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Supreme Court overturns Roe in anticipated Dobbs decision

WASHINGTON (CNS) – In a 5-4 decision June 24, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned its nearly 50-year-old decision in *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion in this country.

The court's 213-page ruling in *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization* was not totally unexpected due to the leak of an opinion draft a month earlier. The ruling emphasizes that there is no constitutional right to abortion in the United States.

The *Dobbs* case focused on Jackson Women's Health Organization, an abortion clinic in Mississippi that challenged the state's law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

The court's reversal of its long-standing abortion ruling brings abortion policy decisions to the state level. At least half of states plan to ban or restrict abortions with this decision in place, and 13 states had trigger laws put in place set to ban abortions right away upon *Roe*'s reversal.

"We hold that *Roe* and *Casey* must be overruled," Justice Samuel Alito wrote in the court's majority opinion. *Casey v. Planned Parenthood* is the 1992 decision that affirmed *Roe*.

Alito was joined by Justices Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett.

The vote to uphold Mississippi's abortion restriction was 6-3, with Chief Justice John Roberts voting with the majority. In a separate opinion, he said he would not have overturned the court's *Roe* decision.

Alito, writing for the majority, said: "The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision, including the one on which the defenders of *Roe* and *Casey* now chiefly rely – the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment."

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Pro-life demonstrators in Washington celebrate outside the Supreme Court June 24, 2022, as the court overruled the landmark *Roe v. Wade* abortion decision. (CNS photo/Evelyn Hockstein, Reuters)

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-Justice Samuel Alito Majority Opinion

"*Roe* was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, *Roe* and *Casey* have enflamed debate and deepened division. It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives."

-Justice Samuel Alito Majority Opinion



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U.S. Catholic bishops who have supported a reversal of *Roe* immediately reacted positively to the court's decision that came at the end of this year's term.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called the decision a "historic day in the life of our country, one that stirs our thoughts, emotions and prayers."

"We pray that our elected officials will now enact laws and policies that promote and protect the most vulnerable among us," said the June 24 statement by Los Angeles Archbishop José H. Gomez, USCCB president, and Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

"We give thanks to God for today's decision ... This just decision will save countless innocent children simply waiting to be born," said the New York Catholic bishops in a statement shortly after the court's opinion was released.

Those on both sides of the issue were outside the court when the ruling came down and continued to gathered in force throughout the afternoon with posters, bullhorns, hugging and shouting.

Crowds waited outside the court – blocked off by security fencing – for days, anticipating this decision, just as they were when a draft of the opinion was leaked in early May.

In remarks from the White House June 24, President Joe Biden said the court's decision was "a sad day for the country in my view, but it doesn't mean the fight is over," and he urged Americans to respond with their votes in the upcoming elections.

He also urged demonstrators to "keep all protests peaceful," adding: "We must stand against violence in any form, regardless of your rationale."

The *Dobbs* opinion is very similar to the leaked draft that

called *Roe* "egregiously wrong from the start."

Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan wrote a joint dissent that emphasized the significance of the court's previous decisions on this issue.

They added: "Whatever the exact scope of the coming laws, one result of today's decision is certain: the curtailment of women's rights, and of their status as free and equal citizens."

They also noted that their dissent "with sorrow – for this court, but more, for the many millions of American women who

have today lost a fundamental constitutional protection."

When the court announced last year that it would take this case, after considering it more than a dozen times since 2020, the justices said they would only review one of the three questions presented to them: "Whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortions are unconstitutional."

That point of viability – when a fetus is said to be able to survive on its own – was a key point in this case, because the Supreme Court had consistently ruled that states cannot restrict abortion before 24 weeks, or

when a fetus could survive on its own.

A friend-of-the-court brief submitted by the USCCB stressed that abortion is not a right created by the Constitution and called it "inherently different from other types of personal decisions to which this court has accorded constitutional protection."

Referring to the court's major abortion decisions, the brief also warned that if the Supreme Court "continues to treat abortion as a constitutional issue," it will face more questions in the future about "what sorts of abortion regulations are permissible."

Statement of Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*

"One of the fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church is that all human life is sacred – from the moment of conception until natural death – and it must be respected and protected. In its opinion for *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, issued on Friday, June 24, 2022, I am thankful that the majority of Justices on the U.S. Supreme Court have recognized and upheld the sanctity of human life.

"For Catholics, respecting life, especially the unborn, is intrinsic to our identity as people of faith. While political and ideological divisions often drive us apart, we must remember that the Sacred Scriptures call us to be one, reverencing every life that comes into our world. It is critical to note, however, that valuing human life is not simply confined to life in the womb. We must never dismiss or ignore our responsibility to care for, protect and defend our brothers and sisters from other serious threats to human life, including poverty, racism and oppression.

"While already the largest private provider of social services in the United States, the Catholic Church must redouble its efforts and always stand ready to assist young women and couples who are facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies. Everyone in our Diocese and parishes should be familiar with ways to help mothers in difficult circumstances. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recently launched its "Walking with Moms in Need" initiative to continue building relationships with community resources and make sure people in all parish communities know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

"Our diocese is blessed to have many parishes filled with faithful people who regularly donate diapers, clothing, money and other resources to help expectant mothers each year. On the diocesan level, Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton provides educational, emotional and material support to expectant parents and operates Shepherd's Maternity House in East Stroudsburg which provides housing, care and assistance for pregnant women and their newborn babies. Along with so many other community agencies and programs, including, but not limited to, Saint Joseph's Center, Rachel's Vineyard and the Pennsylvanians for Human Life, any mother needing assistance can receive life-affirming support.

"As we strive to build a true culture of life in our nation, the Gospel of Matthew reminds us that our welcome into God's eternity will be determined by our willingness to reverence, respect and serve the most vulnerable among us in whom Christ is present: 'Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me'" (Matthew 18:5).

Advocates for life affirm Supreme Court's reversal of *Roe v. Wade*

SCRANTON — It was a win for the ages...and the “pre-ages.”

Pro-life perseverance and patience paid off on June 24, 2022, when the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* that virtually erased and rendered mute the Court's landmark 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion on demand in America.

Catholics throughout the Diocese of Scranton were quick to note the high court's reversal on the abortion issue was the answer to a half-century of prayers, coming — “God-incidentally” — on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the birth date of the late Nellie Gray, foundress of the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., and the first to coin the term “pro-life.”

Maryann Lawhon, president of the Hazleton Area Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life (PHL), witnessed firsthand the horrors of legalized abortion in 1977 when, as a young nurse working in the obstetrics unit of a West Virginia hospital, she stumbled upon an abandoned newborn — completely unaware the Supreme Court's *Roe* decision made the atrocity legal.

After being reprimanded for bringing the revelation to the staff's attention, and against instruction to “do nothing,” she held the infant, baptized him and declared, “I name you John. I will tell the world what I saw here today. I will be your voice.”

“Promise kept,” Lawhon proudly noted, referring to her “Voice of John” respect life educational apostolate based in Hazleton. “My immediate reaction was of absolute joy, a victory for the child in the womb!”

Lawhon said she shed “tears of joy” during the “surreal moment,” recalling decades of



pro-life marches, peaceful protests outside of abortion clinics, prayer chains and carnation sales in defense of the right to life.

“Justice for the 63 million children who have died,” she continued. “A victory for humanity!”

So, mission accomplished?

“No,” Lawhon explained. “God has a plan, so this is a time to listen to the fears and address the concerns of a society which has known a world where abortion has been both justified and normalized.”

Maria Lutz Barna chimed in, “My mother (Katherine Lutz), Mary Farley Pane and Loretta McNellis are dancing in heaven,” referring also to the two original founders of the Grassroots Hazleton Chapter.

“Today, the ‘voice of John’ has been heard,” Sugarloaf resident Caroline Cummins said in reaction to the monumental Supreme Court decision.

“No more *Roe*. God's will was done on June 24, 2022. Praise the Sacred Heart of Jesus!” Jean Klingerman of Drums exclaimed.

Eternal gratitude punctuated the post-ruling comments of longtime pro-life activist Ada Magni.

“This law is now in the ash heap of history,” she said, while noting abortion continues to be legal in Pennsylvania through the

first six months of pregnancy for any reason, except the sex of the baby. “Now that the power has been turned over to the states we must put pressure (on legislators) to pass the Life Amendment so we the people have a voice in protecting the unborn in our state. Pray we must make abortion illegal in Pennsylvania.”

At 93, Betty Caffrey has served as president of the Wyoming Valley PHL Chapter for the past 47 years and spearheads the Human Life Resource Center in Wilkes-Barre.

“After almost 50 years of waiting to hear *Roe* was no more, I thanked God for the victory but I know that the battle has just begun,” Caffrey began in her response to experiencing history. “Those who oppose us will never mention the baby. We must as Catholic Christians become ‘warriors for life.’ We will all be held accountable to God for what we did not do. No excuses.”

She continued, “We will be held responsible for every life taken. Now is the time as Catholics of this diocese to become active in defending life. We need leadership in every pulpit and pew.”

“God will bless our efforts once again, and the killing of the unborn will cease only if we work to make the truth known. When the babies' lives no longer

matter, then who is next?” Caffrey concluded.

Her PHL Chapter vice president, Chris Calore, lauded the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* as a great victory for America and all unborn threatened with abortion.

“The good Lord answered the prayers and the good works of the many who have worked in defense of the most vulnerable,” Calore stated. “Thanks to Nellie Gray and to the countless souls whose efforts contributed to this blessed Supreme Court decision. It is a time to celebrate; however, our work for the pro-life cause is never over.”

One of the diocese's most visible and vigilant stalwarts in the nearly half-century battle against abortion has been Helen Gohsler, who served as president of the Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life for nearly 40 years before stepping down from the high-profile post.

Reacting to the long-awaited Supreme Court decision nullifying *Roe v. Wade*, Gohsler added her voice to the joyful chorus of longtime colleagues and ardent pro-life patriots who have passionately dedicated much of their lives to protecting the sanctity of all human life, with special thanks for area clergy.

“I believe I speak for the Scranton Pennsylvanians for

Human Life chapter when I say we are most grateful to those priests and pastors who, over the years, have responded to the cries of the unborn and have supported us in our prayers and efforts on their behalf,” she remarked.

Sarah McNellis has been active in the pro-life cause since its inception 49 years ago and founded the Saint Gabriel's Pro-Life Movement in Hazleton in 1973.

“At the first March for Life in Washington organized by Nellie Gray, I marched with 20,000 other pro-lifers from the Wyoming Valley area,” McNellis explained.

As a registered nurse and the mother of five children, she recalled the impact of the Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion in the United States on Jan. 22, 1973.

“We marched on January 22, 1974,” McNellis proudly stated. “From that moment on I joined the pro-life movement to reverse this awful (court) decision. That decision was reversed on June 24, 2022, on Nellie Gray's birthday. How wonderful and appropriate!”

Having been involved in pro-life work for so many years, Hazleton PHL Chapter vice president Carol Matz was uncertain she would ever see *Roe v. Wade* overturned in her lifetime.

“When the landmark ruling was announced I was elated,” Matz said, “and to know that I and many others were part of this was quite humbling.”

“So while we celebrate, we also are aware that the fight continues. We need to look to state legislation and push for more protection statewide for unborn children, while at the same time looking for more ways we can assist mothers in need so they do not feel alone, unloved or unsure of how they will be able to care for a baby.”

Archbishop calls Biden's order on abortion 'deeply disturbing, tragic'

Pro-life facilities vandalized across U.S.

WASHINGTON (CNS) – The U.S. bishops' pro-life chairman said it is "deeply disturbing and tragic" that President Joe Biden has chosen to use his power as the nation's chief executive "to promote and facilitate abortion in our country" than support resources for pregnant women in need.

