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DIocese OF SCRANTON OFFICE FOR PARISH LIFE

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If we want to be effective in leading people to a life-giving relationship with Christ, we need to be formed and trained in how to do it.

re lit

July 29-30

re lit: The Heart of Evangelization is an exciting and integrated set of talks which will form you theologically, spiritually, and practically to be an active evangelist in the Church.

re lit will not only renew your personal call as a Catholic, but will also equip you to support your parish in leading others to renewal in the Holy Spirit.

Unleash your parish's potential

re lit helps you take a step back to look at your parish life and ministries with a new perspective. You will learn how to take the good work you are already doing and discover how to be more effective. Even seemingly everyday events, like offering coffee and donuts, can be transformed into opportunities to evangelize!

Meet people where they are

re lit teaches practical approaches to effectively lead individuals closer to Christ.

Date: July 29-30, 9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.
Location: Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton



Mass for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
Sunday, July 24
at 10:00AM
Cathedral of Saint Peter

Annual Mass of Remembrance
Thursday, July 28
at 7:00PM
Cathedral of Saint Peter

Presenter Michael Dopp is the founder of Mission of the Redeemer Ministries and the New Evangelization Summit.

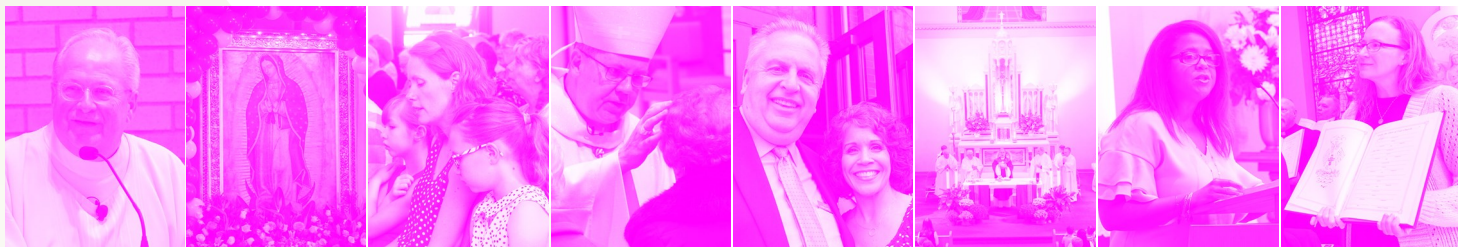
Individual: \$95 | Group: \$250 (unlimited participants)

** Registration fee includes lunch & materials*

Register at bit.ly/re lit2022

For more information, contact:

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WORD

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who are people of the WORD, preaching, teaching, evangelizing and cherishing the Gospel message throughout our entire lives."

Family Faith Formation Workshop

"Mary as Disciple and Companion for Prayer"
SAVE THE NEW DATES!

Announcing our third Family Faith Formation Program for Diocese of Scranton Parishes:

**Leading Families Home Through Faith Formation:
Mary As Disciple and Companion for Prayer**

The third workshop designed for Catechetical Leaders presented by Tom East will be offered on **Sunday, August 28 from 1:00PM to 6:00PM and on Monday, August 29 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM** (a repeat opportunity for anyone who cannot make the weekend session) at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. Tom will provide instruction for lifelong faith formation processes, an experience of a faith festival, and all the tools for implementing the faith festival in your parish. Cost for the day is \$30.00 and lunch and all necessary materials will be provided. Register online on the diocesan website at [this link](#).



Even if you have not been present for other workshops in the series, we look forward to you and your faith formation leaders joining us for this great day! For more information, contact Mary Hallman at mhallman@dioceseofscranton.org or 570-207-2213, x.1148.

FOCCUS™ Marriage Ministry

FOCCUS™ Marriage Ministries is moving into a modular training program effective July 20, 2022!

The new FOCCUS™ training experience is at the cutting edge of marriage formation and enrichment. In the new facilitator training, members will complete online, on-demand modules on topics such as Facilitation Tips and Techniques, Facilitating Difficult Conversations, and Introduction to the REFOCCUS® Inventory. Modules include videos with couples, facilitators, and experts in the field to illustrate important points. An accompanying Participant Guide includes exercises and information to complement the training. Once all modules are complete, members will register for a live, Zoom Capstone Experience where everyone is given time to practice their skills as a facilitator and receive feedback from their peers and trainer. We believe this is a truly unique training program providing many ex-



citing and much-needed new features.

FOCCUS™ is a terrific way for parishes to serve couples, both for PreCana and for Marriage Enrichment. Additionally, these resources are available in both English and Spanish. Contact Jen Housel to learn more, 570-207-2213 x 1104, jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org.

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

Looking to learn more about your faith, or gain enrichment for your parish ministry? Members of the faithful across the Diocese of Scranton are invited to consider taking a course through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation! Registration for Cycle 5 of the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation from July 18 through August 21 is now open until July 13. Consider enriching your faith and ministry through study with courses found at [this link](#) through available in English and Spanish.



