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Married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries featured in video to help promote Wedding Anniversary Mass



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will serve as principal celebrant and homilist for the Diocese of Scranton's annual Wedding Anniversary Mass which will take place this Sunday, June 6, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton at 2:30 p.m.

The Mass recognizes married couples who are celebrating their 25th and 50th anniversaries this year.

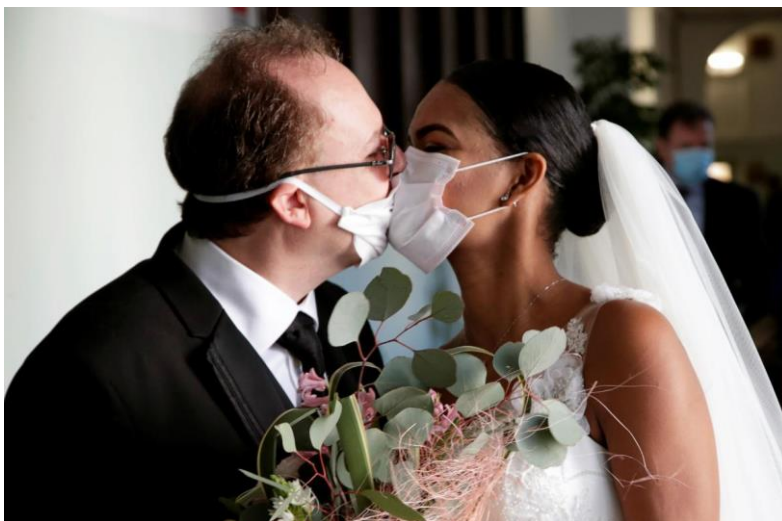
In addition to married couples celebrating their Silver and Golden anniversaries, at least one couple hoping to attend the Mass is celebrating their 70th Anniversary. Two additional couples registered are celebrating 60 years together.

Married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries were invited to submit photographs which have been edited together into a video to help promote the special celebration. This video will be played on Catholic Television prior to the Mass on Sunday.

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast the Mass live and provide a livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website and all Diocesan social media platforms. All couples who have pre-registered for the Mass have been invited to attend the Mass in person.

[Click Here to View the Full Wedding Anniversary Photo Gallery](#)

Pope dedicates June prayers for soon-to-be newlyweds



While uncertainty in the world may deter young couples from taking the next big step in their relationships, the vocational call to marriage is a risk worth taking, Pope Francis said.

Marriage “is a challenging journey, at times difficult, sometimes even confrontational, but it is worth the risk,” the pope said. “And in this lifelong journey, the husband and wife are not alone: Jesus accompanies them.”

In a video message released by the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network June 1, the pope offered his prayer intention for the month of June, which he dedicated to “the beauty of marriage.”

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NEPA Gives Day to take place tomorrow



Friends of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to support its programs, schools and ministries on Friday, June 4, as part of #NEPAGives Day.

Contributions made on Friday can support the Diocese of Scranton Vocations program, any of the 19 Diocesan schools, Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton, Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre as well as any of the programs of Catholic Social Services, the Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center and more.

#NEPAGives is a one-day online giving extravaganza, spearheaded by the Scranton Area Community Foundation with the support of other community organizations. For 24 hours on Friday only - donations have the ability to be enhanced with bonus funds provided by NEPA Gives sponsors - making your dollars stretch even further!

[Donate to the Diocese of Scranton on Friday Using this Link](#)

Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen helps guests receive COVID-19 vaccines