Biden is "seeking every possible avenue to deny unborn children their most basic human and civil right, the right to life," said Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

"Rather than using the power of the executive branch to increase support and care to mothers and babies, the president's executive order seeks only to facilitate the destruction of defenseless, voiceless human beings," he said in a July 9 statement.

A day earlier, Biden signed an executive order to safeguard access to

medication abortion and emergency contraception, protect patient privacy, launch public education efforts as well as strengthen "the security of and the legal options available to those seeking and providing abortion services."

Before signing his executive order, Biden condemned what he called the "extreme" Supreme Court majority for overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life, said Biden's executive order "confirmed the White House is working to appease the abortion lobby to the detriment of women and their unborn children."

"On no other issue, from inflation to high gas prices, have President Biden and pro-abortion Democrats put forward so much effort as they have on abortion," she said in a July 8 statement.

Biden "seems to think that Americans' problems can only be solved by killing (the nation's) children by abortion," she said.

Vandalism and attacks on pro-life pregnancy centers and Catholic churches have been reported all across the country following the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which returned the regulation of abortion to states.

Police are investigating if a fire at a Catholic church in the Washington suburb of Bethesda on the weekend of July 9-10 is connected to other fires in the same neighborhood. Firefighters responded around 2 a.m. July 10 to multiple fires set inside Saint Jane Frances de Chantal Church.

"The individual or individuals attempted to burn the church. They set fire to a number of pews, but apparently the fire detection system kicked in, the fire companies came and the fire was put out," Father Samuel Giese, pastor, said.

While it is unknown if the arson is connected to the recent *Dobbs* decision by the Supreme Court, pro-life leaders have asked the U.S. Department of Justice to vigorously investigate increasing attacks on churches, pregnancy centers and pro-life organizations over the abortion issue.

A pro-life pregnancy center in Saint Paul, Minnesota, was vandalized between July 4 and July 5, according to a local newspaper. The St. Paul Police Department is now investigating the damage done to the Birthright clinic, which included black spray paint on the side of the building with the words "Blood On Your Hands."

In Hialeah, Florida, one of Heartbeat of Miami's pro-life pregnancy centers was

vandalized with pro-abortion graffiti July 3 resulting in thousands of dollars in damages. The mayor and police have called that damage a hate crime. The same day Holy Family Catholic Church in Hillsborough, North Carolina was vandalized with pro-abortion graffiti as well.

Saint Bernard Catholic Church in Madison, Wisconsin, was vandalized July 2 with pro-abortion and anti-police graffiti, which was found on the church's front door and a sign.

South Bend Police Department in South Bend, Indiana, received a call around

7 a.m. June 30 about a possible burglary at Our Lady of Hungary Catholic Church.

First Image, a network of pro-life pregnancy centers in Oregon, said in an online post that its administrative offices in Portland were vandalized by rioters the night of June 27.

On June 24, a group of pro-abortion protestors gathered around Right to Life of Northeast Ohio's offices in Akron and placed pro-abortion signs on the windows and doors. They hung a coat hanger on the door as well.

Last fall, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops reported at least 104 incidents of vandalism against Catholic properties have occurred across 29 states since May 2020.

Incidents include arson; statues beheaded or with limbs cut, smashed, and painted; gravestones defaced with swastikas and anti-Catholic language and American flags next to those gravestones burned; and other destruction and vandalism.



A wall at the grade school of the Church of the Ascension in Overland Park, Kan., July 10, 2022, is seen with graffiti about abortion. This message was accompanied by another on the school's front doors. The vandal or vandals also spray-painted a statue of Mary on the parish grounds. (CNS photo/courtesy The Leaven)



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Diocesan Annual Appeal meets \$4.5 million goal

SCRANTON – With sincere thanks to the more than 20,000 supporters of the Diocesan Annual Appeal, the Diocese of Scranton joyfully announces that the \$4.5 million goal for 2021 has been surpassed.

This is the first time since 2018 that the diocese has reached its fundraising goal. More than half of parishes, 57 in total, reached their goals as well.

“This overwhelming support for the Annual Appeal, its ministries and programs, is an expression of our parishioners’ belief in sharing God’s mercy and love,” the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, said. “I am continually uplifted by the depth of their faith and generosity.”

Appeal funds help the Diocese of Scranton provide valuable services to the most vulnerable in our community, while simultaneously spreading the good news of the Church.

Now that the 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal has closed, the Diocese also looks forward to the new fundraising year, which began on July 1. Parishioners and supporters will notice a new look for some materials, as well as an effort to collect funds earlier than in previous years.

“Our goal is to put our benefactors’ gifts to work as soon as possible while running a cost effective campaign,” Luciana C. Musto, Interim Director of Development, said. “The Diocese of Scranton simply cannot do God’s work without the generosity of our donors and we are grateful for their unwavering support through difficult times.”

Donor outreach will be a focus this coming year. All donors with an email address will receive special communications from the

bishop throughout the year. The emails will include stories about how Appeal funds are being used, exciting opportunities, and special prayers.

Gifts of all sizes are welcome. A great option is a monthly recurring gift on a credit card, which can be worked into a donor’s budget at a small amount. For example, just \$10 a month becomes a \$100 gift when given over a ten month period.

“Monthly giving is both a manageable and easy way to make your support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal fit into your budget,” Musto said.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal is a major source of revenue for many ministries and agencies of the Diocese of Scranton. Gifts made to the Appeal support Catholic Social Services, Catholic Education, Catholic Communications, Parish Life, Vocations and Retired Priests, and Social Justice Grants.

If you wish to make a gift to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal, kindly donate online at www.AnnualAppeal.org, call the Diocesan Development Office at (570) 207-2250 or send a check with “Diocesan Annual Appeal” and the name of your parish on the memo line to: Development Office, Diocese of Scranton, 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503.



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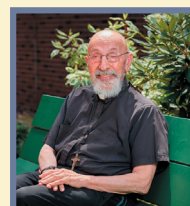


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nights of Emergency Shelter were provided to those in need

61 homeless Veterans

were provided assistance at St. Francis Commons, Scranton; and **26** secured permanent housing



Donations helped care for more than **100** ill or retired priests

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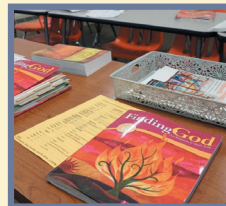


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Closer to pre-pandemic normalcy, Saint Ann's Novena opens Sunday at Basilica Shrine

SCRANTON — Not unlike the rest of the world, the 2022 Solemn Novena to Saint Ann is slowly but surely returning to resemble its venerable self when COVID-19 was unheard of.

The 98th annual Solemn Novena at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Ann in West Scranton, honoring of the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will begin on Sunday, July 17, and continue for nine days, culminating with the celebration of the Feast of Saint Ann on Tuesday, July 26.

Very Rev. Richard Burke, director of the Saint Ann National Shrine Basilica, announces the guest preacher for this year's Novena will be Passionist Father Paul Fagan.

Since the outbreak of the global pandemic two years ago, Saint Ann's Novena continued to be offered to devotees of the

grandmother of Jesus, although in a mitigated, shortened manner.

"Last year we were able to be a little more expansive," Father Richard said. "This year we are moving far ahead toward normalcy."

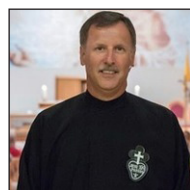
Signs of the easing of restrictions and guidelines the coronavirus imposed include the restoring of outdoor tents and seating for the celebration of outside Masses and Novena services on the Basilica grounds. Preferred parking at the entrance of the Basilica plaza for the sick, infirm and those unable to leave their vehicles is also returning.

Also, Confessions will again be available before and after each service.

"Our priests and brothers will bring Communion and blessings to each car during the services," Father Richard noted, indicating that, once again,

individual blessing with the Saint Ann relic will be available for those who desire it.

"We will continue to take important precautions including hand-sanitizing in the Basilica and the use of disinfectant wipes



Father Paul Fagan, CP

for cleansing relics between each blessing," the Passionist superior remarked. "We also encourage everyone to consider wearing a face mask for services, especially those who are more vulnerable to the virus."

Saint Ann Novena devotions will include outdoor Masses and Novenas (weather permitting) at 8 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. The 11:45 a.m. Mass and Novena will be celebrated indoors, except

on Sundays, and the 3:30 p.m. Novena service is offered inside the main Basilica church.

Special spiritual services highlighting this year's Novena to Saint Ann include the Divine Liturgy of the Byzantine Rite on Tuesday, July 19, at 5:30 p.m., celebrated by Bishop Kurt Burnette. On that day there will be no Mass and Novena at 7:30 p.m.

A Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be offered on Thursday, July 21, at 1:30 p.m., with the Sacrament of the Sick available to all elderly and infirm and anyone who wishes to receive the sacrament. On Saturday, July 23, the Novena will include a special blessing service for all infants and children at 10 a.m.

The following day, Sunday, July 24, all Eucharistic liturgies will honor and bless grandparents in observance of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate the Solemn Closing of the Novena on the Feast of Saint Ann, July 26, at 7:30 p.m. The Mass in Polish will be celebrated at 1:30 p.m., featuring Polish hymns.

Father Richard noted that Passionist Father Rick Frechette was also scheduled to preach this year's Solemn Novena but is unable to leave his doctoral duties at Saint Damien's Hospital for Children outside of Port au Prince, Haiti, due to the high incidence of violence in the area.

"Father Rick was instrumental in ransoming two of his kidnapped staff doctors as well as a Jesuit priest with whom he works," Father Richard explained. "Conditions are such that he cannot leave the island at this time. He and the Haitian people need our prayers in a profound way."

Father Kenneth Kizis, pastor, educator and chaplain, buried from Dunmore church

DUNMORE — Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant of a concelebrated Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial for Father Kenneth G. Kizis on July 1 at Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Church in Dunmore.

Father Kizis, who was pastor emeritus of the former Saint Michael the Archangel Parish in Olyphant, died June 28 at Allied Services Meade Street Skilled Nursing, Wilkes-Barre, at the age of 89.

Born in Pittston on May 19, 1933, son of the late George and Ann Machonis Kizis, Father Kizis received his early education at Saint Mary of the Assumption School, Pittston, and graduated from nearby Saint John High School.

Father Kizis attended Christ the King Seminary at Saint Bonaventure, N.Y., where he completed his preparatory studies for the priesthood. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Scranton on May 23, 1959, in

the Cathedral of Saint Peter by the late Most Rev. Jerome D. Hannan, fifth Bishop of Scranton.

Following ordination, Father Kizis served as assistant pastor at the parishes of Saints Peter and Paul, Hazleton; Saint Joseph, Scranton; Saints Peter and Paul, Towanda; and Immaculate Conception, Scranton.

He received his first pastoral assignment on Sept. 2, 1980, at All Saints Parish in Dunmore, and was subsequently appointed pastor of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Moscow, in 1985.

On June 20, 1991, Father Kizis assumed the pastorate of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Olyphant, where he remained until retirement from active ministry and his appointment as pastor emeritus of Saint Michael's on April 23, 2003.

In addition to his parochial duties, Father Kizis was the chaplain at Saint Joseph's Hospital, Carbondale, and also served as diocesan director of Catholic Charities in Carbondale



Father Kenneth G. Kizis

and moderator of the Carbondale Chapter of the Nurses Guild.

Father Kizis would serve as both vice president and principal of Dunmore Central Catholic High School, which later became Bishop O'Hara High School, and as chaplain for the Marywood Novitiate in Dunmore.

As homilist for the Mass of Christian Burial for his priest friend, Father Phil Sladicka began by noting the mortal remains of Father Kizis, placed before the altar, were central to the funeral celebration.

