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Bishop's Pastoral Visit Connects Dioceses of Scranton and Sunyani



While more than 5,000 miles may separate the Dioceses of Scranton and Sunyani geographically, the two communities continue to grow closer in learning about one another and sharing their culture and faith.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, along with Father Gerald W. Shantillo, Vicar General, and Father Brian J.T. Clarke, Diocesan Director of Pontifical Mission Societies, just completed a week-long pastoral visit to Sunyani. The trio departed the United States on Aug. 10, 2022 and will be returning Friday, Aug. 19.

“It has been an incredible experience,” Bishop Bambera said in regards to the visit. “We were made to feel so welcome.”

Throughout the pastoral visit, Bishop Bambera has been documenting his experiences and sharing regular updates on the Diocese of Scranton’s social media platforms. An archive of photos and videos that the bishop has posted is also available on the Diocese of Scranton website.

“Pope Francis often says the church is most alive in Africa. That has been our experience and we in Scranton are so blessed to have experienced this and to have the good blessing of eight priests from the Diocese of Sunyani to serve in our parishes,” Bishop Bambera said during one of the videos he shared.

[View a Day-by-Day Recap of Bishop Bambera's Visit](#)

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**Mass in Italian to be celebrated Sept. 4 in
Scranton**



The annual Mass in Italian will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 4, at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter. All are welcome to attend.

The liturgy is celebrated in conjunction with La Festa Italiana, which occurs over the Labor Day weekend, Friday through Monday, Sept. 2-5, on Courthouse Square, one block away.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will preside. Father David P. Cappelloni, V.F., La Festa Chaplain and pastor of Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish in Dunmore, will be the principal celebrant.

The guest homilist is Jesuit Father Joseph G. Marina, president of The University of Scranton.

Concelebrants will include Monsignor Constantine V. Siconolfi, La Festa Chaplain Emeritus, and priests from the Diocese of Scranton. Deacons from the Diocese will also participate.

The Mass will be broadcast live by CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and will be rebroadcast on Tuesday, September 6, at 8 p.m., and Wednesday, September 7, at 10:30 a.m. In addition to airing live on CTV, the Mass will also be livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and a link will be provided across all Diocesan social media platforms. It will also be available at anytime after the live broadcast concludes.

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Procession of Saints in Dunmore marks 116 years running



A tradition that is more than a century old continued in Dunmore this year.

On Sunday, Aug. 14, 2022, Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish held its annual procession of the saints throughout the Bunker Hill section of the community.

Started in 1906, the procession has taken place every year, including during the COVID-19 pandemic, when the event was broadcast on social media.

“Saint Rocco’s actual Feast Day is Aug. 16, so we always have our procession the closest weekend prior to the Feast, unless the Feast falls on a Sunday,” parishioner Carlo Pisa said.

Pisa has been involved in the procession his entire life.

“It gets the community together. It gets the neighborhood together,” he said. “In today’s world, tradition is very, very important.”

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**Second Pennsylvania March for Life to
take place Sept. 19 in Harrisburg**



The second annual Pennsylvania March for Life will take place on Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, at the State Capitol in Harrisburg.

The rally at 11 a.m. and march at noon will take place on that date because it is the first day when both the Pennsylvania House and Senate will be back in session in Harrisburg.

After we have seen a wave of exciting pro-life legislation across the states, now is a great time to continue the momentum and show our state lawmakers support for protecting the sanctity of life in Pennsylvania.

The rally will take place on the front steps of the State Capitol Building. The address is 501 N. 3rd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. The front steps are on the corner of 3rd Street and State Street.

The march route will encircle the Capitol Complex, covering N. 3rd Street, North St., Commonwealth Avenue and Walnut Street. The length of the march route is approximately one mile.

All are welcome to attend and no advanced registration is required.

[For More Information on the PA March for Life and Local Bus Trips](#)

Energy of evangelization 'relit' during training for parish leaders



Evangelization is all about spreading good news. As people of faith, when we evangelize, we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others so that they may respond to His invitation as well.

Unfortunately, research has shown that on average, 95-percent of parishioners haven't completely welcomed Christ into every aspect of their life.

As a way to help parish leaders find ways to help others give their "Yes" to God, the Diocese of Scranton Office for Parish Life sponsored a 'relit' training course July 29-30 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Several dozen people attended the program.

“What I really want them to see is what a beautiful thing it is to evangelize and then give them the basic tools to be able to do it,” presenter Michael Dopp said. Dopp is the founder of Mission of the Redeemer Ministries and the New Evangelization Summit.

During the interactive course, Dopp said simple gestures can make a big difference for a parish.

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The elderly can unite all generations, save humanity, pope says



Pope Francis dedicated his general audience talk to the urgent need for young and old to come together so older people can share their faith and wisdom about the world.

“Let’s think about dialogue, about the alliance between old and young,” he said, as well as make sure this bond is not broken. “May the elderly have the joy of speaking, of expressing themselves with young people and may young people seek out the elderly to receive the wisdom of life from them.”

It was an appeal one small boy in the Vatican's Paul VI audience hall seemed to take to heart, walking past the guards and straight up to the pope to stand transfixed by his side during the final greetings at the audience's end.

The pope affectionately rubbed the boy's close-cropped hair and reassured him he was welcome to stay.

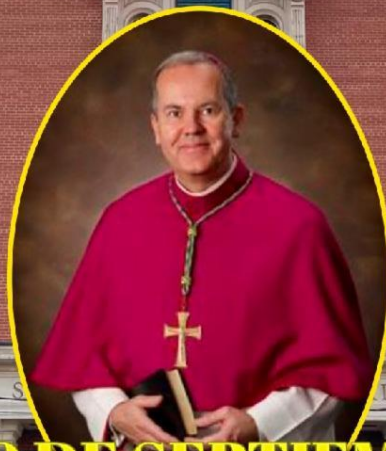
"During the audience we talked about dialogue between old and young, right? And this one, he has been brave and he's at ease," the pope said about his small guest to applause.

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**UN SOLO SEÑOR, UNA SOLA FE,
UN SOLO BAUTISMO
EFESIOS 4,5**



Sabado, 10 DE SEPTIEMBRE 2022
CATEDRAL DE SAN PEDRO.
315 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, PA 18503

Misa Solemne con el Reverendísimo Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Obispo de la Diócesis de Scranton
12:00 P.M.

Recepción y celebración cultural en el Centro Pastoral después de la Misa
Ven a Celebrar con nosotros Nuestra Fe y Nuestra Cultura

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Summer picnics and festivals are underway!



Homemade Polish and American food



including our famous haluski, potato pancakes, and pierogi!



Cakes, coffee, and pies
Basket raffles
Children's games
Indoor flea market



New this year! Chicken Barbecue!

Dinners served Sunday starting at 2:00 p.m.

Live Entertainment Nightly!

SATURDAY "Vine Street" SUNDAY "Al White and Friends"

Join us for Mass: **Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 9:45 a.m.**



260 Bonnieville Road, Fairmount Springs

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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