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Prayer for Vocations

Loving and Generous God,
it is You who call us by name
and ask us to follow You.
Help us to grow in the Love
and Service of our Church
as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage
of Your Spirit
to shape its future,

Grant us faith-filled leaders
who will embrace Christ's
Mission of love and justice.

Bless the Church of Scranton



by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call.

We ask this through our Lord.
Amen.

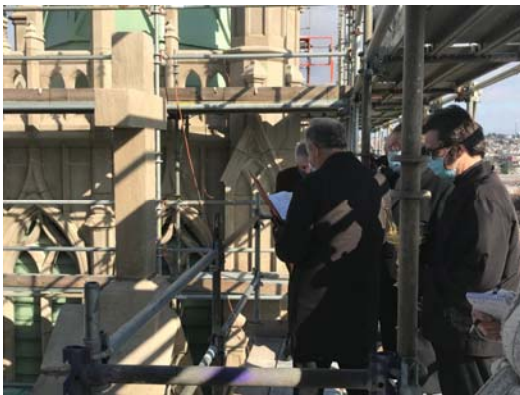
National Vocation Awareness Week Runs Through November 7, 2020. [Click Here to Visit the Vocations Page on the Diocese of Scranton Website](#)

Pope not changing Church teaching on gay unions, Secretariat of State says



The Vatican Secretariat of State has sent an explanatory note to nuncios around the world insisting that when Pope Francis spoke about civil unions, he was not changing or challenging “the doctrine of the church, which he has reaffirmed numerous times over the years.”

[Read the Full Story from Catholic News Service](#)



On Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera joined Rev. Mariusz Beczek, O.S.J., pastor of Annunciation Parish, Hazleton, to bless the Cross atop



A Center for Ministry Development Course, "Service and Justice," is currently scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13-14, 2020.

The virtual course, led by instructor Susan Searle, will take

Saint Gabriel Church, as the first phase of a large renovation project comes to a completion.

For the last six months, the church has been receiving much-needed structural repairs. The story will appear in the Nov. 19 edition of *The Catholic Light* and the next edition of *Our Faith Our Diocese*.

[Learn More About the Capital Campaign to Save St. Gabriel's Church](#)

place between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Service and Justice explores the foundations for fostering a consciousness and spirituality in children, youth and adults drawn from Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, adolescent development and contemporary catechetical principles.

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Hope is a Gift to Seek from God, Pope Francis says

When life is difficult and when one is mourning the passing of a loved one, it is time to pray for the gift of hope and the ability to say with the prophet Job, "I know that my redeemer lives," Pope Francis said earlier this week while celebrating Mass on the Feast of All Souls.



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