"As we celebrate this funeral liturgy, we remember with gratitude the life of Father Ken Kizis," Father Sladicka remarked. "We thank God for the gifts of a priest who is also a loving son, brother, relative and friend to all of us who are here today."

He continued, "I remember with gratitude our friendship. Retreats, monthly visits, conversations, and times we celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation," fondly recalling Father Kizis' 60th anniversary of ordination three years before. "I thank God for (his) 89 years of life — a gift from God. I thank God today for (his) 63 years of priesthood, lived in fidelity to God's people."

The homilist later referred to the Gospel selected for the funeral Mass and Jesus' words: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (John 12:24)

"Father Kizis had a gospel vision of humility, love and

service that helped him to live day by day, walking in the footsteps of Jesus, allowing the grain of wheat to fall to the ground and die," Father Sladicka offered. "It helped him to stay on track and to move forward with an intentional attitude in his vocation."

"My final thought is that Father Ken Kizis, present at the altar today, preaches a homily stronger than I could preach. With great devotion we bid (him) farewell," Father Sladicka said in conclusion. "We ask the Good Shepherd in the words of Psalm 23 to lead Father Ken into green pastures and beside still waters, that with His rod and staff He will lead Father Ken over the waters of death and into the brightness of eternal life."

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph Kizis, and his wife, Elaine; and Leonard Kizis, and his wife, Agnes.

Interment was held at Saint Michael's Byzantine Cemetery, Dunmore.

SOLEMN NOVENA

IN HONOR OF

Saint Ann

JULY 17 TO 26, 2022

PREACHER: FR. PAUL FAGAN, C.P.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS

After 8 & 11:45 A.M., & 5:30 & 7:30 P.M. Masses
and at 3:30 P.M. (Novena only)

DIVINE LITURGY - BYZANTINE RITE

Tuesday, July 19, 5:30 P.M.
(No 7:30 P.M. Mass and Novena on this day)

DAILY MASSES

7:00, 8:00 & 11:45 A.M. & 5:30 and 7:30 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

Lower Basilica for 30 minutes prior to each
Mass and the 3:30 P.M. Novena Service,
and after all services

MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Thursday, July 21, 1:30 P.M.

CHILDREN'S MASS & NOVENA PRAYERS

Saturday, July 23, 10:00 A.M.;
Special Blessing for Families and Grandparents

SUNDAYS JULY 17TH & 24TH MASSES

7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 11:45 A.M., 5:30 P.M. & 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Mass in TAMIL Language at 1:30 P.M.
Celebration of Grandparents & Elderly at Mass

NOVENA DEVOTIONS

After 8:00 A.M. & 11:45 A.M. masses; after 5:30
& 7:30 P.M. masses; and at 3:30 P.M. (Novena Only)

SAINT ANN'S FEAST DAY TUESDAY, JULY 26

CONFESSIONS 4:00 AM

MASSES & DEVOTIONS

4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 & 11:45 A.M.
3:30 P.M. (Novena only) & 5:30 P.M.

LANGUAGE SERVICE

1:30 PM - POLISH in Upper Basilica

Individual Blessing with Relic of St. Ann After Each Devotion

SOLEMN CLOSING TUESDAY, JULY 26, AT 7:30 P.M.

Pontifical Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

• CTV COVERAGE •

The Annual Solemn Novena to Saint Ann being held from July 17-26 at Saint Ann's Monastery in Scranton, PA, will be broadcast on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton, weekdays at 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday at Noon and 7:00 p.m. CTV will be live and will also Livestream the closing ceremony at 7:30 p.m., and will rebroadcast it again on Wednesday, July 27, at 10:30 a.m.

• LOCAL TV COVERAGE •

WSWB: Mon.-Fri. 3:00PM-4:00PM; Sat. & Sun. 5:00PM-6:00PM; Solemn Closing July 27 3:00PM-4:00PM. **Comcast** - Channel #7 & #807
Service Electric - Channel #11 • **Dish** - Channel #38 **DirectTV** - Channel #38 • **Over-the-Air** - Channel #38.1 & 56.2

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. ANN PASSIONIST MONASTERY

1239 SAINT ANN STREET

SCRANTON, PA 18504

For the convenience of the people attending the novena, refreshments will be available on the monastery grounds during the entire novena.



Eucharist is 'sublime gift of God,' Bishop Bambera says

SCRANTON – Following the 12:15 p.m. Mass June 19, several hundred people streamed out of the Cathedral of Saint Peter's front doors and onto Wyoming Avenue behind a canopy carried over a monstrance bearing the body of Christ.

The procession made its way to the front steps of the Cathedral rectory, where there was a period of adoration and the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, held the monstrance aloft to bless the faithful.

The procession marked the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the feast of Corpus Christi, as well as the nationwide launch of the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to revitalize Catholics' understanding of and love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

"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. "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."

Through the Eucharist, the bishop reminded the faithful that we are bound together as brothers and sisters in Christ, we remember the promise of Christ's second coming in glory and are sent forth on mission – to be the living presence



of Jesus in our world today.

"While we find great consolation and peace in adoring Christ present in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, our time with Christ is never meant to end in adoration. Such treasured



Above: Hundreds of people filled Wyoming Avenue during a Eucharistic Procession in downtown Scranton on Sunday, June 19, 2022.

Left: Bishop Bambera blesses the faithful with the Eucharist.

moments are always given to us to fortify us to go forth on mission," he explained.

Saint Paul also reminds us to never take the gift of the Eucharist for granted or never see it as a routine element of our worship.

"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," Bishop Bambera ended his homily saying.

Bradford County parish holds Eucharistic procession in Sayre park

SAYRE – As dioceses around the country begin a multi-year National Eucharistic Revival, parishioners of Epiphany Parish wasted no time in putting their faith on full display.

On Saturday, June 25, 2022, more than 100 people participated in a Eucharistic Procession that began inside the Bradford County church and went down Elmer Avenue to Howard Elmer Park where three altars were set up to honor the Blessed Mother Mary, Saint Joseph and the Precious Blood of Jesus.

"When we first talked about doing this, we were all very excited that we were going to have the opportunity to present this to the community, to walk outdoors with our Lord in the monstrance and share that experience with people in the community," parishioner Kate Gabb said.

"It is a wonderful thing, as



Bishop Bambera carries a monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament in Howard Elmer Park in Sayre on June 25, 2022. (Photo/Eric Deabill)

far as letting the community see that Jesus is real. That is what we celebrate in Corpus Christi, His real presence in the Blessed Sacrament," parishioner Patricia Reid added.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton;

Rev. Daniel A. Toomey, Pastor, Epiphany Parish; and Rev. Jose Joseph Kuriappilly, Assistant Pastor, Epiphany Parish, led the Eucharistic Procession.

"Eucharistic processions are such a blessing to the area,

to the parish boundaries, to the community," Father Toomey explained. "People that are not Catholic may not have an awareness of it but those who are Catholic know this is us reaching out to the community."

On a warm, sunny afternoon, the procession did get numerous onlookers, especially since there was another large community event taking place in Sayre on the same day.

"I'm hoping we can do this every year," Reid said.

The Catholic Community of the Epiphany in Sayre has a long tradition of celebrating the Real Presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. The parish just marked 30 years of Eucharistic Adoration at its perpetual adoration chapel. The chapel opened on Holy Saturday, April 18, 1992.

"We are so blessed to have this here. We have so many

people from different walks of life that come and worship," Gabb explained. "It is such a peaceful time, for one hour, to spend in the presence of the Lord. We encourage as many people as we can, all the time, to come and join us."

"I feel like it's the heartbeat of this parish, just having the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, we've been very blessed to have it for 30 years," Reid explained.

During the procession, the faithful joined in singing *Immaculate Mary*, *The Table of Plenty* and *Gift of Finest Wheat*. As they returned to Epiphany Parish, the faithful sang *Amazing Grace*.

Upon returning to the church, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was offered.

Calling the Eucharistic Procession "beautiful," Bishop Bambera said it served as a great witness to our world.

Polish community holds Eucharistic Procession in Stroudsburg

STROUDSBURG – Members of the Polish community celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) on June 19, 2022, at Saint Luke Parish.

After the celebration of Mass in Polish, the community honored the Blessed Sacrament with a Eucharistic Procession and Prayers of Thanksgiving. The people of the Polish community remembered their Catholic heritage in Poland and processed around the church building stopping at altar shrines to pray.

Before Mass, members of the congregation made four altars each honoring the Body of Christ. Each of these altars were beautifully decorated with many flowers, banners and

pictures meant to honor Jesus Christ in this sacrament of the Eucharist.

Many ethnic groups from Poland came to the celebration with their respected attire from each region as Polish Highlanders or Cracovian. The Mass ended with all the faithful walking in procession to each of the altars, ringing bells and throwing flower petals as they solemnly moved along.



Father Sylwester Pierzak, a Polish priest from the Diocese of Paterson, N.J., presided at Mass and led the procession while carrying the monstrance that enshrined the Blessed Sacrament. He

is one of a small team of Polish priests who come to serve the growing Polish population in the Poconos.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

July 5-14 - Pontifical Catholic & Pentecostal International Dialogue
Rome

July 17 - 50th Anniversary Mass & Procession Commemorating the Feast
of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our Lady of Mount
Carmel Parish, Carbondale, 10:00 a.m.

July 23 & 24 - Celebration of Parish Masses at Our Lady of the Snows
Church and Saint Benedict Church, Clarks Summit

July 26 - Closing Mass of Annual Novena to Saint Ann
Basilica of Saint Ann, Scranton, 7:30 p.m.

July 28 - Mass of Remembrance
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 7:00 p.m.

August 7 - Catholic Charismatic Conference Closing Mass
University of Scranton, 1:30 p.m.

August 10-19 - Pastoral Visit to Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana

APPOINTMENTS

His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, announces the following appointments, effective as indicated:

Reverend Andrew Amankwaa, to Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit, effective July 6, 2022. He will temporarily continue in Residence, Christ the King Parish, Archbald.

Reverend Sean G. Carpenter, from Pastor, Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines, to Pastor, Resurrection Parish, Muncy, effective August 16, 2022.

Monsignor Michael J. Delaney, from Pastor, Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit, to Administrative Leave of Absence, effective July 1, 2022.

Reverend Binesh Joseph Kanjirakattu, from Heralds of the Good News Mother Theresa Province, India, to Parochial Vicar, Saint Boniface Parish, Williamsport and Saint Lawrence Parish, South Williamsport, effective June 28, 2022.

Reverend John M. Lopera, to Administrator *pro tem*, Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit, effective July 1, 2022. He will continue to serve as Pastor, Saint Gregory Parish, Clarks Green.

Monsignor Dale R. Rupert, from Pastor, Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, to Senior Priest and Pastor Emeritus, Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, and Diocesan Master of Ceremonies, effective July 26, 2022.

Reverend Shawn M. Simchock, to Parochial Vicar, Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, effective July 1, 2022. Father will continue to serve as Parochial Vicar, Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston.

Reverend Sudhir Toppo, from Heralds of the Good News Mother Theresa Province, India, to Parochial Vicar, Saint John Bosco Parish, Conyngham, effective June 28, 2022.

Reverend Jeffrey D. Tudgay, J.C.L., from Pastor, Saint Eulalia Parish, Roaring Brook Township, to Pastor, Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, effective July 26, 2022. He will continue to serve as Judicial Vicar and Vicar for Canonical Affairs.

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Walter G. Janoski, to diaconal ministry, Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston, effective immediately. He will continue in diaconal ministry, Saint Barbara Parish, Exeter.

Deacon James R. Meizanis, to diaconal ministry, Saint Barbara Parish, Exeter, effective immediately. He will continue in diaconal ministry, Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston.

