



# *The Catholic Light*

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

## Weekly E-Newsletter

April 7, 2022

### **Bishop Bambera to celebrate Holy Week liturgies at Cathedral of Saint Peter**

#### *Holy Week/Easter Services Schedule*

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton, will broadcast the following Holy Week and Easter services from the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton.

- ✦ Palm Sunday Mass, April 10 at 12:15 p.m.
- ✦ Chrism Mass, Tuesday, April 12 at 4 p.m.
- ✦ Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m.
- ✦ Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, April 15 at 12:10 p.m.
- ✦ Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, April 16 at 8:00 p.m.
- ✦ Easter Sunday Mass, April 17 at 10:00 a.m.; encore at 5:30 p.m.



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The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will offer Holy Week liturgies at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton beginning with Palm Sunday on April 10, and culminating with the celebration of Easter on April 17.

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are welcome to attend all of the Masses and services of Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum in person. All of the Masses will also be broadcast by CTV: Catholic Television of the

Diocese of Scranton and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and social media platforms.

“During this Holy Week, I pray that we will all come to appreciate more deeply than ever the fact that we are indeed blessed in more ways than we might believe or imagine. May we trust in God’s promise to sustain us and dispel our deepest fears,” Bishop Bambera said. “May we open our hearts to the risen Jesus and allow him to fill them with his love and peace.”

Palm Sunday through Easter is the holiest week of the Catholic calendar. Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday (known as the Paschal Triduum) commemorate Jesus’ sacrificial suffering, death and Resurrection.

Christians believe that Jesus died in their place to atone for their sins, rose from death to show He had broken death’s power, and called His followers to share His love with others.

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## **Pope asks families to write 2022 Way of the Cross meditations**



Pope Francis has asked several families to write the prayers and meditations for his Stations of the Cross service at Rome's Colosseum on Good Friday.

The request comes during the year Pope Francis asked Catholics to dedicate to families and to a rereading of "Amoris Laetitia," his exhortation on the family, which was published in 2016.

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## **Bishop celebrates Healing Mass for Survivors of Abuse**



The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, celebrated a Healing Mass for Survivors of Abuse on Thursday, April 7, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. The liturgy took place at 12:10 p.m.

During the universal prayer, the faithful prayed for those who have suffered abuse, especially survivors of abuse by clergy from the Diocese of Scranton, that they may have courage to tell their story and to reach out for healing.

"As Bishop of this local Church, I continue to apologize for the pain that has been inflicted upon far too many of you by leaders of our Church. I once again ask for forgiveness from the countless numbers of you who have suffered so much. And as I have shared many times before, I pledge to do all within my power to keep our Churches and schools safe for our children and for all of our people to worship, to pray, to learn and to grow in their faith," the bishop said during his homily.

[Read Bishop Bambera's Full Homily from the Healing Mass for Survivors of Abuse](#)



## Final Call for Rectory, Set, Cook! Voting



There are only four more voting days left to participate in the Diocese of Scranton's inaugural Rectory, Set, Cook! fundraiser.

The initiative, which was launched on Fat Tuesday, will conclude at midnight on Sunday, April 10, with the winning pastors being announced on April 11.

To date, nearly 2,500 donors have participated in Rectory, Set, Cook!, already pledging more than \$161,000! Everyone is encouraged to watch the "pastor chef" videos that have been created and vote for your favorite recipe or pastor.

A vote costs a minimum of \$10. Half of the money will stay with the parish of the participating pastor, while the other half of the money will benefit anti-hunger initiatives of Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of

Scranton which operates several food pantries and kitchens in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Who will take home bragging rights on Monday? Only your votes can determine that!

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

## **Holy Redeemer students honored for heroic efforts after bus driver suffers medical emergency**



Four students from Holy Redeemer High School were honored for their heroic actions on Thursday by Wilkes-Barre Mayor George Brown and several state lawmakers.

The four students jumped into action on March 21, after their bus driver suffered a medical emergency while behind the wheel.

The students, Max Filchak, Ryan Martinelli, Kaden Ayre and Lainey Conway, all recognized the situation that was happening on their bus and took action. At an afternoon school event, each student was presented a key to the city of Wilkes-Barre by Mayor George Brown as well as state proclamations from Senators John Yudichak and Lisa Baker.

"We gather to celebrate you and publicly acknowledge you," Holy Redeemer principal Doreen Dougherty said during the ceremony.

