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Bishop Bambera to join Pope Francis in Consecrating Ukraine and Russia on March 25

MASS WITH THE CONSECRATION TO THE
Immaculate Heart of Mary

Celebrant: Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.



**Friday, March 25 at 12:10 p.m.
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton**

LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE ON DIOCESE OF SCRANTON WEBSITE & YOUTUBE CHANNEL
BROADCAST ON CTV TO AIR FOLLOWING PAPAL MASS & CONSECRATION



The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will join Pope Francis and other Bishops throughout the world in consecrating Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The consecration will be a plea to God and to the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede on behalf of the people of Ukraine to end the current war.

Bishop Bambera will celebrate the 12:10 p.m. Mass on Friday, March 25, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton and will offer the Prayer of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The faithful are invited and encouraged to attend in-person. The Mass and Prayer of Consecration will be livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website and social media platforms and will air on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton.

“I strongly encourage all Catholics in the Diocese of Scranton – and all people of Good Will – to make a special effort to attend the Cathedral Mass, or a Daily Mass next Friday for this special intention or simply take time to pray for peace in Ukraine in concert with the Holy Father,” Bishop Bambera said. “As we continue to see the violence and loss of life taking place in Ukraine – one of the most important things we can continue to do is turn to the Lord in prayer. This will truly be a wonderful moment for the Universal Church to be united with Pope Francis’ consecration.”

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

**Read the Full Text of the Act of Consecration
to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**



While Pope Francis and bishops around the world will consecrate themselves and all humanity to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, they will include the phrase, “especially Russia and Ukraine.”

In the text of the pope’s prayer sent to chanceries around the globe so that bishops can join the pope March 25, a key passage for many observers reads: “Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine.”

With Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and responding to a request particularly from Ukrainian bishops, Pope Francis had announced that he would make the act of consecration during a previously scheduled Lenten penance service in St. Peter’s Basilica.

[Read the Full Text of the Consecration Prayer to Be Used on Friday](#)

Pope says War in Ukraine is 'unbearable' and 'shameful'



Russia's war on Ukraine and international reaction to it show how nations still attempt "to govern the world as a chessboard, where the powerful study moves to extend dominance to the detriment of others," Pope Francis said.

While not specifically mentioning NATO, whose members have announced they are increasing their military spending in response to the war, the pope said, "I was ashamed when I read that, I don't know, a group of states have made a commitment to spending 2% of their GDP to buy weapons."

"It's madness," Pope Francis said March 24 during a meeting with representatives of the Italian Women's Center, an association founded after World War II to defend the dignity of women and promote their involvement in political and social life.

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

Saint John Neumann caps off fantastic season playing in the PIAA Class A Boys Basketball Championship Game



The Diocese of Scranton and *The Catholic Light* congratulate the Saint John Neumann Golden Knights Basketball team, which competed in the PIAA Class A Boys Basketball Championship Game Thursday afternoon.

The Golden Knights played the Bishop Canevin Crusaders out of the Pittsburgh area at the Giant Center in Hershey.

After four quarters of basketball, Saint John Neumann came up short, 64-47, against the Crusaders, but they still had a fantastic season overall with a final record of 26-4. Davion Hill lead the Golden Knights offensive effort Thursday afternoon with 30 points and nine rebounds.

Saint John Neumann hosted a pep rally for the team on Thursday morning before many students, staff, administrators and families made the trip to Dauphin County.

Congratulations for a wonderful season and making our entire Diocese “St. John Neumann Proud!”

Holy Redeemer students help stop school bus after driver suffers medical emergency



Several Holy Redeemer High School students are being credited for helping to stop their school bus Monday afternoon after its driver suffered a medical emergency.

