler, Sister Ann Damian entered the Bernardine Franciscan community of religious sisters on June 26, 1963. She earned her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Alvernia College and a master’s

in elementary education from Millersville State College.

Prior to her prolonged battle with cancer that led to her retirement from active ministry, Sister last served on the staff of Villa of Our Lady Retreat House in Mount Pocono. During her 16-year ministry at Villa of Our Lady from 2000 to 2016, she was a popular figure among clergy and lay retreatants and those faithful who visited the center regularly.

Sister Ann Damian also served throughout Pennsylvania as a school teacher/principal, religious superior, administrator and local minister, including in the Scranton area.

Interment was held in the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters cemetery at Mount Alvernia.

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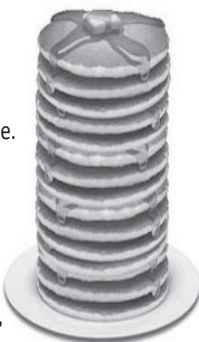
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Based on my practice, which consists of estate planning and administration along with elder law, I find that clients are more comfortable discussing such matters in familiar surroundings. While I know this may seem unconventional to some, I believe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



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Recently, Pope Francis instituted the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as Word of God Sunday, a day to pause and reflect more deeply on the importance and centrality of Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church.

In his Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis* (translated “opened to them”), the Holy Father writes that our prayerful reading and study of Scripture inspires us to live lives of mercy and goodness: “[It] has the power to open our eyes and to enable us to renounce a stifling and barren individualism and instead to embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity” (AI 13). What a compelling sentiment that the very fruit of our devotion to the Bible inspires us to move outside of ourselves and to be merciful.

Indeed, as missionary disciples this is our call. As Pope

Francis calls each of us to commit to a life of devotion and study of the Word of God, we then commit ourselves to come to know Jesus more deeply and, by virtue of that “knowing,” we become more like Him. Pope Francis borrows the words of St. Jerome when he wrote that “ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ [Himself].” How true that is! It’s the greatest of ironies, isn’t it?

If I read a biography of Abraham Lincoln or Harriet Tubman, I do not necessarily take on their good qualities and I certainly don’t develop a relationship with them. However, when I read the Scriptures prayerfully and devoutly study them, I do take on the many life-giving and positive qualities of Christ, and I am drawn into His life and become more like Him.

Perhaps it sounds trite to say it, as we seem to move from one troubling time into another, but we need this goodness and godliness more than ever. The transformative power of the Word of God and the sacramental encounters we have with Jesus are the only remedy to division, unrest, to poverty in all its forms, and to every society ill that plagues the human person.

The Bible is not a self-help book; it’s a living word that draws us into relationship with the One who is our “help and our deliverer” (Ps. 40:17).

We have been blessed so often to receive the sacraments in which we encounter the Living God. It has been beautifully said throughout the history of the Church that we have a sacramental encounter when we read the Word of God.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote: “The sacramentality of the word can thus be understood by analogy with the real presence of Christ under the appearances of the consecrated bread and wine... The proclamation of God’s word at the celebration entails an acknowledgment that Christ himself is present, that he speaks to us, and that he wishes to be heard” (*Verbum Domini*, 56). Such a life-giving reality.

As we encounter our Lord in His Word, I pray that we will go forth into the world and witness to others how we have been changed by this exchange with God in the scriptures. Let us commit ourselves to daily reading of the scriptures and as missionary disciples share the word of God in what we say and do.

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**Papal Intention for February 2020**

***Listen to the Migrants’ Cries —***

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



# Spiritual Offerings Around the Diocese

**Weekly "Flame of Love" Prayer Group Meeting — FEB. 3,** hosted by St. Barbara Parish at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Memorial St., Exeter; prayer group meets every Monday at 11:15 a.m. Mass is celebrated at 12:10 p.m. following recitation of the "Flame of Love" Rosary.

**Padre Pio Prayer Ministry — FEB. 5,** 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 — FEB. 5,** hosted by All Saints Parish in Plymouth; Eucharistic exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the daily chapel of the parish worship site of Nativity of the BVM Church, 66 Willow St., Plymouth.

**Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration — FEB. 5,** hosted by Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Tunkhannock; exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament offered every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m.

## Ministry Studies Course on March 14

"Planning for Effective Ministry," the next Certificate in Ministry Studies program course offered by the Diocesan Office for Parish Life, will be held on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton.

Serving as guest instructor for the day will be Tom East, director of the Center for Ministry Development.

The Certificate in Ministry Studies program allows participants to network with others working in youth ministry and faith formation and learn the latest techniques and strategies needed for successful ministry.

The Planning for Effective Ministry course specifically addresses:

- Developing a foundational understanding that will assist

in Nativity BVM Church, 99 East Tioga St., Tunkhannock. All faithful are welcome. For more information, call (570) 881-9916.

**Weekly Divine Mercy Devotion — FEB. 5,** hosted by Most Holy Trinity Parish in Susquehanna; Hour of Mercy devotion held every Wednesday at 3 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church, 380 Franklin St., Great Bend. All faithful are welcome.

**Scranton Mental Health Ministry: Spiritual Support Group for Family & Friends — FEB. 6,** 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 the Cathedral, (570) 344-7231.

**First Friday Pro-Life Prayer Vigil — FEB. 7,** monthly pro-life gathering to offer prayerful witness at the new Planned Parenthood location in Wilkes-Barre at 101 North Main St. (across from King's

College); recitation of the Rosary begins at 10 a.m. for the special intentions of an end to abortion and closure of the Planned Parenthood facility. All faithful are welcome.

**Spiritual Support Group: Scranton Mental Health Ministry — FEB. 8 & 22,** 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 the Cathedral, (570) 344-7231.

**Monthly Meeting of the Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic — FEB. 9,** 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.