Deacon Frank H. Hine, to diaconal ministry, All Saints Parish, Plymouth, effective July 26, 2022. He will continue in diaconal ministry, Saint John the Baptist Parish, Larksville.

Deacon Gerald P. Pernot, to diaconal ministry, Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, effective July 1, 2022. He will continue in diaconal ministry, Saint Ignatius Parish, Kingston.

Hospitality, healing and holiness served as benchmarks of Saint Andre Bessette Parish

WILKES-BARRE — Saint Andre Bessette Parish proudly proclaimed itself as a community of hospitality, healing and holiness. As the faithful of the parish gathered to celebrate a closing Mass on Sunday, June 19, 2022, all three virtues were on full display.

As they walked through the front doors of their church one final time, a special slideshow greeted all parishioners. The presentation highlighted the history of Saint Andre Bessette Parish, featuring hundreds of pictures of people happily serving their community, building up the Kingdom of God and simply having fun.

Even though a closing Mass is bittersweet, the occasion did not stop a normal occurrence for the faithful. More than 200 people joined together reciting the Rosary together before the start of the closing Mass at 11 a.m.

“As with anything in life comes change and right now we’re experiencing that as a parish family and community. We are bidding farewell to our beloved parish of Saint Andre Bessette but look forward to the future with hope that we can all build roots in our new parish communities,” parishioner John Morris said.

Father Kenneth Seegar, who served as pastor for the community for more than a decade, celebrated the closing Mass. In January 2022, Father Seegar was transferred to a new parish assignment in Hazleton and Monsignor Jack Bendik was called out of retirement to serve as administrator *pro tem*.

During his homily, Father Seegar thanked all those who gave of their gifts and talents to build up the parish since its founding when several churches came together in 2011 and 2012.

“Today is not a day for us to



A closing Mass for Saint Andre Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre was celebrated on Sunday, June 19, 2022. (Photo/Eric Deabill)

mourn or weep, but rather, it is a day for us to be grateful,” Father Seegar explained.

Father Seegar encouraged

the faithful to look to Scripture for guidance and direction as they embrace the future. He explained that in the early days of the

Church, men and women from Jerusalem needed to separate and spread out to build up other faith communities. He said that is what God is now asking of the people in this Wilkes-Barre community.

“We have done a great many things here in the past 11 years. We have built up a community of faith, we have built up a family, supporting one another in times of sorrow, sharing with one another in times of joy,” he said. “Now, God is asking us to go to other places, among other people and bring with us the fire that burns here within us, so that we can build up other communities, we can strengthen other people.”

In recent years, the parish of Saint Andre Bessette suffered a diminishing number of faithful whose donations have helped to sustain the parish.

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Diocese of Scranton statement regarding Monsignor Michael J. Delaney

On Friday, March 26, 2022, the Diocese of Scranton received an allegation of sexual assault of an adult involving Monsignor Michael J. Delaney, Pastor, Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit. The reporting individual alleged Monsignor Delaney assaulted him in 2002, at which time Monsignor Delaney was Pastor of Saint Gabriel Church in Hazleton. The individual was 31 years old at the time of the alleged incident.

Upon receipt of this allegation, the Diocese of Scranton followed its established procedure relative to allegations of sexual assault not involving minors. In addition to notifying the Luzerne County District Attorney’s Office, Diocesan outside counsel retained a professional investigator to conduct an assessment of the credibility of the allegation. The investigator spoke with the individual making the complaint and examined all relevant records. The individual making this allegation accepted an

opportunity to meet with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on June 6, 2022.

Based upon its initial assessment, the Diocese determined the allegation appears credible. The Diocese’s initial assessment shows an imbalance of power and vulnerability that existed between Monsignor Delaney and the reporting individual, given cognitive impairment that the individual acknowledges, displays and has been documented and shared with the Diocese of Scranton.

Information regarding the allegation was presented to the Bishop’s Advisory Board for Clergy for review and recommendation. The Bishop’s Advisory Board for Clergy consists of lay, clergy and religious professionals and advises the bishop in his assessment of allegations of sexual misconduct not involving minors and in the determination of suitability for ministry of the accused.

The Diocese also informed Monsignor Delaney of the allegation.

Under both civil and canon law, a person is presumed innocent until proven guilty. However, the presumption of innocence does not preclude the Diocese from taking immediate, prudent action to protect the Church community in response to complaints and before the outcome of an internal canonical investigation and/or any external law enforcement investigation.

Bishop Bambera subsequently placed Monsignor Delaney on administrative leave and revoked his faculties to perform public priestly ministry (including celebrating Mass and hearing confessions). The Diocese also opened an internal (canonical) investigation according to the procedures established by canon law.

Monsignor Delaney was ordained to serve as a priest of the Diocese of Scranton on August 31, 1985. Upon ordination, his first assignment was assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Scranton. Between 1985-1986,

Monsignor also served as catechist for Bishop Hannan High School. During the same time period, he served as chaplain to the deaf community and Moses Taylor Community Medical Center. In 1992, Monsignor Delaney became assistant pastor of Saint Gregory Church, Clarks Green. In July 1994, he took on his first role as pastor at Saint Gabriel Church, Hazleton. From 2004-2005, he also served as administrator of Sacred Heart Church and the National Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Harleigh. In June 2005, Monsignor Delaney became pastor of Nativity of Our Lord Church, Scranton. In 2008 and early 2009, Monsignor was placed on leaves of absence. In July 2008, he had residence at Saint John the Evangelist in Pittston. In May 2009, he was appointed assistant pastor at St. Paul and St. Clare, Scranton. In July 2012, he became administrator of Holy Cross Parish, Olyphant, and Blessed Sacrament Parish, Throop. Exactly one year later, he became

the pastor of the linked parishes. In August 2021, Monsignor was appointed pastor at Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit.

Between 2007 and 2009, the Diocese previously received reports that Monsignor Delaney had possibly engaged in inappropriate conduct with four other adults. Law enforcement was engaged but no criminal charges were filed in relation to these incidents. In 2009, following a period of rehabilitation, Monsignor Delaney was allowed to return to ministry by the prior Diocesan administration. There have been no subsequent allegations of inappropriate conduct involving Monsignor Delaney until the current report.

Anyone who might have relevant information regarding this allegation – or any allegation of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton – is encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement.

Two young men take step closer to the Sacred Priesthood



Seminarians William A. Asinari, left, and Andrew T. McCarroll, right, participate in the Rite of Admission with Bishop Bambera on June 20, 2022. (Photo/Mike Melisky)

DUNMORE – 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.”

Asinari and McCarroll entered formation together six years ago.

“It has been a six year journey together and to be able to stand next to each other and to say that the Church is serious about us being in formation and being priests for local service in the Church of Scranton and we’re serious about that commitment too. It really is a joyful moment and a moment of brotherhood for Bill and myself,” McCarroll added.

The Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders is celebrated when a man has reached a maturity of purpose in his formation and demonstrated the necessary qualifications for ordination to the diaconate. In the presence of the bishop,

each man publicly expresses his intention to complete his preparation for Holy Orders and also his resolve to fully invest himself to that end, so as to best serve Jesus Christ and his Holy Church.

During his homily, Bishop Bambera told both men the Church is in dire need of ministers who will warm hearts and mend brokenness.

“Your openness to the call to serve the Church demands that you come to know well that you cannot succeed in this way of life apart from the grace of God,” the bishop said.

When asked what keeps him moving forward on his vocation journey to the priesthood, Asinari said the answer is easy.

“The grace of God, His Grace and His love and the way He has guided me to this point. I’ve always almost seen myself like a little child holding onto God’s hands and whenever it gets frightening or turbulent, just holding tighter and tighter and just following him. That is what gets you through it,” he explained.

This year, the Rite of Admission was held during the annual *Quo Vadis Days*, so dozens of high school students interested in learning more about their own vocational journey got to participate in the Mass.

“I think it was good to have young men here who are asking the same questions that we were asking six years ago and we’re continuing to ask – and just for them to see us step forward and say we’re serious about this,” McCarroll ended by saying.

Young adults explore vocational opportunities during *Quo Vadis Days*

DUNMORE – From what college they want to attend or what job they are looking for, high school students face many questions about their future.

Each summer, the Diocesan Office of Vocations helps young men in high school explore vocational opportunities at *Quo Vadis Days*, a three-day camp that gives each person the opportunity to ask where God is calling them. In Latin, “*Quo Vadis*” means, “Where are you going?”

This year’s camp was held June 19-21 at Marywood University.

“I don’t want to leave. I’m enjoying it a lot,” Matthew Sanchez, 14, said on the final day of *Quo Vadis Days* this summer.

The Stroudsburg teenager, who is a parishioner of Saint Matthew Parish, said the camp helped him grow in confidence.

“Today I got the courage enough to read at the Mass so that helped me a lot. People said I did well,” he explained.

Throughout the three days, speakers visit to talk about the priesthood, religious life and marriage. Campers also participate in Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Mass, Adoration and more. The students also have plenty of free time to play pool, foosball, capture the flag, football and soccer.

“These are kids who want to learn about Jesus and want to figure out where God is calling them. For most people, that is not to the priesthood, but this is also a place where they can discern and talk about what it means to date as a Christian, what marriage looks like, how they should live their faith right now in high school,” Father Alex Roche, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians said.

Liam Barry, 16, who is going to be a sophomore, is interested in the priesthood.

“I do volunteering at my church and I

like to serve people and I like to talk about my faith and spread it,” Barry explained.

The Sayre-native said he enjoyed getting to talk with many of the priests and seminarians from around the Diocese of Scranton and hear about all of the steps of becoming a priest.

“It’s a lot more complicated than I thought. I thought it was just like going to college and then you get ordained. That’s not how it goes at all,” he added.

After attending *Quo Vadis Days* for

several years as a high school student, Dominic Tavan, 20, is now serving on the young adult team that helped plan all the activities.

He said the three-day retreat helps young

people to see priests as real people.

“Priests are human beings too. They love to play games. They were playing Ultimate Frisbee with us. They love to be around us and want to help us,” he explained.

Seminarian Harrison Rapp, who participated in all of the activities along with the high school students, said *Quo Vadis Days* gives him a lot of hope for the future of the church.

“I think this is a great opportunity for the Lord to place seeds in their heart, even if they don’t realize it, I think they’ll leave here and recognize that was a good experience for me and hopefully it will be something they cherish as they go forward in their faith,” Rapp said.

All of the participants interviewed by *The Catholic Light* say they are walking away with new friendships from this year’s event. That is exactly what Father Alex Roche wanted to hear.

“I want those sorts of relationships to build up around the diocese because that is what is going to help the church to come alive for the next generation,” he said.



6,239 years of wedded bliss celebrated at Cathedral Mass

SCRANTON – Nearly 150 couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2022 were recognized at the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Sunday, June 26, 2022.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant and homilist for the Diocese of Scranton's annual Wedding Anniversary Mass that honors married couples who are celebrating their 25th and 50th anniversaries this year. Two couples in attendance even celebrated 65 years of marriage!

"I was excited about being part of this Mass because I'm grateful for all the gifts that God has given us," Beverly Dench said. "Faith is what is going to get you through, the good times and bad."

Beverly and Tim Dench are celebrating 50 years of wedded bliss this year. They have known each other since they were teenagers and say they always got along, even while owning a business.

"It is unbelievable how fast 50 years went," Jim said. "It was the blink of an eye. I was thinking about all the struggles we went through, all the hard times, the good times, I'm grateful!"

Joan and Vince Narcoonis are also celebrating their Golden anniversary this year. Both said to make a marriage last, it takes hard work and dedication.

