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Weekly E-Newsletter

July 29, 2021

Church restoration project becomes sign of renewal of faith



**Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, offers a blessing
for the nearly completed renovation project at Saint Rose of Lima Parish
in Carbondale on Thursday, July 29, 2021.**

After walking up 15 flights of scaffolding steps, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, reached the steeple atop Saint Rose of Lima Church in Carbondale and took in the view.

“I’m actually really proud to be on top here,” Bishop Bambera said – standing 93 feet over the city sidewalk.

On Thursday, July 29, 2021, Bishop Bambera joined St. Rose’s pastor, Father Jeff Walsh, to offer a blessing on the church’s renovation project that nears completion. Several other parishioners who were instrumental in getting the work – literally – off the ground joined the bishop.

After raising \$850,000 over the last year and a half, the church’s granite steps, steeple and façade have all been restored.

[Read the Full Story](#)

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Mass held at Cathedral



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera celebrated Mass for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton on Sunday, July 25, 2021.

During his homily, the bishop emphasized that our grandparents and the elderly are vitally important in God's plan. In fact, he said without them, the body of Christ is incomplete.

"Brothers and sisters, we are all called to cherish and share in the lives of our elderly parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends in the same way that the Lord Jesus, in giving us the Eucharist, has made us sharers in his own life. As Pope Francis has reminded us, 'no one is saved alone.' At every stage and circumstance of life, 'we are all indebted to one another. We are all brothers and sisters.'"

[Read Bishop Bambera's Homily from the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly](#)

Boston Globe: Police charge McCarrick with assault in case dating to 1970s



The Boston Globe reported July 29 that police in the Boston suburb of Wellesley have charged former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick with three

counts of indecent assault and battery on a person over 14 in a criminal complaint filed by Wellesley Police in a district court in nearby Dedham, Massachusetts.

A summons has been issued ordering McCarrick, now 91, to appear at the court for arraignment Aug. 26.

The Globe reported that McCarrick is now living in Missouri. The address listed for McCarrick in the court filings is the Vianney Renewal Center in Dittmer, Missouri, located in Jefferson County, a suburban county of St. Louis on the eastern side of the state.

The Vianney Renewal Center is a treatment center for Catholic clergy with sexual or other disorders.

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



There will be no Registration fee charged for the 2021 Conference, however, all donations to cover the cost of the conference will be gratefully accepted. You are welcome to mail them to us at the address below, or electronically at the conference.

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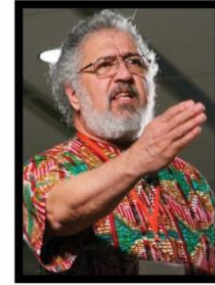
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FREE - NEW & IMPROVED

LIVE-STREAMING on Facebook and YouTube

Saturday, August 7, 2021 • 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Music Ministry • All Are Welcome!

Praise and Worship - Inspired Teaching and Preaching

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:

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**Pro-Life Advocates Hope New Flag Becomes
Unifying Symbol Of Movement**



The rainbow flag is an instantly recognized symbol of the LGBTQ movement, just as the Thin Blue Line flag is synonymous with support for law enforcement.

Now, leaders in the pro-life community hope a new flag featuring baby's feet held in a mother's hands will serve as the universal symbol for protecting the lives of the unborn.

The new flag was selected in an online vote organized by the Pro-Life Flag Project, a grassroots effort involving over 70 partners including the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, Students for Life of America, New Wave Feminists, Democrats for Life, Save the Storks, Maryland Right to Life and Focus on the Family.

[Read the Full Story](#)

**Eucharist Document Should Unite, Not Divide,
The Church, Panelists Advise**



The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in the middle of drafting a teaching document on the Eucharist, received words of advice from a panel convened July 28 to discuss the challenges facing the American church as it emerges from the coronavirus pandemic and seeks to overcome divisions that threaten church unity.

