



# *The Catholic Light*

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

## Weekly E-Newsletter

**June 16, 2022**

### **National Eucharistic Revival begins this weekend with Cathedral Mass**

#### *Mass Launching* **National Eucharistic Revival**

*followed by Eucharistic Procession*



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

Sunday, June 19 at 12:15 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

Mass and Procession out onto Wyoming Avenue to be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website and social media



With the overall goal of awakening a desire among the faithful to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist and to cultivate a personal devotion and relationship with Him, the Diocese of Scranton will join many other dioceses across the country in launching a National Eucharistic Revival this weekend.

The multi-year Eucharistic Revival will begin on Sunday, June 19, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) and will end with a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis on July 17-21, 2024.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will kick-off our local observance by celebrating the 12:15 p.m. Mass on June 19 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton followed by a Eucharistic Procession out onto Wyoming Avenue.

Everyone is invited to participate in both Sunday's Mass and Eucharistic Procession. For those unable to attend in person, CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast the Mass and provide a livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website and social media platforms.

"As we begin this Eucharistic Revival initiative, it is my hope that all of the faithful in the Church of Scranton come to a deeper awareness of the boundless love of God made present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, so that it may bear fruit in our lives and in the life of the world," Bishop Bambera said.

[Read More about the Eucharistic Revival in The Catholic Light](#)

## **Hundreds of women attend 2022 Catholic Women's Conference**



Several hundred women from across the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton and beyond gathered at Marywood University on Saturday, June 11 for the 2022 Catholic Women's Conference.

The theme of this year's conference was "Full of Grace."

The conference began with Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton. He was followed by several speakers, Eucharistic Adoration and the recitation of the Rosary.

During his homily, Bishop Bambera focused on Mary, the Mother of God - Mary, full of Grace. He said she occupies a unique place in salvation history because of the simple, ordinary, yet profound stories of her life. He said her appeal is born from her very beginning as one of us, saved by the mercy and love of God.

"Mary has known all of life, as you and I experience it. And we call her blessed - not because she reigns today as our Queen of Heaven - but because she walked our world and embraced it fully as a woman of faith and a disciple of her son, Jesus. Never forget Mary's 'yes' to participate in God's plan of salvation didn't guarantee her a perfect world, free from suffering and pain. It did, however, enable her to see life in a particular way," the bishop noted.

[Read Bishop Bambera's Homily from the 2022 Catholic Women's Conference](#)

[View a Photo Album from the 2022 Catholic Women's Conference](#)

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**Clothing ministry organizers and  
volunteers see great potential for future**



What started as a small effort to provide children's clothing to families in need has grown into a large-scale effort that supports hundreds of people annually.

Each week, dozens of people receive help from Treasures, a clothing closet ministry operated by volunteers of Saints Peter & Paul Parish in Plains.

"It has really taken on a life of its own," organizer Laura Rudloff said. "Everyone is welcome. There are no need based requirements."

After operating at Saints Peter & Paul Parish in Plains for its first two years in existence, in 2020, the clothing closet moved to the former rectory of Saint Dominic Church on Austin Avenue in Wilkes-Barre. However, it is quickly running out of room once again to sort, organize and display all of the clothing items donated.

With the closure of Saint Dominic Church on June 11, 2022, Treasures is poised to move again – this time into part of the closed church building.

"I'm excited about it. I've already been thinking, what else can we do besides clothes?" Rudloff said. "How else can we serve the people who are coming? What other needs are there?"

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# World Refugee Day 2022 to be celebrated June 18 in Scranton

## WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2022

*WHOEVER. WHEREVER. WHENEVER.*  
EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK SAFETY.



**SATURDAY**

**JUNE 18, 2022**

**11 AM - 2 PM**

***New location:***

**YMS of R Grove**

**1000 Kane St., Scranton, PA 18505**

## COME CELEBRATE

World Refugee Day honors the strength, resilience, and courage of millions of refugees throughout the world. Everyone is welcome to come to this free event to share in the rich cultural heritage of the refugee communities in Northeast Pennsylvania.

**Free Family Event - Cultural Music & Dance - Giveaways  
Games & Activities for Kids - Light Refreshments**

Questions? Contact contact Tim at 484-645-8067 or email [community@scranton.edu](mailto:community@scranton.edu)



**Celebrate and honor World Refugee Day!**

On Saturday, June 18, everyone is invited to join local Scranton refugee communities for a time of sharing, learning, fellowship and celebration that honors global refugees from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event, to be held at YMS of R Park in South Scranton, 1000 Kane Street, will include cultural songs and music, refreshments, games and activities for kids.

