



The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

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***La Festa Italiana* returns to Scranton this Labor Day weekend...so does the annual Mass in Italian**



2019 photo/Mike Melisky

After being cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an annual Labor Day tradition in Scranton - *La Festa Italiana* - will return to Courthouse Square this weekend.

Along with the food and festivities, the annual Mass in Italian will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 5, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. All are welcome to attend.

Father David Cappelloni, V.F., *La Festa* chaplain, has announced that the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will preside and the homilist will be Oblates of Saint Joseph Father Paul A. McDonnell.

Concelebrants will be priests from the Diocese of Scranton. Deacons from the Diocese will also participate.

The Mass will be broadcast live by CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and will be rebroadcast on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 8 p.m., and Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 10 a.m.

[For More Information on the La Festa Italiana Mass on Sunday](#)

Make the brave choice to lead a simpler, eco-friendly life, Pope Francis says



People should change the way they eat, travel and use natural resources, energy and products so they minimize their harm to the earth, Pope Francis said.

“Let us pray that we all will make courageous choices, the choices necessary for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, taking

inspiration from our young people who are resolutely committed to this,” the pope said.

In a video message released by the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network Sept. 1, the pope offered his prayer intention for the month of September, which he dedicated to “an environmentally sustainable lifestyle.”

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

Knights of Columbus Councils to host Rosary Rally on Sept. 26



The combined Knights of Columbus Councils of Wyoming Valley will host their 44th annual Rosary Rally on Sunday, September 26, at Saint John the Baptist Church, 126 Nesbitt Street, Larksville. Father Gerald J. Gurka is Pastor.

The Knights of Columbus will begin a Rosary Procession with the Our Lady of Fatima Statue, followed by the participating faithful, at 2 pm on the Parish Grounds.

The Rosary is dedicated to prayer and sacrifice in reparation for sin and for the salvation of souls as Our Lady has requested at Fatima, Portugal.

[For More Information on the Rosary Rally on Sept. 26](#)

Theology on Tap returns on Sept. 9

**DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

THEOLOGY ON TAP

A Young Adult Speaker Series for 21-40 year olds

**Thursday, September 9th 7:00pm
Sabatini's Bottleshop - Exeter
\$8 Cover Charge**

Catholicism 101:

Maybe you learned the fundamentals of the faith years ago, or maybe you feel like you never learned them in the first place. Whatever the case may be, we can always benefit from a journey back through a systematic understanding of what we believe as Catholics from a new perspective.

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Jeffrey D. Tudgay, J.C.L.
Pastor - St. Eulalia's Parish, Elmhurst



Theology on Tap is back! Come on out to Sabatini's Bottleshop, 1901 Wyoming Avenue Exeter, for our first night in the series since 2019!

Fr. Jeff Tudgay, Pastor, Saint Eulalia Parish in Roaring Brook Township, will be the guest speaker for the night.

The topic is Catholicism 101 - Maybe you learned the fundamentals of the faith years ago, or maybe you feel like you never learned them in the first place. Whatever the case may be, we can always benefit from a journey back through a systematic understanding of what we believe as Catholics from a new perspective!

This event is open to young adults ages 21-40. \$8 cover charge includes pizza, snacks, and soft drinks.

Diocese of Scranton Family Fun Day planned at Knoebels on Sept. 18



Family Fun Day!
Saturday, September 18th
12pm to 8pm

As part of the "Year of the Family" observance, the Diocese of Scranton Office for Parish Life is sponsoring a Family Fun Day at Knoebels Amusement Resort on Saturday, September 18th.

Groups or individuals are welcome to enjoy all that Knoebels has to offer from 12pm to 8pm and take advantage of our discounted ticket offer!

You can choose from a Lunch and Ride Package (\$25 per person includes a bagged lunch and \$20 worth of ride tickets) or a Discounted Tickets Only option (\$20 worth of ride tickets for \$17). Regardless of the package you choose, you are welcome to take advantage of our reserved pavilion for lunch or to simply gather with your family and friends.

All ticket orders must be paid in advance.

[For More Information on How to Purchase Advance Tickets](#)

Dioceses emerge from Hurricane Ida's wrath as others prepare to help



Catholic Charities in and around the areas of Louisiana and Mississippi affected by Hurricane Ida — one of the most powerful storms to hit the continental U.S. since Hurricane Katrina in 2005 — are collecting donations as they prepare to help with the yet-unknown damage caused by the late August storm.

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

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration

at Queen of Heaven Parish

**SPEAKER, MUSIC,
RECONCILIATION,
AND SOCIAL.**

Thursday, September 16th
7:00 PM

750 N. Vine Street
Hazleton, Pa. 18201

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations

**Supreme Court rules against blocking Texas'
six-week abortion ban**



In a late-night decision Sept. 1, the Supreme Court ruled against blocking a Texas law banning abortions at six weeks of pregnancy.

The 5-4 vote, issued with a one-paragraph unsigned opinion, said the challengers to the Texas law — which went into effect Sept. 1 — did not adequately address the “complex and novel antecedent procedural questions” in this case.

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

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



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](#)

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