



The Catholic Light

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National Eucharistic Revival begins locally with Mass and procession



Several hundred people attended the local Opening Mass for the National Eucharistic Revival at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton on Sunday, June 19, which was the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

The goal of the multi-year Eucharistic Revival is to awaken a desire among the faithful to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist and for people to cultivate a personal devotion and relationship with him.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass.

"Today in this local Church of Scranton, we join with Catholics from every diocese throughout our country to begin a three year Eucharistic Revival. During this treasured time, we will contemplate and proclaim the doctrine of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, a belief that has sustained countless numbers of Catholic Christians throughout two millennia, yet a belief that, sadly, many have lost over the years," Bishop Bambera said during his homily. "Our hope for these years of revival is that we are able to reclaim and fortify this sublime gift of God through the truth of our Church's teaching, the beauty of our Catholic worship and the goodness of lives of service that flow from the life and presence of Jesus, given to us in the Eucharist."

Every parish in the diocese was invited and encouraged to send representatives to participate in the Mass and a Eucharistic procession out onto Wyoming Avenue that followed.

"When we process out of this great cathedral carrying Christ both in our hearts, having received Holy Communion, and in the monstrance, taking Christ out into the world where he is most at home with the suffering, the poor and the broken. This ancient tradition will proclaim to a world that has so often lost its way our belief in the living presence of Jesus," Bishop Bambera ended his homily saying. "This tradition will also proclaim to us that we who are privileged to receive Christ must become Christ and take him into our world so desperately in need of God's presence, God's grace and God's mercy."

[Read Bishop Bambera's Full Homily From the Mass Opening the National Eucharistic Revival](#)

[View a Photo Album from the Local Mass Opening the National Eucharistic Revival in Scranton](#)

**Two young men take step closer to the
Sacred Priesthood**



Two seminarians in the Diocese of Scranton have each taken one-step closer to the sacred priesthood after receiving Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders from the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton.

The Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders for William A. Asinari and Andrew T. McCarroll took place at Marywood University on Monday, June 20, 2022, during the annual Quo Vadis Days summer camp.

“I’m overwhelmed in a really, really good way. I think God’s peace has flooded my heart,” Asinari said following Mass that included the Rite of Admission. “I’m just looking forward to seeing the beautiful growth to come out of this.”

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**CTV: Catholic Television to broadcast
Wedding Anniversary Mass Sunday**



Approximately 150 couples who are celebrating milestone anniversary years in 2022 will participate in this year's Wedding Anniversary Mass, which will take place at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton on Sunday, June 26, 2022.

The annual liturgy recognizes couples who have been married for 25 or 50 years or more.

The Mass will air live on CTV at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. A livestream of the Mass will also be made available on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and links will be provided on Diocesan social media platforms.

[For More Information on the Wedding Anniversary Mass on June 26](#)

Take your best shot!
Golf Tournament 50/50 tickets available



The John Yourishen Jr. Memorial Tournament/12th Vocations Golf Classic is set for a shotgun start at noon on Monday June 27, 2022, at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in Mountain Top.

More than 190 golfers have already registered for the captain-and-crew tournament, which also includes lunch, dinner, open bar and a golfer gift.

Even if you are not planning to attend the tournament, you can still purchase a 50-50 ticket to support the Vocations Office and seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton. Holders of 50-50 tickets need not be present to win.

Father Alex Roche is tournament chair, and Sandra Snyder and Chris Sheperis from the Diocesan Development Office are co-chairs. For more information, email VocationsGolf@dioceseofscranton.org.

Support Diocesan Seminarians and the Vocations Office by Purchasing a 50/50 Raffle Tickets!

Pope to visit Canada, limiting participation to one hour at various events



Perhaps signaling some improvement in Pope Francis' painful knee, the Vatican announced June 23 that he will visit Canada in late July. However, the Canadian bishops said that, due to the 85-year-old pope's age and limitations, it is expected that his participation at public events will be limited to approximately one hour.

