



# *The Catholic Light*

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

**Weekly E-Newsletter**

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## **Diocesan schools prepare to celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2021**



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For the last 47 years, Catholic schools across the country have participated in Catholic Schools Week and this year will be no exception.

Traditionally held the last week of January, this year's celebration will take place from Jan. 31 – Feb. 6, 2021. Each of the Diocese of Scranton's 19 Catholic Schools are busy preparing numerous activities in which students can participate.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, principals and staff members are adjusting some popular annual activities to make sure safety remains paramount.

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## Rosary for Life



On January 22, the 48th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the United States, the Diocese of Scranton released a Virtual Rosary for Life.

The Virtual Rosary is representative of the Diocese - featuring clergy, deacons, seminarians, chancery staff, parish staff/volunteers and youth and adult laity speaking eight different languages.

We encourage you to pray to our Blessed Mother with this rosary and share it with anyone who may be interested. The rosary can also be found on the Diocese of Scranton website and Diocese of Scranton YouTube channel.

# *World Day of the Sick Mass*

**Wednesday, February 10 at 12:10 p.m.  
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton**



Mass is open to the public with COVID-19 precautions, including wearing face masks and remaining physically distanced. The Mass will also be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and made available on the Diocese of Scranton website and social media platforms

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Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate Mass for the 29<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 at 12:10 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The annual Mass is an opportunity for the faithful to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The Mass will be open to the public and also be broadcast on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website and across all social media platforms.

Parishes around the diocese are also encouraged to offer a Mass for the Sick either on Feb. 11 or another convenient day near it.

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### **National Prayer Vigil for Life to take place tonight**

Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence for all faithful Catholics who participate virtually in the National Prayer Vigil for Life tonight and those who participate virtually or in-person in the Mass for Life tomorrow.

While the National Prayer Vigil for Life tonight is closed to the public, it will be broadcast on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton (EWTN) and livestream options are available.

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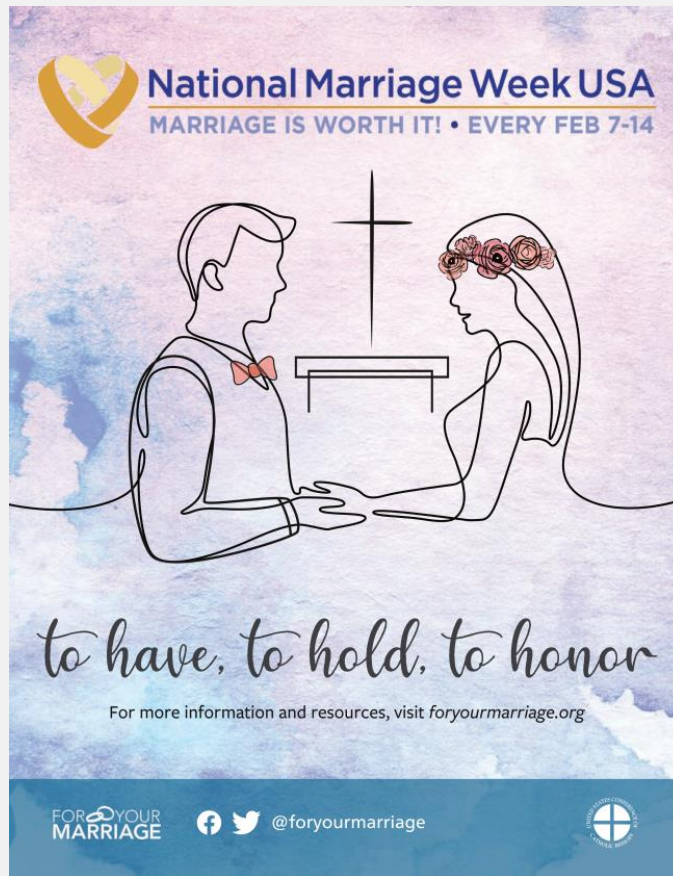
### **Pope: Scripture not meant to be stuck on paper but fixed in one's heart**

Praying with Scripture is not meant to be a mindless repetition of biblical quotes but instead is a gift that is meant to be accepted in people's hearts, Pope Francis said.

During his weekly general audience Jan. 27, the pope said the words contained in Scripture were "not written to remain imprisoned on papyrus, parchment or paper, but to be received by a person who prays, making them blossom in his or her heart."

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**Couples invited to take part in Virtual Marriage Enrichment Event**



As part of the culmination of the week-long celebration of National Marriage Week (Feb 7-14), the Diocese of Scranton has invited two couples to present a virtual marriage enrichment event for all faithful on World Marriage Day, February 14, 2021.

Dual tracks will feature Chris and Linda Padgett (English) and Joel and Nora de Loera (Spanish). The virtual event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and run through 8:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Couples are encouraged to take some time to reconnect with one another in an intentional way during this special week!

**For More Diocesan Resources for National Marriage Week & Registration Information for the Virtual Event**



## 14-Nation survey shows U.S. faith has stayed strongest amid COVID-19

According to a new poll by the Pew Research Center, more Americans say the coronavirus pandemic has strengthened their religious faith than those in 13 other nations that possess what Pew called "advanced economies."

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