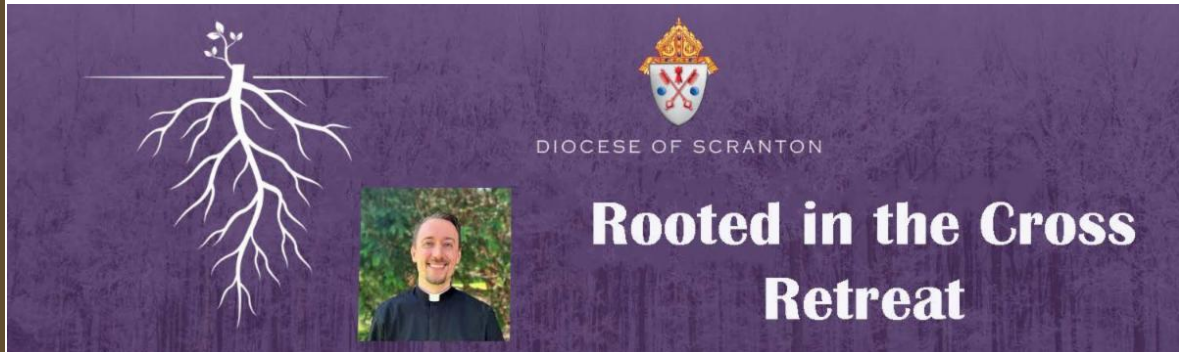
Wilkes-Barre Township police were called to the 600-block of Blackman Street shortly before 3 p.m. after getting a 911 call from Lainey Conway, a Holy Redeemer student, who on the bus at the time.

The bus, Crestwood Bus #7 with 13 students on board, had just picked-up students at Holy Redeemer and was heading to Mountain Top when the emergency occurred.

When students realized the driver was in distress, students Ryan Martinelli and Kaden Ayre rushed to help – at first trying to apply the brake – and later successfully setting the parking brake of the bus.

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Registration underway for "Rooted in the Cross" retreat on April 1 & 2



All Directors of Religious Education, Lay Ministry Candidates, Youth Ministers and other catechetical leaders are invited to register for the upcoming "Rooted in the Cross" Retreat.

As you work to provide meaningful experiences for the faithful of your parish, it is the desire of the Diocesan Office for Parish Life to accompany you on your journey. We want to provide you with retreats, resources, workshops, and support to help encourage you as you work to make Disciples of Christ.

This "Rooted in the Cross" Overnight Retreat will begin Friday night, April 1, from 6 - 8 p.m. via Zoom, for opening prayer and reflection by Fr. Marc Paveglio, Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and continue with an in-person gathering on Saturday, April 2, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

Cost of the retreat is \$30.00 (includes program materials and lunch), payable to 'Diocese of Scranton'. For questions, please call 570- 207- 2213. Participants are encouraged to register NO LATER than Wednesday March 30, 2022.

[For More Information & Register for the "Rooted in the Cross" Retreat](#)

Cathedral of Saint Peter hosts Saint Patrick's Parade Day Mass on March 18



The annual Saint Patrick's Parade Day Mass was celebrated on Saturday, March 19, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. The liturgy is traditionally held in conjunction with the city of Scranton's annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn, pastor of Saint John Neumann Parish and Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Scranton, served as principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass. The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, welcomed the crowd in attendance.

This year marked the 60th Anniversary of the Saint Patrick's Parade in Scranton.

The Mass was offered in memory of John Barrett, Jack Lee, and Judge James M. Munley.

[View a Photo Album from the Saint Patrick Parade Day Mass](#)

Pope promulgates Curia reform, emphasizing church's missionary nature



Nine years after taking office, Pope Francis promulgated his constitution reforming the Roman Curia, a project he began with his international College of Cardinals shortly after taking office in 2013.

“Praedicate Evangelium” (“Preach the Gospel”), which was published only in Italian by the Vatican March 19, will go into effect June 5, the feast of Pentecost.

Merging some congregations and pontifical councils and raising the status of others — particularly the charitable office of the papal almoner — Pope Francis said he hoped the constitution would ensure that the offices of the Vatican fulfill their mission in helping promote the church as a community of missionary disciples, sharing the Gospel and caring for all those in need.

Part of that effort, he wrote, requires including more laypeople in Curia leadership positions.

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The 12th
Diocese of Scranton
VOCATIONS
John Yourishen Memorial Tournament
GOLF CLASSIC

SAVE THE DATE!

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022

**BLUE RIDGE TRAIL GOLF CLUB, MOUNTAIN TOP, PA
CAPTAIN & CREW**

Last year's event was a sellout, so don't miss your opportunity to reserve a spot or a foursome now! Early sponsorship commitments and/or raffle prize donations also welcome.

Email vocationsgolf@dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-2250.

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