"Patience, for one thing," Joan said. "Kindness, caring, love, understanding. There are so many



During his homily for the 2022 Wedding Anniversary Mass, Bishop Bambera asked each couple to look at one another and realize how blessed and sacred they should consider their relationship.

different things that you have to have to keep a marriage together. Don't let anyone think it is not work, because it is work! You just have to enjoy each other's company and have love beyond anything else."

"Just being able to say, 'yeah, okay, you're right,'" Vince added with a smile. "It is harmony. Without harmony it will not work."

During the special liturgy, Bishop Bambera led all of the couples in renewing their Matrimonial Commitment before the Lord.

Rufino Cano, who is celebrating 25 years with his wife, said that moment was special.

"I remembered when we just got married. I went back in time and said it's unbelievable that 25 years later we're here renewing our vows," he said.

As parishioners of Saint John Neumann Parish, Rufino and his wife, Liliana, often talk with young couples who are living together but choosing not to get married. They are hoping to change that.

"If you put your faith in God, he'll guide you through, Liliana said she explains to those couples. "Don't be afraid. With God, you can do it."

As he began his homily, Bishop Bambera first noted the importance of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which was handed down just 48 hours earlier.

"We all need to be thankful to God and so many that the Justices recognized the sanctity of human life, one of the fundamental teachings of our Church," the



A couple celebrating at the 2022 Wedding Anniversary Mass shares a kiss following the conclusion of the liturgy at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton on June 26, 2022. (Photos/Mike Melisky)

bishop said to applause when he initially brought up the topic.

As he focused on the Word of God, the bishop turned to reflections on love – which he says never gives up.

"What we celebrate today in your marriages, is not merely endurance and determination but the mystery of God's love for us – and at work in our lives," Bishop Bambera said.

Calling marriage an "incredible institution," he added that each couple provides hope to the world.

"Your marriages endured not because the years together have been perfect but because you have come to see your marriage as part of something much bigger than

yourselves – the mystery of God's love woven into your lives, your family and your marriage. Don't think for an instant that you – or any of us – are here but by the grace of God and that is the reason we give thanks," he continued.

As he concluded his homily, he asked each couple to look at one another.

"Realize how blessed and sacred your relationship is," the bishop noted. "For all that you have been through, realize how blessed you are to have each other and for as familiar as those eyes may be, see through them to discover the abiding face of God, present with you on the journey, a presence that ultimately has brought you to this day."



Retrouvaille Weekend to be held Aug. 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 tens-of-thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep 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 the Retrouvaille website at www.helpourmarriage.org.

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 24 - 30

Everyone is invited to learn more about Natural Family Planning and reverence God's vision of human sexuality during National Family Planning Awareness Week later this month.

The theme of this year's educational campaign is, "Called to the Joy of Love."

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlights the anniversary of the papal encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood.

For further information on Natural Family Planning, visit the Diocese of Scranton's website at dioceseofscranton.org.

Hundreds of women refresh their faith at Catholic Women's Conference

DUNMORE – After losing not one, but two children in less than a year, unbearable pain and suffering could have consumed Deb Hadley.

Instead, she turned that deep suffering into an opportunity to find God's love and help others.

"In every situation, you can choose to turn toward God or you can choose to turn away. We have a choice. I had to turn toward him if I was going to live," Hadley said as she addressed a crowd of more than 300 people at the 2022 Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, June 11, 2022.

Women from around the Diocese of Scranton and beyond filled the gymnasium at Marywood University to listen to inspirational speakers and deepen their faith.

"It is really in the pains of hell, when you've been knocked down so low, that you have to surrender everything you have to God. There is something really beautiful about being that raw and vulnerable," Hadley stated.

During her hour-long speech, Hadley explained the circumstances of losing her daughter, Kaylie, in 2013 to SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death from Epilepsy) and her son, Tyler, a little more than nine months later.

She discussed her "survival guide," which included attending daily Mass, working on her relationship with the Lord, focusing on her blessings and making good things happen.

"Faith doesn't exempt us from difficulties," Hadley told the women attending the conference.

Pati Pawlik, a parishioner of Saint



Above: Deb Hadley addresses the Women's Conference.

Top Right: Bishop Joseph C. Bambera celebrates Mass which opened the 2022 Conference at Marywood University.

Right: More than 300 women participate in the Opening Mass.



Eulalia Parish, Roaring Brook Township, was deeply moved by Hadley's talk.

"I think many of us have suffered loss in our lives," Pawlik said. "Speakers who speak on loss and grieving and the perils of going through grief show us that there's hope in God and hope in Jesus and that there's other people who have been down that road and we don't have to travel those roads alone."

Author,

former presidential speechwriter and mother, Colleen Carroll Campbell, was keynote speaker for the conference. Her talk centered on her personal struggle with spiritual perfectionism. By studying scripture and the lives of the saints, she has found the tools to live a grace-filled life that is the gift of God's love.

"Spiritual perfectionism is rooted in the unspoken belief that we can earn God's love," she told the crowd.

Instead, Campbell told her audience that God is longing to embrace each one of us and we have to stop running from his mercy.

"Jesus isn't just willing to overlook our imperfections, he's burning to submerge them in the ocean of his love," she stated.

Conference attendee Teresa James walked away from the 2022 Women's Conference with that message in her mind.

"I think Colleen Carroll Campbell's message about spiritual perfectionism struck a chord with me, trusting in God's mercy and also looking at our lives and all the little things we do and offering small sacrifices up to God and seeing that he loves us so much and he has so much love in his heart for us," James explained.

The theme of this year's Women's Conference was "Full of Grace" in honor of Mary, our Blessed Mother. As he celebrated the opening Mass of the conference, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, focused his homily on Mary.

"Mary has known all of life, as you and I experience it," the bishop said. "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 that Mary's 'yes' to participate in God's plan of salvation didn't guarantee her a perfect world, free from suffering and pain."

In addition to Mass, women attending the conference also participated in Eucharistic Adoration, recited the Rosary, had the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and could shop at the Catholic vendor marketplace.

Mary Labar described the conference as "incredible, amazing and uplifting."

"This is what we need, the community of faith, to come together and praise Jesus and the Blessed Mother," she explained.

Conference organizers say the Holy Spirit filled the Marywood gymnasium.

"It is very inspiring that all these women came out today. We hope that they tell a friend next year and we double the amount of people that are here," Deborah Kennedy, chair of the 2022 Catholic Women's Conference, said.

Women are already being encouraged to save the date of next year's conference, June 10, 2023, in which the theme will be, "With the Holy Spirit."



During a break in between speakers, conference attendees got a chance to shop at the Catholic Marketplace and make new friends. (Photos/Mike Melisky)

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The Diocese of Scranton is committed to educating our students in an environment that is academically excellent and facilitates the development of moral judgment and Christian decision-making. We are proud to share the following successes of our students in the classroom and in their service to others. Each day, our schools are fulfilling their mission of preparing today's youth and young adults to become tomorrow's faith-filled leaders.



In the final week of classes, students at **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre** enjoyed some fun & games during "Underclassmen Field Day."



The second grade class at **Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg** honored the Blessed Mother during the school's annual May Crowning.



Gianna Welby, a recent eighth grade graduate of **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter**, has been recognized for receiving the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Outstanding Achievement Award. To be considered, students must be active members of NJHS, in grades 6-8 and attend a school with a NJHS chapter. The award includes \$500 to be placed in a college savings account.



Students Kira Millard, Hannah Fauerbach and Mia Correll lead the way for **Saint Jude School in Mountain Top** at the community's annual Fourth of July Parade.



Sixth-graders Olivia Meola, Bianca Tolerico, Lily Turnbull & Genevieve Cobley share their excitement during "Fun Day" at **Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore**.



"The Students of Service" at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton** gave the front doors a bright, beautiful new look, creating simulated stained glass windows.



Students in kindergarten and grades 2-4 at **Epiphany School in Sayre** celebrated the end of the school year with a "Book Parade." They designed placards and floats about their favorite book from this year. It was a fun celebration of their love of reading.



Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton was pleased to present its production of *Willy Wonka Jr.*, under the direction of music teacher Mrs. Carly Hoover.



Monsignor John Bergamo celebrates the last liturgy for the 2021-22 school year at **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg** with Christian Rinaldi and David Jankowski as altar servers.



Alexis Bilski and Kathryn Mary Apolinario, recent eighth grade graduates of **La Salle Academy in Jessup**, are the 2022 recipients of the Katie Sokoloski Gilroy Scholarships to continue their Catholic education at Holy Cross High School in the fall. The awards were presented at Queen of Angels Parish in Jessup.



The eighth grade class at **All Saints Academy in Scranton** collaborated with other classes to knit hats.



Students gathered for their traditional Class Day ceremony at **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore**.



Look at the smiles at the “Fun in the Sun” Summer Camp at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green**.



Students from **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** enjoyed a week of fun-filled projects during one of the many camps offered this summer at the school.



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The 12th Vocations Golf Classic, which took place at Blue Ridge Golf Club in Mountain Top on Monday, June 27, was our most successful tournament on record. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to the nearly 200 golfers and multitude of sponsors who made this year's record-breaking results possible in support of our seminarians and the important work of our Vocations Office.

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Summer Guide to Church Festivals & Picnics

Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Carbondale — July 14-16. The parish festival celebrating the annual Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be held Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 5 to 10 a.m. each day on the parish festival grounds, located at 33 Fairview St., Carbondale.

Saint Joseph Mareello in Pittston — July 14-16. Annual three-day summer picnic held on Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m. on the grounds of the parish worship site at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 237 William St., Pittston. Festival features ethnic and traditional food favorites, including porketta, pizza frita, penne in vodka sauce, clams, pierogi and potato pancakes; children's games, basket raffle and large indoor

flea market. Live nightly musical entertainment provided by The Taxmen (Thursday), Great Rock Scare (Friday), and Flaxy Morgan (Saturday).

Saint Nicholas in Wilkes-Barre — July 14-16. Annual bazaar will be held on the parish grounds Thursday and Friday, from 6 to 11 p.m., and Saturday, following the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass until 11 p.m. Event will feature Mexican and Caribbean foods, in addition to traditional American and ethnic fare; grand prize cash raffle drawing plus additional prizes; bountiful baskets, and picnic games. Giant flea market open on Thursday from 1 to 10 p.m., and Friday & Saturday from 3 to 10 p.m. Nightly musical entertainment provided by Flaxy Morgan, The Sperazza

Band, and Luongo Brothers Band, respectively. For more information, call (570) 823-7736.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Hunlock Creek — July 15 & 16, from 5 to 11 p.m. Parish "Summer Fest" will be held on the church grounds at Lake Silkworth, 2011 State Route 29. Tent-covered two-day event to feature a huge indoor flea market, theme baskets, festival games and homemade foods. Musical entertainment provided by Flaxy Morgan (Friday) & Lance Thomas Band (Saturday).

Saint Eulalia's in Roaring Brook Township — July 15 & 16, from 5 to 10 p.m. Festival, to be held on the church picnic grounds at 214 Blue Shutters Road, will feature homemade ethnic foods, beer pavilion, Grandma's Attic flea market, tricky tray basket raffles, bake sale, arts & crafts boutique,

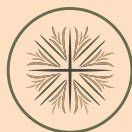
summer cash raffle and small games of chance. Children's games & attractions include face painting and pony rides. Friday musical entertainment features the Electric City Steel Drum Project from 6 to 7 p.m., including kids' limbo contest, and playlist selections provided by Vito Picozzo of Dynamic Sound Productions. The Schützengiggle Oompah (Brass) Band, blending traditional Bavarian folk music with pop hits, will perform on Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. The festival's 12th Annual 5K Walk/Run will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Registration is online only at www.steulalia5k.com. For more information, call the parish office (570) 842-7656.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Wyalusing — July 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Annual parish summer picnic held on Sunday on the grounds of Saint Mary of the Assumption Church, 245

State St., Wyalusing. Festival food menu will include sausage & peppers, wimpies, pasta and potato salads, and homemade pies. Games and attractions feature cash, "Happy Wagon," and basket raffle drawings; face-painting and corn hole tournament. For information, call (570) 746-1006.