Mental Health First Aid Certification

The Scranton Mental Health Ministry at the Cathedral of Saint Peter is hosting a Mental Health First Aid training at the Diocesan Center in Scranton. The training will take place on Saturday, August 27th from 8:30am-3pm. Lunch will be provided.

This training requires you to complete a self-paced online module before the in-person training that will take approx. 2.5 hours to complete. After completion of the online and in-person modules, you will receive a mental health first aid certification. (This training has a limit of 30 participants due to certification restrictions.)

For more information about the curriculum, please visit: <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/take-a-course/what-you-learn/>. To register for the training please email Deacon Ed Shoener by August 10th: deaconed@stpeterscathedral.org.

SCRANTON MENTAL
HEALTH MINISTRY
at the CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who WORSHIP our God and celebrate the Sacraments in union with the universal Church."

WORSHIP

Online Liturgy Network Meetings

The Office for Parish Life and the Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) is offering monthly online liturgy network meetings. The sessions will give participants the opportunity to share best practices, express concerns, ask questions, and receive updates on diocesan, national and universal liturgical norms. The next online liturgy network meeting will take place on **Monday, July 11 at 6:30PM**. Parishes will be sent a link to the monthly meeting. For more information, please contact David Baloga at david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org or at 570-207-2213.

Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training Sessions

Mark for calendars now for the following all-day training sessions for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion taking place this summer:

- **Saturday, July 16 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM** at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503. To register your parishioners for this session, please fill out the [EMHC Training Registration Form](#) or call the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.
- **Saturday, August 6 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM** at Saint John Parish, 5171 Milford Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302. To register your parishioners for this session, please contact Analia at stjohnre28@gmail.com or at 570-223-9144.

RCIA 101: A Crash Course on Christian Initiation

The Office for Parish Life will offer its annual online "crash" course day on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults on **Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM**.

The goal of this offering for priests, deacons, parish life coordinators, RCIA coordinators, RCIA team members is to provide an overall sense of what the Church asks of parishes in responding to seekers and preparing them for Initiation. The session will also address what is new/not new in the new Order of Christian Initiation of Adults which is expected to be implemented next year. This course day would be ideal for anyone new to the RCIA as well as seasoned veterans who are looking to deepen their understanding of the process.

To register for the Zoom session, please complete the [online form](#). For more information, please contact David Baloga, Director for Worship, at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158 or at david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org.



Annual Mass of Remembrance

The annual Mass of Remembrance celebrated by Bishop Bambera will take place on **Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 7:00PM** at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton. This Mass is offered for family and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, accident and from COVID-19. To register the name of your loved one for this liturgy, please contact the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 or [click here](#).

Desiderio Desideravi and Liturgical Formation in your Parish

On June 29, 2022, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the Holy Father has released a new Apostolic Letter, *Desiderio Desideravi*, on the liturgical formation of the People of God. Its title is drawn from Luke 22:15 – "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."



It is an exquisite summary of liturgical theology and a call for "serious and vital liturgical formation."

Pope Francis addresses the nature of sacramental encounter, of symbols and symbolic language, of ars celebrandi, and the need to engage all the baptized in the fruitful celebration of the Paschal Mystery. To read the Apostolic Letter, [click here](#).

Are your cantors or choir members in need of formation for their ministry? Could your lectors or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion use a "refresher" course or a day of reflection? Looking to offer a general evening of reflection on the sacred liturgy sometime this fall? Please contact David Baloga at 570-207-2213 or at David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org to discuss an opportunity for liturgical formation in your parish.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

On Sunday, July 24, 2022, the Second *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* will be celebrated throughout the universal Church. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps. 92:15) and intends to emphasize how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities. **Bishop Bambera will commemorate this Day at the 10:00AM Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter on July 24.** For resources to observe the day in your parish, visit the USCCB website at this link: <https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/grandparents-elderly>.

COMMUNITY

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who build COMMUNITY through hospitality, respect, inclusion and holiness."

Retrovaille Weekend Coming to Our Diocese This Summer—August 19-21

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. Is it designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the August Weekend, please call 631-338-5413 or email philmilazzo2@gmail.com. You can also visit www.helpourmarriage.com.

National Family Planning Awareness Week

July 24-30, 2022

Called to the Joy of Love:

Supporting God's Gifts of Love and Life in Marriage

Celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign, and the dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. For further information, contact nfp@uscgb.org or go to <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week>.



Meet One of the Faces of NFP in Our Diocese

My name is Bridget Barnic and I am in the 13-month process of becoming a Creighton Model Fertility Care Practitioner. That is a certification earned to teach women and couples how to chart their fertility cycles in accordance with the Creighton Model of NFP. The acronym "NFP" I feel gives this method an old-fashioned, only partial representation of what utilizing this form of charting can do. Yes, the charting can certainly guide couples in Natural Family Planning, however it can also be used to empower women and couples to gain knowledge and confidence in how our beautiful, miraculous reproductive system works. This practice can also potentially be the starting point to uncover the reasons behind irregular menstrual cycles or infertility.

