



# *The Catholic Light*

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

**Weekly E-Newsletter**

**March 10, 2022**

**Bishop Bambera to lead Holy Hour for Peace  
from Cathedral of Saint Peter on Tuesday**

*Pray for Ukraine*



**HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE**

**Tuesday, March 15 at 5:00 p.m. • Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton**

**Led by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera**

**Watch live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton**

On Thursday, March 10, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera sent a letter to the clergy of the Diocese of Scranton addressing the ongoing situation in Ukraine which continues to get more dire with each passing hour.

The bishop referenced Archbishop Borys Gudziak, leader the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, who shepherds ten Ukrainian Catholic parishes in the territory of the Diocese of Scranton, who recently shared that there are three things U.S. Catholics can do to help Ukraine: "Pray, stay informed and talk about Ukraine, and provide help."

The Bishop invited each parish in the Diocese of Scranton to join together for a special Holy Hour of Prayer for the People of Ukraine on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 5 p.m. during which time the faithful will lift their voices and hearts to God and pray for peace and the well-being of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. The bishop invited every parish in the Diocese to hold a Holy Hour at the same time on Tuesday - or at a time next week that would be most fitting to their community.

The bishop will lead the Holy Hour at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. The public is invited and welcome to attend. The Holy Hour is open to all people of good will, regardless of their faith tradition.

The Cathedral Holy Hour will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and a livestream made possible on social media and the Diocese of Scranton website.

[Read Bishop Bambera's Full Letter to Clergy & Find Additional Resources to Help the People of Ukraine](#)

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## **CRS Leader Concerned By Growing Needs Of Refugees Fleeing Ukraine**



In response to more than 2 million refugees, primarily women and children, fleeing the conflict in Ukraine in recent weeks, the president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services said it is “alarming to see the scale of the suffering” in the region.

In a March 8 statement, Sean Callahan said CRS partners and staff inside Ukraine and in Moldova and Poland have “heard of children dragging bulky luggage, their faces wet from tears” and also have heard of “crowds huddling inside bus terminals for shelter, knee-deep in their belongings.”

“The weight of the trauma lives on the faces of young and old alike,” he added.

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## **Cardinals Arrive In Ukraine, Hungary On Mission Of Hope**



Two cardinals arrived at separate destinations on one mission entrusted to them by Pope Francis: to bring relief, hope and encouragement to suffering Ukrainians.

Polish Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, papal almoner, arrived in the western Ukrainian city of Lviv March 8 and met with Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Halych, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, and Archbishop Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki, head of the Latin-rite Archdiocese of Lviv.

Father Andriy Soletskyy, a spokesman for Archbishop Shevchuk, told Catholic News Service March 9 that Archbishop Shevchuk traveled from Kyiv to Lviv the day before specifically to meet with Cardinal Krajewski and help him fulfill the mission Pope Francis had entrusted to him. That may include helping the cardinal get to Kyiv “if possible,” Father Soletskyy said.

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## **Church In Western Ukraine Opens Its Doors To Displaced People**



The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Ivano-Frankivsk opened its doors to people fleeing Russian bombing in other parts of Ukraine and what it found were not only guests but volunteers.

The archeparchy, based about 300 miles west of Kyiv, is hosting more than 1,200 displaced people from other parts of Ukraine, said an article posted on its website March 9.

In addition to about 450 people staying in rectories throughout the archeparchy, it said, guests are staying with seminarians at the Ivano-Frankivsk Theological Seminary of St. Josaphat, a church-run summer camp in Podlyute and at St. Basil the Great High School in Ivano-Frankivsk.

Most of the guests, the archeparchy said, “try actively to help and become volunteers themselves.”

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**At Joyous Ordination Mass, Bishop Walsh  
Becomes Sixth Bishop in Diocese Of Gaylord**



Seventy-three days after Pope Francis appointed Father Jeffrey J. Walsh as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, the Scranton native was ordained and installed at a Mass at Saint Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Hundreds of family, friends, clergy, religious and lay faithful attended the joyous Cathedral Mass.

“What was once a gift in Scranton is now a gift in Gaylord,” said the Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, who served as principal ordaining bishop and celebrant. “He is a remarkably accomplished parish priest and he brings all of that to you.”

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**Young adults in the Diocese of Scranton  
invited to retreat this month**

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

# SIGNPOSTS:

*HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND TRUST  
THE WORK OF GOD'S HAND IN ONE'S LIFE*

**MARCH 25-26**

**HOLY FAMILY CENTER**

*151 OLD NEWPORT ST.  
NANTICOKE, PA 18634*

**REGISTRATION FEE:  
\$20.00**



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Father Patrick Rogers, S.J., Executive Director of the Jesuit Center at The University of Scranton will serve as Retreat Leader for a young adult retreat later this month.

"Signposts: How to Recognize and Trust the Work of God's Hand in One's Life" will be held from Friday, March 25 - Saturday, March 26 at the Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center in Nanticoke.

The retreat will consist of interactive sessions, small group discussion, private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, reconciliation, Mass, and time to connect with other young adults from throughout the Diocese.

The cost is \$20 to attend.

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**Culinary competition is heating up, pastor  
leaderboard continues to change**





In its first week, Rectory, Set, Cook!, a friendly culinary competition that features 30 "pastor chefs" from across the Diocese of Scranton reached more than 1,000 donors!

Participating parish priests are starring in individual videos showcasing a favorite recipe or recipes and counting on their flocks and friends far and near to show their support by making monetary donations as small as \$10. Each \$10 donation will represent one vote for a pastor chef or team.

The leadership is "heating up" so to speak, with a new pastor taking the lead on Thursday, March 10.

[To View All of the "Pastor Chef" Videos and Vote for Your Favorite](#)

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