World Refugee Day is an annual international day, designated by the United Nations, to celebrate the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home countries to escape conflict or persecution.

**[For More Information on World Refugee Day 2022](#)**

## **Luzerne County pastor, top chef of 'Rectory, Set, Cook!', donates fundraiser proceeds to help fight hunger**



After raising more than \$31,000 in donations by teaching people how to make hot chocolate, Father Jim Paisley is now paying that generosity forward.

On May 25, the pastor of Saint Therese Parish, Shavertown, and Saint Frances X. Cabrini Parish, Carverton, donated his parish's half of the proceeds from its 'Rectory, Set, Cook!' video to several community groups committed to fighting hunger.

"I am still overwhelmed by the generosity of parishioners, family and friends. I was thinking maybe we'll do \$5,000, \$6,000, \$7,000 – but to reach over \$31,000 by the generosity of the people is unbelievable," Father Paisley said.

Father Paisley was one of nearly 30 pastor chefs who participated in the Diocese of Scranton's 'Rectory, Set, Cook!' fundraiser earlier this year to raise money for anti-hunger programs affiliated with Catholic Social Services.

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

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## **Archbishop praises senators' efforts to address 'plague of gun violence'**



The chairman of the U.S. bishops' domestic policy committee June 14 praised a bipartisan Senate proposal "to help prevent senseless violence" that includes "reasonable gun safety measures."

"I am deeply grateful that members of Congress have undertaken bipartisan negotiations to address the plague of gun violence in our nation," said Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.

"I encourage Congress to continue these important efforts which will help build a culture of life. It is imperative this Congress passes into law new protections for the American people," he said.

Archbishop Coakley made the remarks in response to a June 12 announcement by 20 senators who said they had reached agreement on a package of safety and gun-related measures narrowly focused on preventing future shootings similar to the one in Uvalde, Texas, where an 18-year-old gunman fatally shot 19 students and two teachers May 24.

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



## Vatican releases suggestions for lengthier, revamped marriage preparation



Saying “superficial” marriage preparation programs leave many couples at risk of having invalid marriages or unprepared to cope with the struggles that arise in every marriage, Pope Francis endorsed suggestions for a yearlong “marriage catechumenate” drafted by the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life.

“With too superficial a preparation, couples run the real risk of having an invalid marriage or one with such a weak foundation that it falls apart in a short time and cannot withstand even the first inevitable crises. These failures bring with them great suffering and leave deep wounds in people,” the pope said.

The pope wrote the introduction to the dicastery’s “Catechumenal Itineraries for Married Life,” a document released in Italian and Spanish by the Vatican June 15.

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

**Summer picnics, bazaars, festivals and events  
page returns to the Diocese of Scranton  
website**

<b>St. Faustina Parish, Nanticoke</b>	
<i>Annual Homecoming Festival</i>	
on the grounds of St. Faustina Grove, Old Newport Street, Sheatown	
<b>Friday, June 24 - 5pm - 11pm ♦ STEALING NEIL</b>	
<b>Saturday, June 25 - 5pm - 11pm ♦ IDOL KINGS</b>	
	<i>Pierogies, Potato Pancakes, Halushki, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries.</i>
<b>BAKE SALE &amp; ICE CREAM STAND</b>	<b>SATURDAY MASS AT GROVE 4pm with music by JOE STANKY &amp; THE CADETS</b>
Fun & Games for All Ages, Including Basket Raffle, Bingo, Instant Bingo, Children's Games, Face Painting, Pony Rides, Bounce House and Much More!	

Parishes across the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton are busy preparing for parish festivals, bazaars and other popular summertime events.

To help parishes publicize their events, the Diocese of Scranton has once again established a dedicated landing page on the Diocesan website to help promote events around the region.

Whether you are looking for delicious ethnic food - or simply crave the community and fellowship that these summertime events bring - this is the perfect place for you to check out all of the fun that is being planned.

The listing is constantly updated as parishes provide information to the Diocese of Scranton Communications Office.

**[Visit the 2022 Summer Picnics, Festivals, Bazaars and Events Page](#)**

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