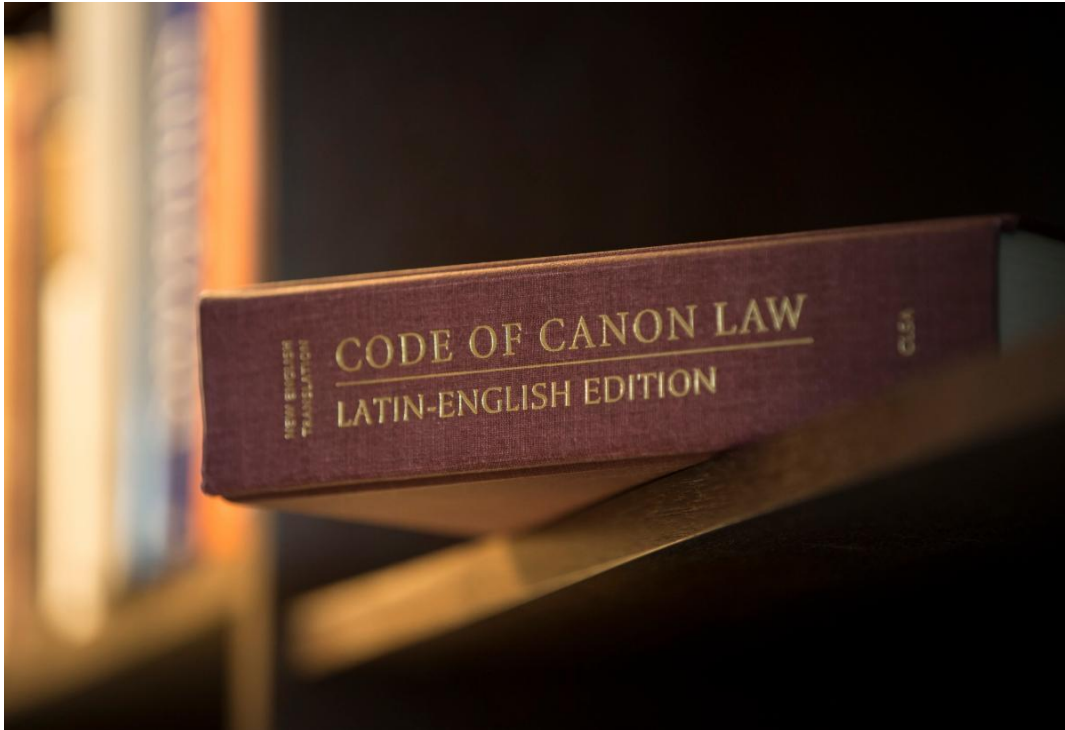
Guests of Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton were able to receive more than a warm, nutritious meal on Wednesday, June 2. Visitors were also able to get a free COVID-19 vaccination.

Through a partnership with the clinics at Scranton Primary Health Care Center, Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen was able to offer the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

In addition to the vaccines distributed at the kitchen on June 2, free vaccines will also be available for anyone at the kitchen on Wednesday, June 9, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. No reservations are required.

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Pope promulgates revised Canon Law on Crimes, Punishments



A series of laws and procedures promulgated by now-retired Pope Benedict XVI and, especially, by Pope Francis to protect children, promote the investigation of allegations of clerical sexual abuse and punish offenders are included in a heavily revised section of the Code of Canon Law.

The revision of “Book VI: Penal Sanctions in the Church,” one of seven books that make up the code for the Latin rite of the Catholic Church, was promulgated June 1 and will go into effect Dec. 8, Pope Francis wrote.

Rewriting 63 of the book’s 89 canons, the revision addresses a host of issues that have come up in the life of the church since St. John Paul II promulgated the code in 1983. The descriptions of crimes of sexual abuse, including child pornography, are more explicit, and the required actions of a bishop or superior of a religious order in handling allegations are more stringent.

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Prayer is source of strength in darkest times, Pope Francis says at audience



Christians can rest assured that in moments of trial, suffering or even sin, Jesus is interceding for them before God, Pope Francis said.

“Even if our prayers were only mutterings, if they were compromised by a wavering faith, we must never stop trusting in him,” the pope said June 2 during his weekly general audience.

“Don’t forget: ‘Jesus is praying for me,’” he said. “In the moment of trial, in the moment of sin, even in that moment, Jesus with so much love is praying for me.”

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U.S. Bishops' Pro-Life chairman reacts to President's removal of Hyde Amendment in federal budget



After the Biden Administration released its federal budget proposal, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, expressed deep concerns about its proposal to eliminate the Hyde Amendment and some related pro-life provisions.

The Hyde Amendment, which has been in effect since 1976 with bipartisan support, prohibits the use of federal funds for abortion, except in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother. Archbishop Naumann called on Congress to preserve it and “to work toward a budget that truly builds up the common good of all.”

[Read Archbishop Naumann's Full Statement](#)

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