When working with a Practitioner, if an abnormality in a cycle is identified, the client can be referred to a NaPro physician who specializes in restoring menstrual cycles to a healthy state (in accordance with Catholic Church teaching through hormone supplementation or even surgery if needed). The Creighton model and NaPro Technology have been researched for decades by the Pope Paul VI Institute and have a proven record of accomplishment in helping women achieve optimum fertility health and in helping couples navigate the path from infertility to conceiving a child.

I felt called to become a Practitioner because, as a physician assistant, I love to educate people on the workings of the human body. Our bodies point to how awesome a Creator our Lord is. It's incredible to me that the same Lord who created the mountains and planets, created humans, made us unique in giving us souls, gave us dominion over the rest of His creation, and invites us to be co-creators with Him! Incredible.

I am so excited to relish in this Truth with others. On another note, I feel that education surrounding fertility care, education on Church teaching on this topic, and the encouragement of dialogue between couples can help to strengthen the family bonds and personal, spiritual and emotional confidence and benefit life in all areas, even beyond fertility care. I feel honored to be able to work with others on this journey and help support families, relationships, and new life, which are life's most precious gifts.

There is so much to be learned from a medical, Church, and societal standpoint regarding this topic, so if you have any questions or interest in learning more, please contact me at bridgetbarnic@gmail.com. We can journey together!

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who engage in SERVICE to our neighbors near and far and who work for justice and stewardship to hasten the Reign of God."

SERVICE

Concierto de Adoración y Albanza

Hazlo Por mí



Desde La República Dominicana
El Cantante y Predicador Católico


Mikey Mendoza

Julio 8

7:00 pm

Iglesia San Gabriel

122 south Wyoming st. Hazleton. Pennsylvania



FOR 10TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

July
22 - 24

Holy Family
Retreat Center
Nanticoke, Pa

Emerge High School Retreat

Emerge is a peer-facilitated retreat for 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. The weekend focuses on problem analysis and problem solving skills, active listening, and civil dialogue methods. *Emerge was designed by students for students.* Participants will participate in small group activities and discussions, large group tasks, free time, private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and closing mass. Retreat check-in begins at 6:00PM on Friday, July 22nd. Closing activities and pick-up is 11:00AM on Sunday, July 24th.

\$125 registration fee includes lodging, 5 meals, and retreat materials. Holy Family Retreat Center offers semi-private accommodations. A \$50 deposit is due at the time of registration.

Please contact Shannon Kowalski at (570)207-2213 x1155 or skowalski@dioceseofscranton.org if you have any questions. [Click Here to Register.](#)

Schedule a "Night of Hope and Healing" for Your Parish!

Our Diocesan Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Ministry Team is available to host a "Night of Hope and Healing" event in your parish. Speakers who have personally encountered God in their healing journey from loss through abortion, stillbirth and miscarriage share messages of hope and reconciliation. Music and Prayer conclude with an opportunity to write their children's name in the Book of Life. For information contact denise-mengaklcsw@gmail.com or call 570-239-6173.

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing

New Dates—November 4-6, 2022

This weekend retreat provides a compassionate and confidential opportunity to those suffering from the impact of abortion to encounter our God of Mercy on a journey of spiritual and psychological healing. To learn more, please visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or contact denise-mengaklcsw@gmail.com, or at 570-239-6173.



PROGRAMA SEMANAL

Del Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Scranton

CRECIENDO & FORTALECIENDO
NUESTRA FE CATÓLICA

CONOCE, AMA & VIVE TU FE

SÁBADOS

11 AM - 12 PM

LA MEGA

95.3 FM WILKES BARRE
94.9 FM SCRANTON




DESCARGA LA APLICACIÓN



Ministerio Hispano - Diócesis de Scranton




OPL Month-At-A-Glance

July 2022

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3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8 Concierto de Adoración y Alabanza Mikey Mendoza 7PM, Iglesia San Gabriel, Hazleton	9
		NPM NATIONAL CONVENTION (VIRTUAL)				
10 PreCana Online, 8AM-4:30PM	11 Online Liturgy Network 6:30PM	12	13 Last Day to Register for VLCFF Cycle 5	14	15	16 Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training 9AM-2:30PM DPC, Scranton
17	18 VLCFF Cycle 5 begins	19	20	21	22 Emerge High School Retreat Begins 6PM Holy Family Retreat Center, Nanticoke	23 Emerge High School Retreat Holy Family Retreat Center, Nanticoke
24 (Emerge Retreat cont'd) Mass for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 10AM, Cathedral	25	26	27	28 Annual Mass of Remembrance 7PM, Cathedral	29 reLit: The Heart of Evangelization 9AM-4PM DPC, Scranton	30 reLit: The Heart of Evangelization 9:00AM-4:00PM DPC, Scranton
NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK						
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