Christ the King in Archbald/Eynon — July 29-31. Summer picnic will be held on the grounds of Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church, 417 Main St., Eynon, on Friday & Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m. Festival to include ethnic & American food favorites, beer & wine tent, children's games, raffle drawings, and a "House of Treasures. Live entertainment nightly. For more information, contact Chris Tomaszewski at chriss1973@verizon.net.

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Saint Eulalia
— PARISH —

**SUMMER
FESTIVAL**

**JULY 15-16
5-10 p.m.**

Homemade Food, Grandma's Attic, & more...

WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT:

FRIDAY, JULY 15

6-7 PM » Electric City Steel Drum Project: including a limbo contest for kids

7-10 PM » Vito Picozzo/Dynamic Sound Productions: broadcasting a Parish Festival Playlist of various music

SAT., JULY 16

6-9 PM » Schützengiggle Oompah Band: brass ensemble featuring a blend of traditional Bavarian Folk Music/pop hits from the last 50 years

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**Thursday – The Taxmen
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Picnic Favorites

**Ethnic Foods, Pizza Frita,
Potato Pancakes, Indoor Flea
Market, Basket Raffles, Kid
Games, and so much more!**

Summer Guide to Church Festivals & Picnics

Saint Patrick's in Scranton — July 31. "Parish Social" summer event held on the grounds of Saint Patrick Church, 1403 Jackson St., West Scranton, immediately following the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass. Outdoor festival includes food trucks, basket & quilt raffles, instant bingo, and musical entertainment.

Saint Robert Bellarmine in Wilkes-Barre and Hanover Township — Aug. 4-6. Well known as the annual "Saint Al's Bazaar," the parish summer picnic will feature homemade foods, amusement games for all ages, bingo, a bake sale, and nightly entertainment. Live music provided by Triple Fret (Thursday), Guilty Pleasure (Friday) & The Sperazza Band (Saturday). For more information, contact Cathy Swoboda at cathys@stalloysiuswb.com.

Holy Cross in Olyphant — Aug. 7. Chicken barbecue dinner and other attractions will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the parish grounds. Sit-down and take-out service provided for the dinner. Cost: adults, \$12, includes chicken, potato & vegetable; children's meal, \$5, includes chicken nuggets & fries. Tickets on sale at all weekend Masses or the rectory office. Event also includes a basket raffle, bake sale, various picnic foods, ice cream/soda and other refreshments. Musical entertainment provided by John Quinn. For more information, email: HPHG@verizon.net.

Saint John the Evangelist in Pittston — Aug. 11-13. "Summer Fest '22," the three-night church picnic hosted by Saint John's, will be held from 5 to 10 p.m., Thursday thru Saturday, at the parish grounds and pastoral center on Church & Broad streets in downtown Pittston. Festival

attractions include ethnic & traditional American picnic foods, variety booths, bingo, children's games, raffle drawings, and baked goods. Featured nightly entertainment: Thursday, Reel in the Years Trio; Friday, Sweet Pepper & The Long Hots, plus the Emerald Isle Irish Step Dancers; and Saturday, Flaxy Morgan. The "Pat Ward Magic Show" will also take the stage on Saturday.

Saints Anthony & Rocco in Dunmore — Aug. 12-14. The Dunmore parish's annual three-day "Italian Festival" will be hosted on the grounds and pavilion area at Saint Rocco Church, 122 Kurtz St., Bunker Hill section of Dunmore. Festivities, including homemade ethnic & picnic foods, games and activities, and live entertainment each day, get

underway on Friday and Saturday at 5 p.m. and on Sunday following the noon Mass and procession originating from Saint Rocco's. Festival entertainment provided

by the Dunmore High School cheerleaders, and the Luongo marching units and music by Brothers Band (Sunday). The Picture Perfect (Friday); Popstar Drive (Saturday); and Vinsko Entertainment, Scranton Prep

event is capped off with a huge

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CHRIST THE KING PARISH PICNIC

(St. Mary of Czestochowa Church, Eynon & St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Archbald)

JULY 29, 30, 31, 2022

**Friday-
The Longo Brothers**
6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
Picnic starts at 5:00 P.M.

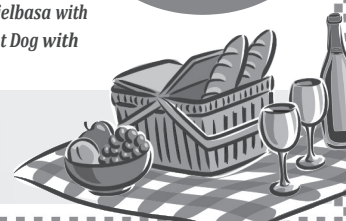
**Saturday-
The Sperazza Band**
6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
Picnic starts at 5:00 P.M.

Sunday- The Wanabees Duo
3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Picnic starts at 1:00 P.M.
Sarah Marie & Joseph 1-2:30 P.M.

Beer & Wine Tent, Beverages, Bake Sale, and the following Ethnic and American cuisine: Cabbage & Noodles, Potato Pancakes, Pierogi with onion & butter or deep fried, Pigs in the Blanket, Pagoch, Sausage Plain, Sausage with peppers, Steak & Cheese, Steak & Cheese with Peppers and Onions, Steak Sub Hoagie, Texas Burger, Kielbasa with Kraut, Texas Weiner, Wimpie, Porketta, Clam Chowder, French Fries, Hamburger, Hot Dog Plain or Hot Dog with Kraut, Pizza, Pizza-Frita, Funnel Cakes, Fried Oreos.

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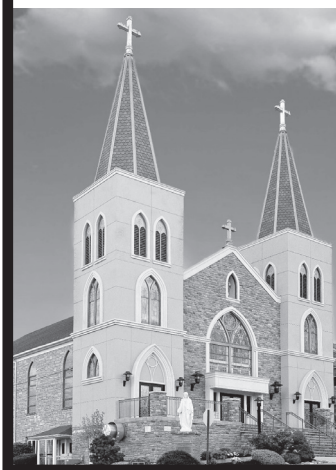


Reverend Thomas J. Petro

REFRESHMENTS

GAMES

AMUSEMENTS



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fireworks display on Sunday evening at 9 p.m. For more information, contact Julie Luongo at (570) 344-1209.

Saint John's in Larksville — Aug. 12-14. Annual church bazaar will be held Friday, Saturday & Sunday on the parish grounds on Nesbitt Street in Larksville. Summer festival features a large variety of ethnic and American picnic foods, including homemade potato pancakes, French fries, halushki, pierogi, sausage, piggies, clam chowder, pulled pork, rice pudding, desserts & more; refreshments, awards, games and raffle drawings on more than 50 theme baskets. Live nightly music provided by John Stevens' Polka Band (Friday, 7 to 11 p.m.); George Tarasek (Saturday, 7 to 11 p.m.) and Tommy & the Original Tones (Sunday, 5 to 8 p.m.).

Saint Matthew's in East Stroudsburg — Aug. 12-14. Summer festival will be held Friday & Saturday, from 5 to 10 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Three-day event includes live entertainment, homemade international foods & desserts, beer & wine garden, Prize Bingo for adults (Friday & Saturday), Kids' Toy Bingo (Sunday), children's games, raffle drawings, and mega cash raffle. For more information, contact Kathy Coyle at (570) 421-2342.

Saint Jude's in Mountain Top (Wright Township) — Aug. 12-14. Parish's 68th annual "Picnic in the Grove" in Mountain Top will be held Friday & Saturday, from 4 to 10 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Tracie Machalick at (570) 474-6315 or tmach@stjc.org.

Saint John Neumann & Saint Paul of the Cross in Scranton — Aug. 14, from 2 to 8 p.m. The linked Catholic parishes of South Scranton have combined efforts

to host the Sunday "2022 Unity Festival," to be held at Waldorf Park in the East Mountain section of Scranton. The summer fundraiser aims to, not only unify the two parish faith communities, but promote unity in the general community. Event will feature an international buffet of Spanish, Irish, German, Polish and Italian foods; music, dancing, corn hole, volleyball and other games; bake sale, basket raffle and family-friendly activities. Admission fee required. Advance adult tickets, \$20 (until Aug. 10); after Aug. 10, \$25; and children (ages 12 & under), \$10. Cost includes full buffet and soda, water & beer. Cash bar will be available.

Saint Julianna's Rock Lake Picnic — Aug. 20. Sponsored by Saint Katherine Drexel Parish, the time-honored summer festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the grounds of Saint Juliana Church, 2048 Creamton Drive (Route 247), Rock Lake. The church picnic includes a chicken barbecue dinner, with tickets sold in advance and dinner pick-up from noon to 3 p.m. Event also features pierogi, pie and bake sales, a finder's market, games and prizes. For more information, call (570) 798-2539.

Saint Martha's in Fairmount Springs — Sept. 3 & 4. Sponsored by Holy Spirit Parish in Mocanaqua, the annual Saint Martha's Festival during Labor Day Weekend will be held on Saturday, 5 to 11 p.m., and Sunday, 2 to 10 p.m., on the grounds of Saint Martha Church, 260 Bonnierville Road, Fairmount Springs (Stillwater). Featuring homemade Polish and American picnic foods, including halushki, potato pancakes and pierogi. A new addition to this year's event is an outdoor chicken barbecue dinner served on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2 p.m. Coffee, cake and pie by the slice will be available

at the "Sidewalk Café," and other attractions include basket & cash raffles, children's and festival games, and a big indoor flea market/country store. Live nightly music provided by Vine Street (Saturday) and Al White and Friends (Sunday). Weekend

Masses celebrated on Saturday, at 4 p.m., and Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

Immaculate Conception in Williamsport (Bastress Township) — Sept. 5. Parish's Labor Day family-style turkey & ham dinner with all the trimmings

will be served for sit-down or take-out service from noon to 6 p.m. Dinner tickets cost \$12 (\$11 in advance) for adults; \$6 for children. For more information, call (570) 745-3301.

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Saint Boniface in Williamsport — Sept. 8-10. Annual parish carnival will be held on the grounds of Saint Boniface Church, 326 Washington Blvd., Williamsport, with sit-down dinners served in the school gym Thursday thru Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. (take-outs available). Outdoor picnic foods, including roast beef, hot sausage and meatball sandwiches, homemade pierogi, pizza, funnel cakes and ice cream, will be available on Thursday and Friday beginning at 6 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday. Carnival attractions also include children's rides, games, bingo and white elephant sale. Annual raffle drawing culminates the event on Sunday at 10 p.m. For more information, contact Deb Wheeler at (570) 326-1544.

Saint Thomas the Apostle in Elkland/Westfield — Sept. 10. Saturday "Fall Fest" event

benefitting the parish will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Knoxville Firemen's Field in Knoxville, featuring a chicken barbecue (halves & dinners) beginning at noon; dinners include salad, baked beans, roll & dessert. Autumn-themed festival will also offer various foods, Chinese basket auction, music, vendors, and fun & games for all ages; blessing of the animals service at 11 a.m. Cow Pie Bingo held during the day, with tickets on sale in advance or on site for \$10. For more information, call (814) 258-5121.

Our Lady of Lourdes in Montoursville — Sept. 16. Parish's annual "Fall Fun Festival" event will feature traditional & seasonal foods, games & amusements, and entertainment throughout the day. For more information, call the parish office (570) 368-8598.

St. Andre Bessette celebrates final Mass

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Demographic changes, due to an aging population, also resulted in a continued decrease in Mass attendance and sacramental participation.

The parish also has significant unpaid financial obligations and faced infrastructure challenges, which include an aging asbestos roof and a structurally unsound retaining wall surrounding the church.

