



# *The Catholic Light*

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

**Weekly E-Newsletter**

**August 11, 2022**

## **Bishop Bambera arrives in Ghana for pastoral visit to Diocese of Sunyani**



The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, along with Father Gerald Shantillo, Vicar General, and Father Brian J.T. Clarke, Director of the Pontifical Missions Office for the Diocese of Scranton, have

arrived in Africa for the beginning of a pastoral visit to the Diocese of Sunyani.

While it is located more than 5,000 miles away from the Diocese of Scranton, the Diocese of Sunyani has generously shared its priests to minister to the people and parishes of northeastern and north central Pennsylvania.

Throughout his visit, Bishop Bambera will be providing updates to the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton via social media and the Diocese of Scranton website. We invite you to follow along on this special trip.

[Follow All of Bishop Bambera's Videos and Posts from Africa on the Diocese of Scranton website](#)

## **Mass for Suicide Healing & Remembrance to be held Sept. 18 at Cathedral**



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### ∞ Mass for ∞ Suicide Healing & Remembrance

Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 12:15 p.m.  
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

Principal Celebrant

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.  
Bishop of Scranton

In observance of Suicide Awareness Month in September, the Diocese of Scranton will offer a Mass to remember loved ones lost to suicide and healing for those who still grieve their passing. All are welcome.

The Mass will be broadcast on CTV: Catholic Television and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website, [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org), YouTube channel, and social media.

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Suicide Healing and Remembrance on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022, at 12:15 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The Mass will serve to remember loved ones lost to suicide and to promote healing for those who grieve their passing.

During the Mass, those attending will be invited to bring forward to the altar a flower, in remembrance of those lost. All are welcome.

Suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States. It was responsible for nearly 46,000 deaths in 2020. This is about one death every 11 minutes.

Suicide rates in 2020 were 30% higher than in 2000.

Suicide affects all ages. In 2020, suicide was among the top 9 leading causes of death for people ages 10-64. Suicide was the second leading cause of death for people ages 10-14 and 25-34.

[For More Information on the Mass for Suicide Healing & Remembrance](#)

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## **Hundreds attend Scranton Catholic Charismatic Conference**



On the weekend of Aug. 5-7, 2022, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Scranton hosted its annual conference at The University of Scranton.

Hundreds of people participated throughout the weekend. The theme of the conference was, "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together."

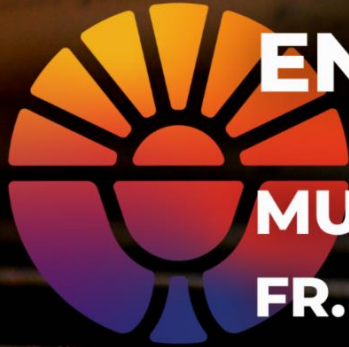
The conference featured a variety of inspiring speakers and uplifting music. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera celebrated the Closing Mass of the conference on Aug. 7.

[View a Photo Album from the Closing Mass of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal](#)

**Public invited to "Encountering Christ:  
Music & Meditation" later this month**



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NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



# ENCOUNTERING CHRIST: MUSIC & MEDITATION WITH FR. RICKY MANALO, CSP

CONCERT

**FRI., AUG. 26--7PM**

*"Tune, Text, and Theology: Singing Our Praises to God"*

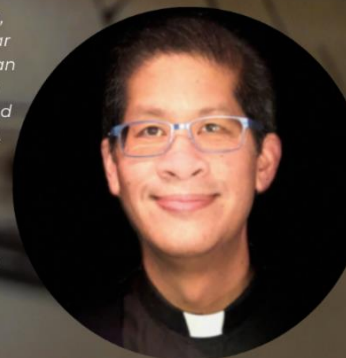
PRESENTATION

**SAT., AUG. 27--9AM-NOON**

*"A Eucharist of Encountering: Crossing Thresholds, Becoming Transformed"*

**CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY**  
330 NORTH ABINGTON RD., CLARKS GREEN, PA

*Rev. Ricky Manalo, CSP, Ph.D., is a Paulist priest, composer (OCP), theologian, and author. He is the 2020 Distinguished Catholic Music Composer of the Year Award by the Association of Catholic Publishers and the 2018 Pastoral Musician of the Year Award by the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. He is a theological consultant for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the author several books. Fr. Manalo regularly travels throughout the world, giving a variety of presentations, from academic lectures, keynotes, and pastoral workshops, to preaching, presiding, and giving concerts.*



**A FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**TO MAKE A RESERVATION,  
PLEASE CALL 570-207-2213, OR VISIT  
WWW.DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG.**

The Diocese of Scranton is pleased to welcome Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP, Ph.D., a Paulist priest, composer, theologian and author for a two-part event for our local observance of the National Eucharistic Revival entitled, "Encountering Christ: Music & Meditation."