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For more information, contact Kitty Scanlan, coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation in the Parish Life Office, at (570) 207-2213, ext. 1157, or by email at: [Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org).

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This liturgy prayerfully celebrates the many gifts those with developmental or intellectual disabilities bring to the Church and the community. Partners in this celebration include Saint Joseph's Center in Scranton, the Diocesan SPRED community (Special Religious Education) and the Catholic Deaf Community of the Diocese of Scranton.

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**Meeting of Lay Carmelites** — **FEB. 15**, 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, Laffin (Pittston). For more information, contact Rose at (570) 507-2373 or Chris at (570) 239-8094.

**Gathering of the Secular Discalced Carmelites** — **FEB. 16**, 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 Tranguich (570) 751-4729, or Marie Schimmelbusch (570) 822-6561 for more information.

**Meeting of the St. Joseph Secular Franciscan Fraternity** — **FEB. 16**, hosted at St. Joseph's Oblate Seminary, Route 315, Laffin. Liturgy of the Hours recited at 2 p.m. in the seminary chapel. Fraternity meets regularly on the third Sunday of every month; all professed members of the Secular Franciscans and interested men and women are welcome. Anyone interested in attending may contact Jim Gaffney at (570) 575-1703.

**Monday Night Worship** — **FEB. 17**, hosted by St. Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke; begins at 7 p.m. at the parish worship site of Holy Trinity Church, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke. All are welcome to join for a Holy Hour of praise and worship music. For

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**Rummage Sale** — **FEB. 14 & 15**, sponsored by St. Lawrence Church at Most Holy Trinity Parish in Great Bend; held in the Trinity Center church hall, 380 Franklin St., Great Bend. Sale hours: Friday,

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**Night at the Races** — **FEB. 15**, sponsored by Queen of the Apostles Parish at St. Mary Church, Avoca; held in the parish hall, 742 Spring St., Avoca. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; races begin at 7 p.m. Admission cost: \$10 per person, includes food and beverages. Horse sponsorships available for \$10 each; event program registration forms required by Feb. 7. Patrons may provide their own beverages and food items. For more information, contact the parish office at (570) 457-3412 or staff@queenoftheapostles.com.

**Mardi Gras Party** — **FEB. 15**, sponsored by St. Robert Bellarmine Parish at St. Aloysius Church, Barney & Division streets, Wilkes-Barre; held from 6 to 10 p.m. in the church hall (doors open at 5:30 p.m.). Adults-only event includes dinner, dancing and game activities. Admission cost: \$20 per person, includes beer and soda; patrons may provide own beverages.

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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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Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley.

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**K of C Pancake Breakfast — FEB. 16**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, St. Jude Council 6440, Mountain Top; served from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Jude School in Mountain Top. Cost: adults, \$8; children ages five and older, \$5. Tickets at the door.

**Annual Parish Breakfast — FEB. 16**, sponsored by the Women's Guild of Divine Mercy Parish, Minooka section of Scranton; served from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the parish center. Cost: adults, \$8; children (ages 4 to 10), \$4. Advance tickets available after all weekend Masses and at the parish office. Tickets sold at the door.

**Pre-Lenten Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner — FEB. 16**, hosted by the parish family of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 428 North Seventh Ave., Scranton; serving begins at 12:15 p.m. in the parish center (take-outs available from 11:30 a.m. to noon). Cost: adults, \$13; children (ages six to 12), \$8. Event also includes door prizes and cash drawing. Advance reservations required; deadline: Feb. 11. For reservations, call (570) 503-1514.

**Night at the Races — FEB. 22**, sponsored by St. André Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre;

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**55th Annual "German Nite" Celebration — FEB. 22**, hosted by St. Nicholas Parish in Wilkes-Barre; begins at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium, 240 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre. Featuring German-style buffet dinner served from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.; beverages served throughout the evening. Musical entertainment provided from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. by GTO — George Tarasek Orchestra. Cost: \$30 per person. Advance reservations only; no tickets sold at the door. Tickets available at the rectory office or by calling (570) 823-7736.

**Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner — FEB. 26**, sponsored by St. André Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre; served from 4 to 6 p.m. in the parish's Father Zolcinski Hall, 668 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre (take-out orders available). Cost: \$10 per dinner. Advance sales only; to obtain tickets, call Mary at (570) 823-4988. All proceeds benefit the St. André Bessette Parish Social Justice Ministry.

**An Evening & Workshop Retreat with Dan Schutte — FEB. 28 & 29**, featuring renowned liturgical music composer Dan Schutte as special guest; sponsored by the Pittston parishes of St. Joseph Mareello and St. John the Evangelist as part of the "2020: Bringing Our

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**Most Holy Trinity Annual Chili & Salsa Fest — FEB. 29**, hosted by Most Holy Trinity Parish in Cresco; held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Monsignor McHugh Elementary School, Route 390, Cresco. Event includes taste-testing contest for local entries of chili and salsa dishes; live musical entertainment by Who Knows band and children's activities, including face-painting and show. Admission cost: \$5; other foods and drinks available for purchase. Children ten years of age and younger admitted free. Anyone interested in more information or entering the cook-off competition for prizes, call (570) 242-2431.

## Couples Invited to Participate in Wedding Anniversary Celebration

On June 14, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate the Wedding Anniversary Mass at 2:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, for couples celebrating their 25th or 50th year of marriage in 2020. This is an occasion to recognize the role married couples play in the Church's mission to bring God's faithful love into the world. Couples will have the opportunity to renew their commitment to marriage and to receive a blessing on their marriage from the Bishop. A reception will follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, where anniversary couples will be able to have their picture taken with the Bishop. Eligible couples should give their names and an April mailing address to their parish office before March 16. Parish lists are due to the Office for Parish Life by March 23.

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