In the spirit of the Vision 2030 pastoral planning process, conversation and consultation between the Diocese and parishioners began in March 2022. At the prompting of parish leaders, the possibility of closing Saint Andre Bessette was discussed and ultimately approved.

Following the closing Mass, Saint Andre Bessette Parish was suppressed by an extinctive union

with Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Plains. That means that parishioners previously belonging to Saint Andre Bessette Parish will now belong to Saints Peter and Paul Parish and the geographic territory of Saints Peter and Paul Parish will reflect the change.

In addition, Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church, 668 North Main Street, which was the main worship site for the parish will be closed (defined in canon law as 'relegated to profane but not sordid use').

As he closed his homily, Father Seegar said each person must ask God to continue to give him or her strength.

"Each one of you is a credit to this parish. Each one of you helped to build this community. Now, each one of you is tasked with going out and doing that again — in new places and new beginnings — so the Word of God can continue to grow and thrive," he said.

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Pope encourages Catholic-Pentecostal dialogue

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Bishop Joseph C. Bambera is preparing to leave Rome and head back to the United States after spending several days participating in ecumenical efforts.

Bishop Bambera served as co-chair of the Commission for Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue along with the Rev. Cecil M. Robeck of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. The dialogue is staffed by the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and by the Christian Unity Commission of the Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches of North America.

On July 12, the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Commission for Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue, Pope Francis released a message encouraging the discussions.

The more Catholics and Pentecostals understand each other and bear witness to Jesus' call for his disciples to be one, the more effective they can be in

sharing the Gospel, Pope Francis said.

The pope said that through dialogue and reflection commission members have built "bonds of friendship, solidarity and mutual understanding between Catholics and Pentecostals."

"It is my hope that this important anniversary will strengthen these bonds and renew your zeal to proclaim, as missionary disciples, the joy of the Gospel in the ecclesial community and in society as a whole," the pope said in his message.

"Bearing witness to the Lord's prayer that all may be one," he said, "you will be able to help our brothers and sisters experience in their hearts and lives the transforming power of God's love, mercy and grace."

Members of the dialogue commission were meeting in Rome July 8-14 to continue discussions on "lex orandi, lex credendi," usually translated and explained as, "what the church prays is what the church believes."

Pope to grandparents, elderly: We must lead revolution of tenderness

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Pope Francis said he is convinced God is calling his peers – older Catholics – to become "artisans of the revolution of tenderness."

Through their gifts, wisdom, relationships and power of prayer, "together we can set the world free from the specter of loneliness and the demon of war," the pope wrote in his message for the Catholic Church's celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

The celebration will be held July 24, the fourth Sunday of July and the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus'

grandparents.

"Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness; a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future," the pope wrote in his message, whose theme for 2022 is "In old age they will still bear fruit" from the Book of Psalms.

In addition to taking care of themselves and remaining active, "we ought to cultivate our interior life through the assiduous reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy" as well as "cultivate our relationships with others."

Pope says he'll add women to Dicastery for Bishops

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Pope Francis said he plans to name two women to the committee that helps him choose bishops for the world's Latin-rite dioceses.

In an interview July 2 with the Reuters news agency, the pope seemed to indicate the women would be members, not consultants

or staff members, of the Dicastery for Bishops, which currently has only cardinals and bishops as members and five bishops and two priests as consultants.

"Two women will be appointed for the first time in the committee to elect bishops in the Congregation for Bishops," Pope

Francis told Philip Pullella, the Reuters' Vatican correspondent.

"This way, things are opening up a bit," the pope said when asked about expanding the role of women in church decision-making.

Reuters published the pope's remarks about women's positions July 6.

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Cultures celebrated at World Refugee Day

SCRANTON – Hundreds of people came together last month to celebrate their unity through diversity.

Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton and the Church of Saint Gregory in Clarks Green were two of the primary sponsors of World Refugee Day 2022. The event was held on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at YMS of R Grove in Scranton.

Ushu Mukelo, who has lived in Scranton for the last seven years, shared his story of fleeing the Democratic Republic of Congo.

“We had a war in our village and we had to move to Uganda. We ended up in a refugee camp where we lived for over 12 years,” Mukelo said.

It took Mukelo more than four years to be able to come to the United States.

“It was a lot of interviews and making sure there was consistency. We had to go through medical check-ups and more. We had a one week orientation,” he explained.

When Mukelo moved to Scranton, he had no family or friends to assist him, but found the community to be very welcoming.

“Besides non-profits that work with refugee families closely, we also had a lot of individuals volunteering to help our families in a lot of ways – whether it was taking children to schools to register them or it was helping us to apply for public benefits – we have not had any bad treatment,” he explained.

World Refugee Day honors the strength, resilience and courage of millions of refugees throughout the world. The event in Scranton helped individuals share the rich cultural heritage of many refugee communities that have settled in northeastern Pennsylvania.

“I think it reiterates our sense of togetherness. We are people that want to be together,” Mukelo said. “For us, it reminds us of the life we lived before the war broke out in



Chandra Sitaula, President of the Bhutanese Cultural Foundation, stands next to the table he set up during the 2022 World Refugee Day event which was held June 18, 2022, at YMS of R Grove in Scranton. (Photo/ Eric Deabill)

the country and it's the life where you know who is close to you.”

Those who attended World Refugee Day enjoyed food, cultural music, dancing as well as activities and games. The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, was one of many people who attended the event, saying that refugees are simply seeking a better life for their families and children.

“We want you to feel at home here and we will do whatever we can as a Catholic community to help that happen,” Bishop Bambera said. “We are blessed by your presence. You make our community stronger, better and richer.”

Chandra Sitaula, President of the Bhutanese Cultural Foundation, also spoke to those gathered on behalf of the many people he represents.

“We are a growing community. We have thousands of people living in Scranton, in the South Side, in West Side,” Sitaula said.

Sitaula, who fled Bhutan in 1990, first settled in the Bronx and Queens before moving to Scranton.

“This country looks a lot like our country – up and down with mountains,” Sitaula said.

Since settling in Scranton, Sitaula has launched a non-profit organization, the Bhutanese Cultural Foundation Scranton Association, which is currently located on Pittston Avenue. It helps refugees find employment,

learn English and get other assistance that they need.

“We're not only helping all the Bhutanese, but we're helping other people also,” he added.



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On July 9, the Church celebrated the feast day of Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions, Chinese saints who were martyred from 1648 – 1930. There are several saints within the canon of the Church's liturgy who are given the distinction "and companions." Saint Charles Lwanga and his companions are remembered on June 3, and Saint Andrew Kim Taegon and his companions are honored on Sept. 16, among many others.

In my twisted spiritual thinking, I always laugh as I consider how these companions feel about, well, being "companions" and not having their names invoked along with the saint whose feast day they share. I'd be pretty miffed from heaven if I was relegated to companion status. I could see myself banging on God's office door looking to have that rectified.

The truth is that clearly wouldn't be my attitude and certainly isn't that of the saints who dwell in the blessedness and peace of God's kingdom. The very antiphon for Masses for martyrs reads: "The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven, the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ, and since for love of him they shed their blood, they now exult with Christ forever."

Known or unknown to us by name, the saints literally look upon God and wouldn't be bothered by what "earthly" honors they have or don't have. What led them to their place in heaven was not any work of their own but the work of salvation that was won for them by Christ Himself. Because they chose to first be companions of Christ and respond to His call to be friends of His they now are His eternal companions in Heaven.

In my goofy spiritual thinking, being a companion seems painfully anonymous — can't I have a stained-glass window or a statue of myself in some church? Is that so much to ask? The truth is that each of us probably doesn't acknowledge enough — or even know — that to be in Heaven with God after our earthly life is over, means that we are saints, just as Saint Augustine and his companions, just like so many of the saints that are depicted in the windows of our churches. Likely, we will be one of those anonymous saints, but saints nonetheless.

In speaking to the Romans in his letter, Paul enjoins them: "To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." The whole purpose of our life is to be with God forever in the life to come. Many

of you remember well the answer to the question of why God made us from the Baltimore Catechism: "God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next."

That's the long and the short of it; we're called to be saints. Companions or whatever they may or may not call us doesn't matter. It'll matter only that we are with God, gazing upon His goodness and being filled with His eternal love forever. Join me in offering the prayer, "The One Thing Necessary," by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, praying that we will be saints of God:

"O my God, help me to remember that time is short, eternity long. What good is all the greatness of this world at the hour of death? To love You, my God, and save my soul is the one thing necessary. Without You, there is no peace of mind or soul. My God, I need fear only sin and nothing else in this life, for to lose You, my God, is to lose all. O my God, help me to remember that I came into this world with nothing, and shall take nothing from it when I die. To gain You, I must leave all. But in loving You, I already have all good things, the infinite riches of Christ and His Church in life, Mary's motherly protection and perpetual help, and the eternal dwelling place Jesus has prepared for me. Eternal Father, Jesus has promised that whatever we ask in His Name will be granted us. In His Name, I pray: give me a burning faith, a joyful hope, a holy love for You. Grant me perseverance in doing Your will and never let me be separated from You. My God and my All, make me a saint.

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Wilkes-Barre church to host Saint Ann Novena

WILKES-BARRE — Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish will host the celebration of the annual Solemn Novena to Saint Ann beginning on Monday, July 18, and continuing daily until the Feast of Saint Ann on Tuesday, July 26.

The nine-day devotion, including nightly celebration of Mass and Saint Ann Novena prayers, will be held each evening



Father Paul McDonnell, OSJ

at 7 p.m. at the parish worship site of Saint Aloysius Church, corner of Barney & Division streets, Wilkes-Barre. Presiding as guest celebrant and preacher for

the Novena's Eucharistic liturgies and devotional prayers will be Saint Joseph Oblate Father Paul McDonnell, rector of the Oblates of Saint Joseph Chapel and religious congregation in Laffin, who also serves as sacramental minister for Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish in North Pittston.

All faithful are welcome to attend the Saint Ann Novena.

Catholic Happenings Around the Diocese

19th Annual Memorial Blood Drive — **JULY 21**, sponsored by the North Pocono Blood Council of American Red Cross and St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Moscow; held from 1 to 6 p.m. at St. Catherine Church, 220 Church St., Moscow. Annual Red Cross Blood Drive honors the memory of John Paul Ruggiero, a young parishioner of St. Catherine's who passed away while attending the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., in 2002. Donors receive complimentary refreshments. For appointment registration, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "Moscow." Walk-ins welcome.

New York Yankees Baseball Trip — **AUG. 3**, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 8224 and Gate of Heaven Parish in Dallas; Martz bus excursion to Yankee Stadium in New York will depart from the Gate of Heaven parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return at approximately 8 p.m. Game time for the Yankees vs. Seattle Mariners is 1:05 p.m. Cost: \$100 per person, includes game ticket (200 level), roundtrip bus transportation, driver gratuity, light refreshments and door prizes. For more information and reservations, call Deacon Tom at (570) 675-4890.

Drive-Thru Chicken Barbecue — **AUG. 6**, sponsored by St. John Vianney Parish at St. Pius X Church in Royal; take-out

dinner held from noon to 3 p.m. Event also includes cash raffle drawing and basket stand. For more information and to purchase barbecue or raffle tickets, call the parish office at (570) 254-9502.

21st Annual Lebanese-American Food Fest — **AUG. 12-14**, hosted by St. Joseph Melkite-Greek Catholic Church, 130 North St. Frances Cabrini Ave. (off lower Jackson Street), West Scranton; event will be held on the church grounds on Friday & Saturday, from 4 to 9 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m. Featuring homemade Lebanese/Middle Eastern foods & pastries and traditional picnic food favorites; take-out and curbside service offered, with limited seating available. Event also includes raffle drawings on a various assortment of gift baskets. For more information, contact the rectory office at (570) 343-6092 or melkite.scranton@gmail.com.