Look for more information in the April 14 edition of *The Catholic Light*.

## **Local parish collecting rosaries for people in Ukraine**



Inspired by the story of Goya Foods and Shannon Hasse of Texas sending 15,000 rosaries and thousands of pounds of food to Ukraine, a parishioner of Saint Michael Parish in Canton decided to take action.



Lynette Ambruch wrote to Goya Foods offering her help in sending more rosaries. She heard back from Goya Foods and they agreed to ship and distribute rosaries collected by our parish!

Rosaries can be dropped off before or after Mass in any of our three beautiful churches or at the parish office through Sunday, April 24th. Broken rosaries are also welcomed and will be repaired prior to shipment.

Saint Michael's Church, 107 N. Washington Street, Canton, PA 17724, is open on Sundays from 9:00 am until 10:45 am, Saturdays from 3:15 until 4:45 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 am until 3:30 pm, and Thursdays from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Saint John Nepomucene Church, 133 Exchange Street, Troy, PA 16947, is open on Sundays from 11:00 am until 12:15 pm and Tuesdays from 5:15 pm until 6:00 pm.

Saint Aloysius Church, corner of Green Street & Division Alley, Ralston, PA 17763, is open on Sundays from 7:45 am until 8:45 am.

The parish office is located at 106 N. Washington Street, Canton, PA 17724. Hours are Monday & Wednesday from 8 am until 3:30 pm and Thursday from 8 am until 1:00 pm. There is a bowl on the front porch where donations can be placed when the office is closed.

[For More Information on the Rosary Roundup](#)

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**Catholic Social Services to hold Easter food  
distribution April 14 in Carbondale**





# EASTER FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**THURSDAY**  
**April 14, 2022**  
**1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Catholic Social Services**  
**34 River Street, Carbondale**

**\*\*Drive-Thru and Walk-Up\*\***



Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton is continuing its outreach to families, seniors and those in need in our community this Easter Season.

A free food distribution event will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2022, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Catholic Social Services Carbondale Office, 34 River Street, Carbondale.

No pre-registration is necessary.

Anyone in need is welcome to either drive-up or walk-up for assistance.

[For More Information](#)

**Pope: Blood of Bucha massacre victims 'cries out to heaven'**



Pope Francis once again pleaded for an end to the bloodshed and violence in Ukraine after images of innocent civilians apparently executed in Bucha sparked outrage and horror around the world.

“The recent news of the war in Ukraine, instead of bringing relief and hope, attest to new atrocities, such as the massacre of Bucha,” the pope said April 6 before concluding his weekly general audience.

The world is witnessing “ever-more horrendous acts of cruelty done against civilians, unarmed women and children, whose innocent blood cries out to heaven and implores, ‘End this war. Silence the weapons. Stop sowing death and destruction,’” he said.

Videos and photographs released April 3, after Russian troops retreated from Bucha and other towns, showed dead bodies in the streets and in the yards of homes. Many appeared to have been shot in the head, execution style, and the hands of many of the corpses were bound.

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**U.S. nun, 83, kidnapped in Burkina Faso**



The attack in which Marianite Sister Suellen Tennyson, 83, was abducted from her convent in Yalgo, Burkina Faso, the morning of April 5 was conducted by at least 10 armed men, the Marianites of Holy Cross said in an electronic newsletter.

The congregation said Sister Tennyson, the former international congregational leader for order and a native of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, was sleeping when the men burst into the convent, ransacked the living quarters and kidnapped her, leaving behind two other Marianite sisters and two young women who also live in the convent.

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**Archbishop from Assisi brings first-class relic  
of Blessed Acutis to U.S.**





Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi, Italy, brought a first-class relic of Blessed Carlos Acutis to a Catholic high school on Long Island April 4 as he began a five-day tour with the relic.

Blessed Acutis, an Italian teen who died of leukemia in 2006 and was beatified in 2020, is entombed in the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore in Assisi. The 15-year-old's use of technology to spread devotion to the Eucharist prompted Pope Francis to hail him as a role model for young people today.

"It is a joy for me to carry this relic from Assisi, where Blessed Carlo said he felt 'happiest of all,'" Archbishop Sorrentino said in a statement ahead of his visit to the New York metropolitan area. His first stop was the Rockville Centre Diocese.

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