On Friday, Aug. 26, Fr. Manalo will offer a concert titled, "Tune, Text and Theology: Singing Our Praises to God" at 7 p.m. at the Church of Saint Gregory in Clarks Green.

The following day, he will be offering a presentation titled, "A Eucharist of Encountering: Crossing Thresholds, Becoming Transformed," from 9 a.m. until Noon at the Church of Saint Gregory in Clarks Green.

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, everyone is invited to these special opportunities to set a foundation for understanding of how we come to encounter Christ in the Sacred meal, in one another and in the world around us.

There is no charge for the events, but a free-will offering will be accepted.

[For More Information or to Make a Reservation for the Events](#)

## **Desire for eternal youth is 'delusional,' pope says**



The passing of time in one's life is meant to be lived as a God-given grace and not a meaningless pursuit to preserve one's youthfulness, Pope Francis said.

Men and women are “apprentices of life” who amid trials and tribulations “learn to appreciate God’s gift, honoring the responsibility of sharing it and making it bear fruit for everyone,” the pope said Aug. 10 during his weekly general audience.

“The conceit of stopping time – of wanting eternal youth, unlimited well-being, absolute power – is not only impossible, it is delusional,” he said.

[Read More from Catholic News Service](#)

## **Cardinal Tomko, oldest member of College of Cardinals, dies at 98**



The oldest member of the College of Cardinals, Cardinal Jozef Tomko, died in Rome at the age of 98.



The late cardinal had been hospitalized since the end of June after a fall, and he suffered further complications from COVID-19. He returned to his Vatican apartment Aug. 6 for continued care and died early Aug. 8.

In a telegram with his condolences published by the Vatican later the same day, Pope Francis praised “this esteemed and wise brother who, sustained by deep faith and great foresight, served the Gospel and the church with humility and self-sacrifice.”

The pope praised the late cardinal for his long and fruitful service and for his devotion and witness, exemplified by his praying the rosary every evening in St. Peter’s Square.

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## **Nigerian officials say they've arrested six linked to deadly Pentecost attacks**





Nigerian officials identified six suspects arrested in connection with the June 5 attack that killed 40 people at St. Francis Catholic Church in Owo.

Maj. Gen. Jimmy Akpor, defense department spokesman, said all were linked to the Islamic State West Africa Province group. He said the arrests were made through a joint effort of military and defense officials.

Akpor said a preliminary investigation showed that “Idris Abdulmalik Omeiza was the mastermind of the terror attack on the Catholic Church in Owo as well as the attack on a police station” in Kogi state June 23. In the second attack, a police officer was killed and weapons were stolen.

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**Summer picnics and festivals are underway!**



*St. Jude Parish*  
**69th Annual  
Picnic in the Grove**

**Friday, August 12th - 4:00-10:00 PM**  
**Saturday, August 13th - 4:00-10:00 PM**  
**Sunday, August 14th - 12:00-8:00 PM**

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**PICNIC FOOD, GAMES  
THEME BASKETS, PRIZES  
AND FUN!**

**CASH  
RAFFLE**

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**ENTERTAINMENT**

**ROCKAHOLIX BAND | FRIDAY ~ 6:30-9:30 PM**  
**CHESTER AVENUE | SATURDAY ~ 6:30-9:30 PM**  
**DJ MIKE | SUNDAY ~ 12:00 NOON**

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**CHICKEN BBQ**  
**SUNDAY ~ 12:00 NOON**

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**ST. JUDE PARISH GROVE**  
**420 S. MOUNTAIN BLVD, MOUNTAIN TOP ~ ROUTE 309**

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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