The Vatican confirmed the pope's plan to be in Canada July 24-29, returning to Rome July 30. The focus of the trip is his meetings with members of Canada's Indigenous communities in the cities of Edmonton, Alberta; Quebec; and Iqaluit, Nunavut, the country's most northern region.

The visit, drawing on the theme of "Walking Together," will include a combination of public and private events.

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Pope asks families to take a small step toward greater holiness



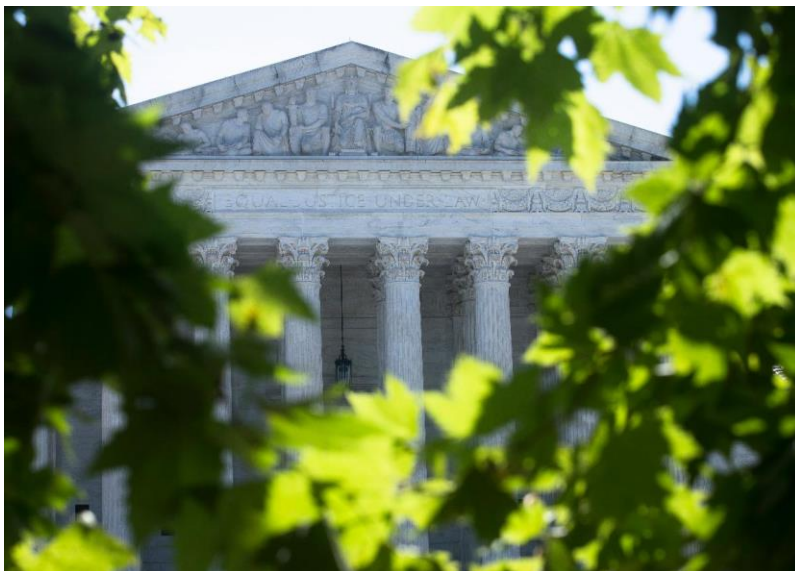
The Catholic Church professes marriage and family life to be a path to holiness – a daunting concept – but one that can start with a tiny step, Pope Francis said.

“Start from where you are, and, from there, try to journey together: together as couples, together in your families, together with other families, together with the church,” the pope said June 22, opening the World Meeting of Families with an evening “Festival of Families” in the Vatican audience hall.

The in-presence portion of most of the event June 22-26 was limited to about 2,000 people – official delegates of bishops’ conferences, Catholic family associations and movements. But the entire event was being livestreamed, and parishes and dioceses around the world were holding their own events at the same time on the theme, “Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness.”

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Court: Tuition program excluding religious schools is unconstitutional



In a 6-3 ruling June 21, the Supreme Court said a Maine tuition aid program that excluded religious schools violated the Constitution's free exercise clause.

The opinion, written by Chief Justice John Roberts, said: "A state need not subsidize private education but once a state decides to do so, it cannot disqualify some private schools solely because they are religious."

He also said the court's decision in *Carson v. Makin* stemmed from a principle in its two previous decisions, particularly the 2020 opinion in *Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue*. In that case, the court said the state of Montana could not exclude religious schools from receiving tax credit-funded scholarships under its school choice program.

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

ST. LEO THE GREAT

Summer Festival!

PARISH GROUNDS
33 Manhattan Street, Ashley



CASH PRIZES!

June 24 & 25

Friday & Saturday
Starts nightly at 6pm

Live Entertainment!

- Friday: Strawberry Jam
- Saturday: DJ Bouncin' Bernie



STANDS INCLUDE:

Lottery Stand • Pet Stand • Barbie Stand • Basket Auction
• Instant Bingo • Certificates
Fun for Kids Stand • Craft Beer Stand • Bottles of Cheer
Boy's & Girl's Stand • Plant Stand • Surprise Stand
Basket Raffle • Groceries & More

AIR CONDITIONED BINGO

~ HOMEMADE FOOD ~
~ BAKE SALE ~
~ FREE PARKING! ~

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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