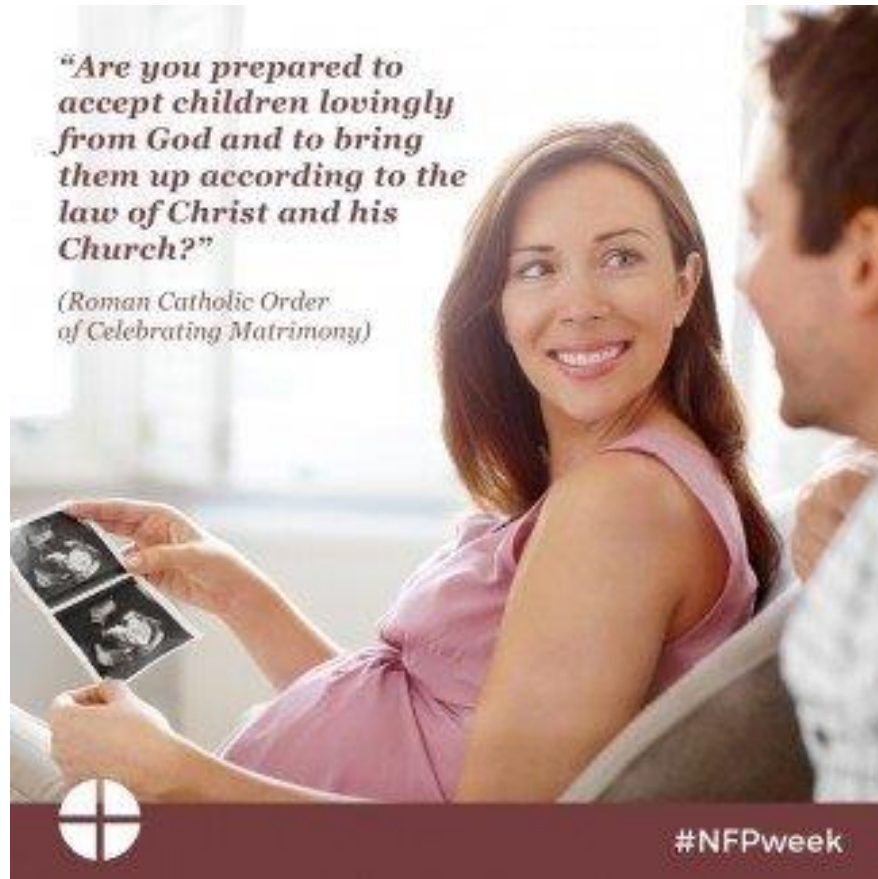
They heard about the importance of bishops being pastors rather than “chaplains to factions,” the need to communicate church teaching clearly and without fear, and hearing from as many voices as possible in the weeks remaining before they consider the document during their fall general assembly in November.

The 75-minute discussion left Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, with ideas to share with the document’s drafters working to strengthen the foundation of the Eucharist being the source and summit of Catholic life.

Bishop Rhoades is chairman of the bishops’ Committee on Doctrine, which is charged with drafting the document.

[Read the Full Story](#)

Week Raises Awareness Of NFP And How It Enriches Sacrament Of Marriage



"To have ... To hold ... To honor: Supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage" is the theme of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week July 25-31.

The educational campaign of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will celebrate God's vision for marriage and promote the methods of natural family planning through a social media presence at #NFPWeek and through NFP events scheduled in dioceses across the country.

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

[Additional Natural Family Planning Resources from the Diocese of Scranton](#)

Parish picnics, bazaars and festivals continue to take place

**Sacred Heart Church
of Dupont**

**74th Annual
Parish Picnic**

100% Homemade

Saturday, July 31st • 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Pierogies (potato or cabbage) • Piggies
Potato Pancakes • Funnel Cakes
Halushki • Kielbasi Deluxe Sandwiches
Polish Music Entertainment • Children's Games
Themed Basket Raffles • and much, much more!

*Delicious & mouth-watering food available first-come, first-serve.
Pierogies and potato pancakes are limited 2 dozen per customer.
Piggies limited to 14 (1 tray) and funnel cakes limited to 3 per customer.*

Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church
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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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