



The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Weekly E-Newsletter

August 4, 2022

Ahead of pastoral visit to Africa, Bishop Bambera celebrates Mass with international priests from Ghana



In less than one week, 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, will begin a journey that will take them more than 5,000 miles from home.

The trio will travel to Africa, participating in a pastoral visit to the Diocese of Sunyani in Ghana.

For many years, the Diocese of Sunyani has generously shared its priests with the Diocese of Scranton. Currently, there are seven priests from Ghana ministering in the parishes of northeastern and north central Pennsylvania.

“It really means a great deal for me, on behalf of the clergy and the faithful of our diocese, to go to the Diocese of Sunyani and to share with their bishop and with all of their people, our deep gratitude for their presence here. It’s a sacrifice to travel halfway around the world and to live in a land that you don’t necessarily understand and know as well as your own home,” Bishop Bambera said.

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

'For Kids, By Kids' food program benefits children and community in multiple ways



Every Wednesday this summer, young adults have been coming together inside the Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center to “cook up” something special.

This week, the kids made Italian Chicken, stuffing and green beans to share with other kids in their community who might be less fortunate. The students distribute 150 meals each week outside Kistler Elementary School in Wilkes-Barre.

The preparation and cooking is new to many of them.

“First, we had to cut the chicken and make sure there was no excess skin. Then we had to season it and cook it,” Jackie Barba, 14, of Wilkes-Barre said.

This effort is known as the “For Kids, By Kids” Food Program. It was an idea developed from youth involved in community service through the Luzerne County Juvenile Wellness Court.

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**All are invited to the Scranton Catholic
Charismatic Conference this weekend**



Are you in need of **refreshment** for
your spirit? **Renewal** of your faith?
There is **new life** and a new
awareness of **God's power and**
presence available to everyone in the
Holy Spirit!



Catholic Charismatic Renewal Diocese of Scranton

University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania



Conference 2022

*"O magnify the Lord with me
and let us exalt His name together" Psalm 34:3*



Fr. Anthony
Ozele



Alicia
Hartle



Bob
Vallante



Fr. Trevor
Nathasingh

Come join in this
celebration and
renewal of faith
with Praise, Worship,
Daily Mass,
Adoration,
Inspired Teaching by
An International
group
of Speakers!

August 5, 6, & 7, 2022

All are Welcome!

Full weekend Pre-Registration \$50.

Daily Registration available during the event at the U of S!

For more information, go to ccrscranton.org/conference

The Scranton Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) is proud to announce that the Catholic Charismatic Conference, celebrating its 40th year, will be held in person at The University of Scranton August 5, 6, 7th!

Anointed worship, inspiring speakers, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship will make up the weekend culminating with the closing liturgy by the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton.

Weekend speakers include Father Anthony Mario Ozele, PhD, Alice Hartle, Bob Valiante, and Father Trevor Nathasingh.

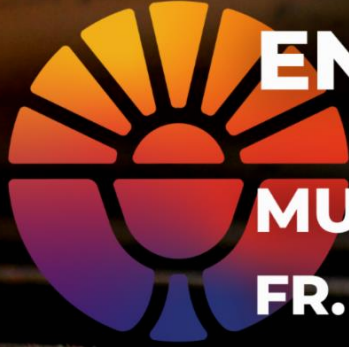
Registration is available for the entire weekend (\$65 total) or individual sessions (day rates and schedule are included on the link). Adults are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

“If anyone needs to experience the love of God, I encourage them to come! We expect a Spirit-filled weekend of Praise and Worship, Signs and Wonders,” says Karen McLain, CCR Liaison and Coordinator.

[For More Information on the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference](#)

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

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
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"

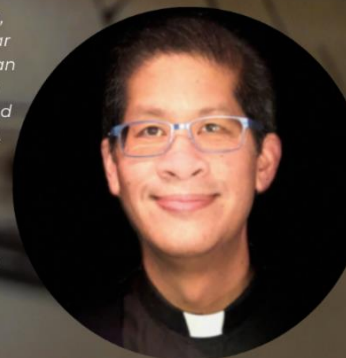
PRESENTATION

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](#)

Bishop Bambera announces clergy assignments



On Thursday, August 4, 2022, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, announced clergy assignments for the Diocese of Scranton.

To view the clerical appointments, click the link below.

[To View the August 4, 2022 Clergy Appointments](#)

Congress urged to 'seize hopeful moment,' vote to protect life, common good



The Supreme Court's Dobbs decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* "presents a historic opportunity to reshape society for the better," said the chairmen of U.S. bishops' committees on pro-life activities, religious liberty, marriage and family, and domestic policy.

"The injustice of abortion has loosened its grip on our nation's Constitution," they said in an Aug. 1 joint statement. "We call on Congress to seize this hopeful moment by coming together around the dignity of every human person and the common good."

"This begins with the recognition that every human life is an inestimable gift from God with an inalienable right to life deserving of full legal protection," they said. "We must also recognize that the family - founded upon the love and mutual self-gift of husband and wife - is the first building block of society, and that raising children is both a great gift and a lifelong responsibility."

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

Up & Over Middle School Retreat is back!



Students going into 7th – 9th grade this school year are welcome to join us on September 23-25 at Camp Orchard Hill for a weekend of fun, faith, and new friends!

Up & Over is a peer-facilitated retreat that is designed to give participants the skills necessary to get “up and over” the challenges they may face.

Throughout the weekend students will spend time outdoors, meet new friends and learn how your God-given gifts can be used when you work with others as a team! Built into the weekend are opportunities for Mass and Reconciliation. There will also be a number of fun activities and events, including a movie, free time and an outdoor obstacle course.

[For More Information or to Register for the Up & Over Retreat](#)

Summer picnics and festivals are underway!

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Parish Picnic

On the Church Grounds, 215 Lackawanna Avenue, Dupont, PA

FRIDAY & SATURDAY - 5 P.M. to 10 P.M.

AUGUST 5 & 6

*Variety of Polish Foods: Potato Pancakes,
Kielbasa, Golumbki, Pierogi, and more!*

Live Music Nightly
* * * Friday - Slipstream * * *
* * * Saturday - Joe Stanky and His Cadets * * *



Reverend Thomas J. Petro

REFRESHMENTS

GAMES

AMUSEMENTS

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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