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Weekly E-Newsletter

September 23, 2021

**Bishop Bambera to celebrate Mass for
Hispanic Heritage Month Saturday**



Celebremos

Nuestra Herencia Hispana

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE LA
DIÓCESIS DE SCRANTON

Te invita a celebrar el Mes de la Herencia
Hispana en una Celebración Eucarística

Con El Reverendísimo Obispo
JOSEPH C. BAMBERA, D.D., J.C.L.
Obispo de la Diócesis de Scranton

Sábado | 6:30 PM
25 de Septiembre

CATEDRAL DE SAN PEDRO
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MINISTERIO HISPANO - DIÓCESIS DE SCRANTON

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The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate a Pontifical Mass in Spanish on Saturday, Sept. 25 in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

The Mass will begin at 6:30 p.m. and take place at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. All are invited to attend.

The Mass will joyfully celebrate the cultural richness and special gifts that Hispanics bring to the life of the Church in the Diocese of Scranton.

Each year, the United States observes Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 – Oct. 15. Hispanic Heritage Month is a national celebration to honor the history, culture and influence of past generations who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

[For More Information on Saturday's Hispanic Heritage Mass](#)

First-ever official Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg Sept. 27



March for Life, partnered with the Pennsylvania Family Institute, will host the first ever official Pennsylvania March for Life on Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, in Harrisburg.

The event will take place on the Pennsylvania House of Representative's first day back in session when marchers will rally at the front steps of the state capitol to call on legislators to protect unborn children.

It will feature a compelling lineup of renown national and local pro-life leaders.

"We are proud to host this first-ever Pennsylvania March for Life and to be joined by so many remarkable pro-life leaders who in their own ways work daily to build a culture of life. We hope this event will energize the people of Pennsylvania to help shape local policies that respect the rights of the unborn," said Jeanne Mancini, President of March for Life Defense and Education Fund.

[Click Here for More Information on the PA March for Life, including a list of speakers](#)

**Scranton Saint Patrick's Parade Day begins
with prayer**



It took 923 days in all – but the Saint Patrick’s Parade Day Mass finally returned to the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Sept. 18, 2021.

“We give thanks for the great blessing of faith that has sustained us since we last gathered,” the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, said in welcoming the crowd to the special 10 a.m. Mass which preceded the 59th annual Saint Patrick’s Parade in Scranton.

The Electric City’s last Saint Patrick’s Parade was held on March 9, 2019. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the parade in March 2020 and led to it being pushed back six months this year.

[Read the Full Story from The Catholic Light](#)

**Cathedral to celebrate 137 years of faithful
service on Tuesday**



On Tuesday, Sept. 28, the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton will celebrate 137 years of faithful service to the people of the Diocese of Scranton.

Consecrated the Cathedral of Saint Peter by Scranton's first bishop, the Right Reverend William O'Hara on Sept. 28, 1884, the Cathedral had been Saint Vincent de Paul Church for seventeen years. The change of name calls to mind Christ's words to Saint Peter: "Upon this rock, I will build my church. (Mt 16:18)"

This occasion is celebrated as a Solemnity within the Cathedral and as a Feast in all parishes in the Diocese of Scranton. Join us for the celebration of Mass on Tuesday, September 28 at 12:10 p.m. in-person or via CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton. Psalms and readings proper to the anniversary will be used.

[Click here to experience the history of your Cathedral through words and images](#)

Catholic leaders urge humane treatment for Haitian migrants as numbers grow



The chairman of the U.S. bishops' migration committee and the head of Catholic Charities USA issued a joint statement Sept. 22 urging humane treatment of Haitians and other migrants as their numbers grow in southern Texas at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Thousands of Haitians have made their way across the Rio Grande from Mexico and illegally entered the United States at the Del Rio Sector of the border, roughly 145 miles west of San Antonio.

The Haitians and other migrants have been living under the Del Rio International Bridge awaiting processing, while coping with temperatures exceeding 100 degrees and limited access to food, water and shelter.

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Catholic Men's Conference planned for Oct. 30

CALLED TO FATHERHOOD

6th Annual Diocese of Scranton

Be a Man Catholic Men's Conference

St. Joseph

was called by God to be an earthly father to His Divine Son, Jesus Christ and husband to the Blessed Mother Mary. He is our example of earthly fatherhood as **leader, protector** and **provider** for the Holy Family. As Joseph met the challenges of fatherhood in his day, we must meet them in ours.



We challenge **all men**, regardless of their state, whether they are **single, married or clergy** to explore how they can be good fathers in this increasingly fatherless society, to be the fathers that God has called us all to be.



Bishop
Joseph
Bambera

Adoration, Reconciliation, Mass, Exhibitors

October 30 2021

Saturday, 8 am - 3:00 pm
Holy Redeemer High School
159 South Pennsylvania Ave.
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

\$40 (Early Bird \$30 until 10-9-21), Student \$15,
Priest/Deacon FREE Morning coffee & box lunch included



Karl Keating

Karl Keating, founder of Catholic Answers, has worked as a Catholic apologist for forty years and is the author of sixteen books, including the best-selling Catholicism and Fundamentalism and Debating Catholicism. His most recent book is Sun, Storm, and Solitude: Discovering Hidden Italy on the Cammino di San Benedetto.



Fr. Glenn
Sudano

Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR, is a dynamic speaker and well known, gifted Spiritual Director. He is one of the eight founding members of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, founded in the spring of 1987. The apostolic mission of the Community is to save the materially poor, especially the destitute and homeless.



Jim O'Day

Jim O'Day is the director of Integrity Restored. He has been actively involved in men's ministry as one of the founders of the Catholic Men's Conferences in Connecticut and Georgia as well as a speaker at national and regional Catholic Men's events. Jim is an active and engaged Catholic, husband, father and grandfather. He teaches self-defense in his spare time and coaches lacrosse.

**Register
Online:**

www.BeACatholicMan.com

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The "Be a Man" Conference of Catholic Men is planning its sixth annual conference in the Diocese of Scranton for Oct. 30, 2021 at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre.

[For More Information](#)

Vatican to require vaccination proof or negative COVID-19 test



Visitors, tourists and employees who want to enter Vatican territory will be required beginning Oct. 1 to show proof of vaccination, recovery from the coronavirus or a negative COVID-19 test.

The anti-COVID ordinance, which was approved by Pope Francis and signed by Cardinal Giuseppe Bertello, president of the commission in charge of Vatican City State, was released by the Vatican press office Sept. 20.

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

Parish festivals to continue well into fall



Even though it is September, a number of parishes across the Diocese of Scranton are still holding events to bring their communities together.

The Diocese of Scranton's Communications Office has a list of all remaining bazaars and fall festivals that have been submitted.

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

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