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The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Weekly E-Newsletter

May 6, 2021

Bishop Bambera to celebrate Mother's Day Adoption Mass Sunday

Mother's Day Adoption Mass

- celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera -

**Sunday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m.
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton**



Mass is open to the public. No reservations are required.

CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live and provide a
livestream on Diocesan social media platforms.

The Diocese of Scranton will celebrate its annual Mother's Day Adoption Mass this Sunday, May 9, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in

Scranton. This liturgy prayerfully recognizes all mothers, with a special emphasis on adoptive and foster mothers. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant.

The Mother's Day Adoption Mass is open to the public. No reservations are required. Attendees will be required to wear properly fitting face coverings and follow physical distancing protocols established by the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast the Mass live. A livestream will also be provided on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and across all Diocesan social media platforms.

Pope Francis has said that humanity is "built on mothers" and that their love is a cure for a world, which is so often divided and filled with bitterness. On May 9, please join us for the Mother's Day Adoption Mass as we pray for mothers, near and far, including Mary, Mother of the Church.

[For More Information](#)

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Scranton to hold Pentecost Celebration May 22

2021 PENTECOST CELEBRATION

In-person and Livestream

May 22 (Saturday) 10am to 12:30pm

The Featured Presenters will be:



Father Alex Roche
Director of Vocations and
Seminarians for the
Diocese of Scranton



Father Gus Ricciardi
Spiritual Moderator
of the CCR in the
Diocese of Scranton



Karen McLain
Conference Coordinator
for the CCR in the
Diocese of Scranton



Bob Valiante
Liaison to the Bishop
for the CCR in the
Diocese of Scranton

Queen of the Apostles Church

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Avoca PA 18642

HIGHLIGHTS ...

- Spirit-filled Prayer & Praise
- Inspiring Music & Anointed Worship
- Challenging Teaching
- Prayers for Healing



"Renewal in the Spirit"

Jesus will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit and with **fire!!**
(cf Luke 3:16 and Acts 1:5,8)

"The new evangelization applies to the whole of the Church's life. It applies, in the first instance, to the ordinary pastoral ministry that must be more animated by the **fire of the Spirit**, so as to inflame the hearts of the faithful who regularly take part in community worship and gather on the Lord's day to be nourished by his word and by the bread of eternal life."

~ Pope Benedict XVI to Bishops on 28-October-2012



To attend in-person:

In-person attendance is limited to **70 people**
due to COVID-19 restrictions.
All in-person attendees must wear facemasks.
Physical distancing will be observed.
In-person attendees must register
by May 19th with Alexandra Orvieto
by Phone at 570-676-3499
or by Email to aaorvieto@gmail.com
+++ A Free-Will Offering will be taken +++

For the livestream:

Join us on **Facebook** at
<https://www.facebook.com/CCRScrantonDiocese>



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Pope to institute formal 'ministry of catechist'



While millions of laypeople around the world are recognized as catechists in their parish or diocese, Pope Francis is preparing to formally institute the “ministry of catechist.”

The Vatican press office said May 5 that Pope Francis’ apostolic letter “Antiquum Ministerium” (“Ancient Ministry”), instituting the ministry, would be released May 11.

Pope Francis often has spoken of the importance of selecting, training and supporting catechists, who are called to lead people to a deeper relationship with Jesus, prepare them to receive the sacraments and educate them in the teachings of the church.

[Read the Full Story](#)

Diocese of Scranton updates guidelines for Masses during COVID-19 pandemic, gives support for summer festivals and picnics



On Tuesday, May 4, the Diocese of Scranton provided an update to its guidelines for public Masses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the month of May, the emphasis remains on mitigating the spread of COVID-19 at Masses by wearing properly-fitting face masks, promoting hand hygiene and maintaining an appropriate physical distance from other individuals.

The updated guidelines allow parishes more flexibility with entrances/exits, use of singers and other things. The Diocese has also allowed the Sign of Peace to be reinstated without physical contact between non-family members and told parishes to restore Holy Communion to its proper place in the Mass.

The Diocese also informed parishes that they can proceed with planning summer events, festivals and other activities. Using tips from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Diocese has encouraged its parishes to plan events with safety in mind and carry them out in the safest way possible.

[Updated Guidelines for Public Masses During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[Guidance for Parish Summer Festivals, Events and Fundraisers](#)

Pope prays emergency workers in India find strength to persevere



As India faces a massive surge in new infections and deaths caused by COVID-19, Pope Francis said he was praying for all those affected by the huge health emergency.

With so many in India suffering, “I am writing to convey my heartfelt solidarity and spiritual closeness to all the Indian people, together with the assurance of my prayers that God will grant healing and consolation to everyone affected by this grave pandemic,” he wrote.

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**Support the Catholic Communication
Campaign May 15 & 16**



Through the
internet, print media,
television, and radio . . .

*Communication Builds
Community*

Support the Catholic
Communication Campaign

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, the role of Catholic communications was extremely important. Many people have relied on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton for Daily and weekend Masses.

On the weekend of May 15 & 16, 2021, the Diocese of Scranton will hold its special collection in support of the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio and print media.

The Catholic Communication Campaign helps people tell their stories of God's transformative mercy. By supporting the campaign, you participate in bringing these important stories to life!

[For More Information about the Catholic Communication Campaign](#)

Vatican approves new Invocations for Litany of Saint Joseph



Updating the Litany of St. Joseph, approved in 1909, the Vatican has added seven invocations, including two that address the guardian of Jesus and husband of Mary as “support in difficulty” and “patron of refugees.”

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments published the additions May 1, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

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

Pints with Priests returns this month



PINTS WITH PRIESTS

05.26.21

**YOUNG ADULTS 21
TO 40YRS OLD**

Join us at 7:00pm and enjoy a pint of your favorite drink or ice cream and engage in spiritual & theological conversations with your peers and some priests!

Guests Priests: Fr. Alex Roche, Fr. Seth Wasnock,
& Fr. Ryan Glenn

This is an online event - please email Shannon at shannon-kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org to receive the Zoom link

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