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Thousands flock to West Scranton for annual Novena to Saint Ann



Thousands of people have been making their way to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Ann in West Scranton this week for an annual pilgrimage that has been ongoing for 98 years.

The Solemn Novena in honor of Saint Ann, the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, began on Sunday, July 17, and will continue for nine days, culminating with the celebration of the Feast of Saint Ann on Tuesday, July 26.

“It is such a holy place. As soon as you walk on the grounds, you can feel it. It is inspiring and a time when you can reflect on your faith,” Novena volunteer Debbie Coval said.

Coval and other volunteers have been happy to see so many worshippers turn out over the first few days.

“With all of the bad stuff going on, it’s good to see a lot of people practicing their faith,” volunteer Noah Palauskas added. “Everybody is extremely friendly here. You can come and make new friends without even trying.”

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Mass & Procession commemorates Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Carbondale



On Sunday, July 17, 2022, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Carbondale celebrated its 50th annual Feast of the Lady of Mount Carmel.

Following the feast day Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was carried through the streets of Carbondale’s West Side.

The parish holds this procession each year to bring Our Lady of Mount Carmel out for the entire community to see, especially for those living in nursing homes and those who are homebound.

The procession on Sunday marked the end of the parish’s weekend-long festivities leading up to the feast day procession.

The Mass will be rebroadcast on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton on Friday, July 22, at 8 p.m.

[View Video of the Procession from Catholic Television](#)

Diocese of Scranton's Annual Mass of Remembrance to be held July 28



The Diocese of Scranton's annual Mass of Remembrance will take place on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

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

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will serve as principal celebrant of the Mass.

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 in the link below.

[To Register the Name of Your Loved One for the Annual Mass of Remembrance](#)

Registration for relit training still underway



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

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

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

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

"relit" will take place on July 29-30 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. The time frame each day will be 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For More Information on relit

Covenant between humanity, environment needed, pope says



Humanity can no longer ignore the cries of the earth that is suffering due to greed and the excessive consumption of its resources, Pope Francis said.

In his message for the World Day of Prayer for Creation, the pope said the current climate crisis is a call for men and women, especially Christians, to “repent and modify our lifestyles and destructive systems.”

“The present state of decay of our common home merits the same attention as other global challenges such as grave health crises and wars. Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience,” he wrote in his message, which was released by the Vatican July 21.

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Pope's words in Canada may have broader reach, official says



Pope Francis' trip to Canada next week was born out of his meetings with the nations' Indigenous people and was planned around encounters with them, and if the pope's words "have value elsewhere," like throughout the Americas, all the better, said the director of the Vatican press office.

Matteo Bruni, director of the Vatican press office, briefed reporters July 20 about details of the pope's visit to Canada July 24-29. He said the pope planned to deliver his nine speeches and homilies in Spanish during the trip.

Asked if the choice of Spanish was meant to send a message to other Indigenous peoples of North and South America, who often suffered the same forms of colonization, Bruni said Pope Francis would be speaking to the people he met, but he also knows that his words can offer solace to other Indigenous people and a challenge to the broader society.

The trip to Canada will be Pope Francis' 37th foreign journey as pope and Canada will be the 56th country he has visited since his election in March 2013.

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House bill to codify Roe is 'unjust, extreme' say USCCB Committee Chairmen



The chairmen of two U.S. bishops' committees said a measure passed by the House July 15 is "the most unjust and extreme abortion on demand bill our nation has ever seen."

They implored lawmakers "who see abortion as a legitimate 'solution' to the needs of women to abandon this path of death and despair," urging them to join the U.S. bishops in prioritizing "the well-being of women, children and families" by providing material resources and "personal accompaniment" so "no woman ever feels forced to choose between her future and the life of her child."

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty, made the comments in a joint statement July 18.

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Summer picnics and festivals are underway!



12TH ANNUAL CHRIST THE KING PARISH

PICNIC

JULY 29, 30, 31, 2022

Held on the grounds of St. Mary of Czestochowa Church
Betty & Main Streets, Eynon, PA 18403

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY
LUONGO BROTHERS BAND
6:00 to 10:00 p.m. - Picnic opens at 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY
THE SPERAZZA BAND
6:00 to 10:00 p.m. - Picnic opens at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY
SARAH MARIE & JOSEPH
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
THE WANABEES
3:15 to 7:00 p.m.

ETHNIC & AMERICAN FOOD
Beer & Wine Tent - Raffles
Children's Games - Flea Market & More

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

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

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

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

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

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