



# ***The Catholic Light***

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

## **Weekly E-Newsletter**

**July 22, 2021**

### **Novena attendees joyful for return of revered summer devotion**



After watching the Solemn Novena to Saint Ann on television last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Carol Nowacki of Taylor was thrilled to return to the Basilica of the National Shrine to Saint Ann in West Scranton for in-person Masses and devotions this year.

“I can’t be without it. It is so special,” she said. “The first day back, I sat down and I said, ‘This is good!’”

The Novena continues each day through July 26, which is the Feast Day of Saint Ann.

The theme for this year's 97th annual Novena is "Lift High the Cross." The guest preachers for this year's event are Passionist Fathers Robert Joerger and Robert Carbonneau.

"Everybody needs a little bit of help and sometimes you don't even realize it," Jack Nowacki said of the spiritual rejuvenation he feels after attending the Novena. "Just hearing the different speakers, they bring something up where you just look at things differently."

[Read the Full Story](#)

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## **Sunday is the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**



## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

**“I am with you always” are the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly: the whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!**



**#IamWithYouAlways**

**@laityfamilylife**

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera invites the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton to join him in celebrating Mass for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton on Sunday, July 25, 2021.

The Mass will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton with a livestream made available on all Diocesan social media platforms.

**[For More Information and Resources, including Pope Francis' Written Message and a Prayer for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly](#)**

## Appealing to need for unity, Pope Francis restores limits on pre-Vatican II Mass



Saying he was acting for the good of the unity of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis has restored limits on the celebration of the Mass according to the Roman Missal in use before the Second Vatican Council, overturning or severely restricting permissions St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI had given to celebrate the so-called Tridentine-rite Mass.

“An opportunity offered by St. John Paul II and, with even greater magnanimity by Benedict XVI, intended to recover the unity of an ecclesial body with diverse liturgical sensibilities, was exploited to widen the gaps, reinforce the divergences and encourage disagreements that injure the church, block her path and expose her to the peril of division,” Pope Francis wrote in a letter to bishops July 16.

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

[Diocese of Scranton Statement on Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Traditionis Custodes](#)



## **Three parishes to get ECHO apprentices from University of Notre Dame this summer**

### ***Welcome ECHO Apprentices!***



Kylie Ballinger



Cecilia Dietzler



Deirdre Drinkall

The Diocese of Scranton is joining forces with Notre Dame University this summer to help develop the next generation of young adult leaders in the Catholic Church.

In August, three students from the McGrath Institute's Echo Program at the University of Notre Dame will travel to northeastern Pennsylvania to begin serving in various parishes locally.

Kylie Ballinger, a 2020 graduate of Arizona State University; Cecilia Dietzler, a 2020 graduate of Marquette University; and Deirdre Drinkall, a 2021 graduation of Saint Mary's College, will each begin working full-time in parishes focusing on a variety of catechetical ministries.

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## **Police investigating church vandalism cases in New York and Oregon**



Police in two parts of the country are investigating cases of church vandalism.

In Queens, N.Y., two religious statues displayed outside Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church were destroyed in an act of vandalism in the early morning hours of July 17.

The damaged statues included one of Mary and one of St. Therese Lisieux, known as “the Little Flower.” A news release from the Diocese of Brooklyn said the statues were dragged 180 feet from the church across 70th Avenue, where they were smashed with a hammer.

Four Oregon Catholic churches have also been vandalized in the span of about six weeks.

At least one incident in Portland involved a group protesting the recent discovery of unmarked graves at primarily Catholic-run schools in Canada, while other instances appear to be the work of disgruntled teens and individuals with general anger toward the church.

[Read the Full Story about the Church Vandalism in Queens, N.Y.](#)

[Read the Full Story about the Church Vandalism in Portland, Oregon](#)

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**U.S. Bishops express solidarity with Cuban people, Church leaders**



The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the chairman of the USCCB's international policy committee expressed their solidarity and that of all the U.S. bishops "with our brothers in the Cuban episcopate, and with all men and women of goodwill in Cuba."

Released late July 19, the statement acknowledged "the ongoing protests in Cuba and among the diaspora in the United States."

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

**Parish picnics, bazaars and festivals continue to take place**

# CHRIST THE KING PARISH PICNIC

(St. Mary of Czestochowa Church, Eynon & St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Archbald)

July 23, 24, & 25, 2021

**Friday-  
The Sperazza Band**  
6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.  
Picnic starts at 5:00 P.M.

**Saturday - Hoopla**  
6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.  
Picnic starts at 5:00 P.M.

**Sunday- The Wanabees Duo**  
5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.  
Picnic starts at 3:00 P.M.  
**Sarah Marie & Joseph** 3-4pm

Held on the  
grounds of St. Mary of  
Czestochowa Church,  
corner of Betty & Main  
Streets, Eynon.

Beer & Wine Tent, Beverages, ~~Bake Sale~~, and the following Ethnic and American cuisine: Cabbage & Noodles, Potato Pancakes, Pierogi with onion & butter or deep fried, Pigs in the Blanket, Pagoch, Sausage Plain, Sausage with peppers, Steak & Cheese, Steak & Cheese with Peppers and Onions, Steak Sub Hoagie, Texas Burger, Kielbasa with Kraut, Texas Weiner, Wimpie, Porketta, Clam Chowder, French Fries, Hamburger, Hot Dog Plain or Hot Dog with Kraut, Pizza, Pizza-Frita, Funnel Cakes, Fried Oreos.

Visit the

Choice is Yours Raffle Stand, Patio Furniture Raffle, Florence's Basket Raffles, Match-for-Cash,  
Instant Bingo, Hidden Treasures Market  
Plus \$2000.00 Cash Raffle!! (1<sup>st</sup> \$1000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$500.00, 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> \$100.00)



Several parishes across the Diocese of Scranton are in the process of holding or planning summer events now that COVID-19 guidelines are beginning to ease.

The Diocese of Scranton's Communications Office has a list of all summer bazaars, picnics and festivals that have been submitted thus far. The list will continue to be updated as new events are submitted.

[To View the Full Listing of Parish Bazaars, Picnics and Festivals Received So Far](#)

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