



# **The Catholic Light**

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

## **Weekly E-Newsletter**

**July 7, 2022**

### **6,239 years of wedded bliss celebrated at Cathedral Mass**



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.”

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

## **Diocese of Scranton releases 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....

[Read the Full Statement on the Diocese of Scranton Website](#)

## **Bishop Bambera announces Clergy Appointments**



On Wednesday, July 6, 2022, His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, announced additional clergy appointments, which are effective as indicated.

[Read the July 6 Clergy Appointments](#)

**Calling all high school students! Don't miss the  
"Emerge Retreat" this month**



July  
22 - 24

Holy Family  
Retreat Center  
Nanticoke, Pa

"Emerge" is a peer-facilitated retreat for 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. The weekend focuses on problem analysis and problem solving skills, active listening, and civil dialogue methods. Emerge was designed by students for students. Participants will participate in small group activities and discussions, large group tasks, free time, private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and a closing Mass.

Retreat check-in begins at 6pm on Friday, July 22. Closing activities and pick-up is 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 24.

The \$75 registration fee includes lodging, five meals, and retreat materials. Holy Family Retreat Center offers semi-private accommodations. A \$50 deposit is due at the time of registration.

[For More Information on the "Emerge" Retreat or to Register](#)

## **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](#)

## **Women's Voices: Pope says he'll add women to dicastery for bishops**



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.

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

# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations*



Thursday, July 7th  
7:00 PM  
St. Maria Goretti Church  
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

SPEAKER,  
MUSIC,  
RECONCILIATION,  
AND SOCIAL.



During this time period of National Eucharistic Revival, will you carve out some time for Jesus?

This evening, everyone is invited to participate in Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Maria Goretti Parish, 42 Redwood Drive, Laflin. The event, sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations, will include praise and worship music, a dynamic talk, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a social!

## Summer picnics and festivals are underway!



# NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH *Picnic*

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JULY 8-9

5:30 - 10 p.m.

*Grounds of Holy Rosary Church, Duryea*

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

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

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

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

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

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