Take-Out Chicken Barbecue & Basket Raffle — **AUG. 14**, sponsored by Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge; held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of Arcaro & Genell Restaurant, Main Street, Old Forge. Take-out dinner includes one-half barbecue chicken, corn on the cob, pasta salad, roll & dessert. Cost: \$12. Advance reservations encouraged and must be placed by Aug. 7; for tickets, contact the parish rectory at (570) 457-5900. Walk-ins are limited.

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Prayer rallies and Rosary evenings are hosted throughout the Diocese and include the Rosary with chanted Scriptural mysteries, Fatima prayers and hymns.

Upcoming Marian Devotion events are scheduled as follows:

Saturday Rosary Rally — July 16, beginning at 5 p.m. on the Our Lady of Fatima Grotto grounds at Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Church, Chestnut Street, Dunmore.

Third Monday of the Month Marian Devotion Rosary — July 18, from 6 to 7 p.m., at the Oblates of Saint Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. Devotions include Fatima prayers, hymns, litany and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Fourth Monday Marian Devotion — July 25, from 6 to 7 p.m., on the Marian Grotto grounds

at Our Lady of the Abingtons Church, Dalton.

Assumption Vigil Rosary Rally — Aug. 14, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Prayer Garden on the grounds of Saint Lucy Church in West Scranton.

Tuesday Marian Devotion Rosary — Aug. 23, from 6 to 7 p.m., at the Oblates of Saint Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin.

To host an event or for more information, contact Ernie Pappa at (570) 241-8171 or email: singtomary@aol.com.

Who makes house calls?

As of October 2015, I will now meet clients either at their home, or at a location they choose and no longer require clients to meet at my office. I have decided that I would change the way I meet with people so it will be as easy and as convenient as possible for the client.

Based on my practice, which consists of estate planning and administration along with elder law, I find that clients are more comfortable discussing such matters in familiar surroundings. While I know this may seem unconventional to some, I believe I will be able to serve clients much better in this fashion.

If anyone is uncomfortable with home visits, I have a few locations where I can meet in an office setting. I look forward to meeting with my existing clients and especially meeting new clients that are looking for any assistance in estate or elder law matters.



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IHM Sisters virtual celebration Aug. 6

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The ceremonies will air live on Electric City Television (Channel 19), beginning at 6 p.m.

Since 2014, the Sisters of IHM Foundation has sponsored the annual fundraiser to raise awareness and generate vital financial support for their congregation.

This year's honorees include: Nada Gilmartin, partner, NADA & Co., Scranton; Atty. Michael McGrath, Lackawanna County DA's Office; Timothy McMullen, vice president/financial advisor, Merrill Lynch, Scranton; and John Murray, controller, City of Scranton.

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	SUNDAY 17	MONDAY 18	TUESDAY 19	WEDNESDAY 20	THURSDAY 21	FRIDAY 22	SATURDAY 23			
12:00 AM	DAILY MASS	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	DAILY MASS (Encore)							
1:00 AM	FR SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	(1:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	THE JOURNEY HOME (Encore)	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	EWTN NEWS IN DEPTH			
1:30 AM										
2:00 AM	LIVING DIVINE MERCY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)							
2:30 AM	THEY MIGHT BE SAINTS		EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY			
3:00 AM	SPECIALS	DEFENDING LIFE	SPECIALS	GOSPEL GLIMPSES	LIFE ON THE ROCK	BATTLE READY	THE WILL OF GOD			
3:30 AM				PAPAL AUDIENCE(3:15)	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY (Call in Thurs)		AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY			
4:00 AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	METANOIA	SIGNS OF LIFE	REFLECTIONS (4:15)	BOB AND PENNY LORD	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH			
4:30 AM		SUNDAY BEST WITH FR GROESCHEL	JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	MATTHEW'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS	METANOIA	ICONS			
5:00 AM	THE REFORMATION	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	DOMINICAN SISTERS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	EWTN SPECIALS	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS			
5:30 AM	WHERE GOD WEEPS	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	CATHOLIC SPHERE			CATHOLICS COME HOME			
6:00 AM	ANGELUS WITH POPE FRANCIS	EWTN ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS								
6:30 AM	THE HERESIES	G.K. CHESTERTON	CHURCH AND THE POOR	THE MIRACLE HUNTER	SAINTS VS SCOUNDRELS	THE CHOICES WE FACE	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE			
7:00 AM	THE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL					STATIONS OF THE CROSS	CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL			
7:30 AM			HOLY LAND ROSARY				THE HOLY ROSARY			
7:50 AM	THE HOLY LAND ROSARY	LITANY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME	LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH	LITANY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD	LITANY OF SACRED HEART				
8:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS (Live)	DAILY MASS (Live)								
9:00 AM	(9:20AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	HOLY ROSARY WITH THE FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF THE ETERNAL WORD								
9:30 AM	EWTN ROSARY FRANCISCANS	SUNDAY BEST WITH FR. GROESCHEL	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	EWTN LIVE (ENCORE)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	LUKAS / CATECHISM			
10:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL	RELIGIOUS CATALOG					IMAGE OF GOD			
10:30 AM		CHOICES WE FACE	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE	LIVE WITH PASSION	FOCUS	CATHOLIC CLASSICS	THEY MIGHT BE SAINTS			
11:00 AM	EWTN NEWS IN-DEPTH	OFOD/LIVE WITH PASSION/SPECIALS		ST ANN'S WEEKLY NOVENA	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY			
11:30 AM		EUCHARISTIC JOURNEY	THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS	THE EUCHARIST	SACRAMENTS THROUGH THE AGES	PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST	BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT			
12:00 PM	THE SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN									
12:30 PM	FROM ST. ANN'S BASILICA									
1:00 PM	(1:20PM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	WOMEN OF GRACE					EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE			
1:30 PM	IN CONCERT	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	CHOICES WE FACE/OFOD	WOMEN OF GRACE HOUR LONG		DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MERCY		
2:00 PM		CALLED TO COMMUNION	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	THE JOURNEY HOME	LIFE ON THE ROCK	EWTN ON LOCATION			
2:30 PM								STATIONS OF CROSS		
3:00 PM		THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG								
3:20 PM	LIVE ADORATION FROM EWTN CHAPEL									
3:30 PM	THE ROSARY FROM LOURDES	THE SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN						ROSARY FROM LOURDES	SUNDAY VIGIL MASS ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL	
4:00 PM	VATICANO									
4:30 PM	SAVORING OUR FAITH	IMAGE OF GOD	MY CATHOLIC FAMILY	LUKAS STORYTELLER ADVENTURE CATECHISM	CAT CHAT	MY TIME WITH JESUS	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM			
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5:30 PM	SUNDAY PASSIONIST MASS	SPECIALS						SIGNS OF LIFE	THE MIRACLE HUNTER	
6:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS FROM ST. PETERS CATHEDRAL	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)								
6:30 PM		LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	CATHOLIC SPHERE	LIVING DIVINE MERCY	VATICANO	THE WILL OF GOD	WALSINGHAM STORIES			
7:00 PM		THE SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN								
7:30 PM										
8:00 PM	(8:20) LITANY OF SACRED HEART	THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	OFOD OR SPECIALS (CAN BE 90 MINUTES)	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	EWTN NEWS IN DEPTH	EWTN CINEMA			
8:30 PM	CATHOLICS COME HOME		MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD							
9:00 PM	LIFE ON THE ROCK	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)								
9:30 PM	HOLY ROSARY W MOTHER ANGELICA	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	THE CHOICES WE FACE	FOCUS	LIVE WITH PASSION	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN				
10:00 PM	EWTN SPECIALS	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (ENCORE)	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	PRO-LIFE WEEKLY	LIFE ON THE ROCK		LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY		
10:30 PM					DEFENDING LIFE	ICONS SPOTLIGHT				
11:00 PM	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS	BATTLE READY	LONG RIDE HOME	CROSSING THE GOAL	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	WOMEN OF GRACE HOUR LONG	WEB OF FAITH			
11:30 PM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	WOMEN OF GRACE						EWTN BOOKMARK		

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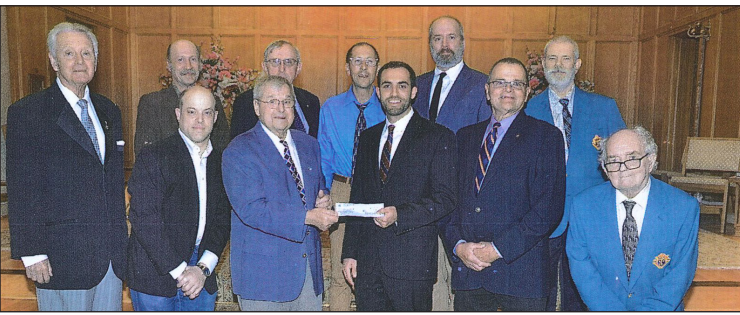
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Knights support Diocesan seminarians



Knights of Columbus Assumpta Council 3987 in Luzerne County has made generous donations to help continue the priestly training and education for two seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton. Benefitting from the K of C Council's financial contributions are Harrison Rapp, a Dunmore native who is currently on pastoral assignment at Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish in Kingston, and Deacon Michael Boris, who recently was ordained a transitional deacon in anticipation of his ordination to the priesthood for the Scranton Diocese next year. Rapp will begin major theological studies in the fall at Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, where Deacon Boris will soon pursue his final year of preparatory studies. Shown above, members of Assumpta Council 3987 make their check presentation to seminarian Harrison Rapp.

Prayer Requests for Priests

The Daily Prayer Request for Priests schedule is as follows:

July 14, Jesuit Father Joseph Marina; July 15, Monsignor Francis Marini; July 16, Jesuit Father Leonard Martin; July 17, Bishop Emeritus Joseph F. Martino; July 18, Passionist Father Thomas McCann; July 19, Father Michael McCormick; July 20, Father Glenn McCreary, V.E.; July 21, Saint Joseph Oblate Father Paul McDonnell; July 22, Holy Cross Father Russ McDougall; July 23, Father Patrick McDowell; July 24, Father James McGahagan; July 25, Father Gerard McGlone; July 26, Monsignor Stephen McGough; July 27, Father John McHale; July 28, Father Connell McHugh; July 29, Jesuit Father Bernard McIlhenny; July 30, Jesuit Father Ronald McKinney; July 31, Father Patrick McLaughlin; August 1, Pope Francis; August 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; August 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; August 4, Father Edward Michelini; August 5, Father Kevin Miller; August 6, Jesuit Father J. Patrick Mohr; August 7, Father Joseph Mosley; August 8, Father Joseph Motsay; August 9, Father Thomas Muldowney; August 10, Father Kevin Mulhern; August 11, Father Paul Mullen; August 12, Father Richard Munkelt; August 13, Father James Nash; August 14, Jesuit Father Eugene Nolan; August 15, Saint Peter Priestly Fraternity Father Justin Nolan; August 16, Father Theodore Obaza; August 17, Holy Cross Father Thomas O'Hara; August 18, Father Peter O'Rourke; August 19, Passionist Father Sibi Padinjaredath; August 20, Father James Paisley; August 21, Father Francis Pauselli; August 22, Father Jaime Perez Restrepo; August 23, Father Carmen Perry.



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It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the *Code of Canon Law* and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551.

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This Mass is offered for family and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, accident and from COVID-19.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will serve as principal celebrant of the Mass. All are invited to attend.

To register the name of your loved one for this liturgy by July 22, please contact the Office for Parish Life at (570) 207-2213, or use the online registration form on the Diocese of Scranton website.

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