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# GoodNewsNotes

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**Hispanic Heritage Mass**  
**Saturday, September 10**  
**at 12:00PM**  
**Cathedral of Saint Peter**

**Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance**  
**Sunday, September 18**  
**at 12:15PM**  
**Cathedral of Saint Peter**

**II ENCUENTRO DIOCESANO**  
**CELEBRANDO EL MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA**

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

**Sábado, 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**





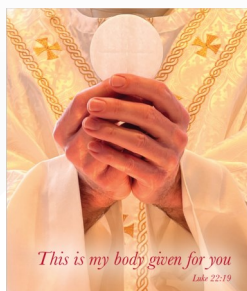
# WORD

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who are people of the WORD, preaching, teaching, evangelizing and cherishing the Gospel message throughout our entire lives."

## Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022, and the theme is: *"This is my body given for you."* Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists should be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

The USCCB has provided resources at [this link](#) to help parishes observe Catechetical Sunday. Many of the resources are also of interest to parish catechetical leaders and catechists, youth and young adults' ministers, Catholic school principals and teachers, as well as other individuals who provide faith formation to diverse age groups and settings.



## BE NOT AFRAID

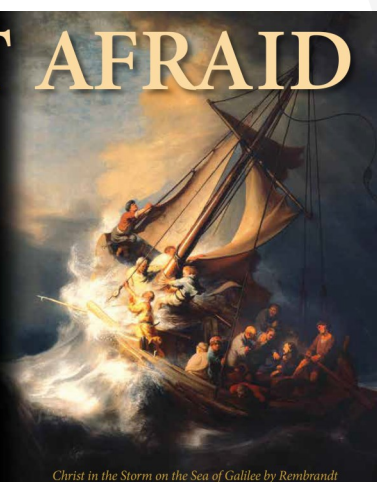
7th Annual Diocese of Scranton

### Be a Catholic Man Conference

Holy Redeemer High School  
159 South Pennsylvania Ave.  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Sat., 8 AM - 3:00 PM

Oct. 8, 2022



Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee by Rembrandt

## Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing

November 4-6, 2022

This weekend retreat provides a compassionate and confidential opportunity to those suffering from the impact of abortion to encounter our God of Mercy on a journey of spiritual and psychological healing. To learn more, please visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or contact [denise-mengaklcsw@gmail.com](mailto:denise-mengaklcsw@gmail.com), or at 570-239-6173.

## Schedule a "Night of Hope and Healing" for Your Parish!

Our Diocesan Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Ministry Team is available to host a "Night of Hope and Healing" event in your parish. Speakers who have personally encountered God in their healing journey from loss through abortion, stillbirth and miscarriage share messages of hope and reconciliation. For information contact [denisemengaklcsw@gmail.com](mailto:denisemengaklcsw@gmail.com) or call 570-239-6173.

DIocese of SCRANTON  
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

A Young Adult Speaker Series for 21-40 year olds

Thursday, September 15th 7:00pm

Sabatini's Bottleshop - Exeter

\$8 Cover Charge

*"Get A Hobby!" - Motorcycles, Recreation, and God*

Guest Speaker: Fr. Alex Roche

Fr. Alex Roche is the pastor of St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in Laflin, and serves as the director of vocations for the Diocese of Scranton. Ordained in 2012, he has a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Lateran University. He went to college with a girl who went to high school with the niece of the guy who played Al in Quantum Leap.



## Read the Bible Like Never Before

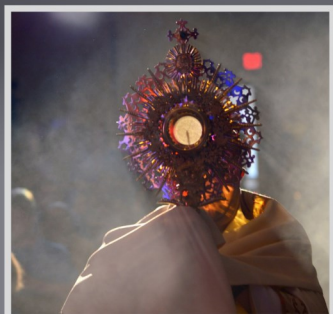
with **SONJA CORBITT**  
"THE BIBLE EVANGELISTA"

# OCTOBER 16

TICKETS AND INFORMATION AT  
[WWW.DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG](http://WWW.DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG)

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



The First Thursday of  
Every Month

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church  
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

**SPEAKER,  
RECONCILIATION,  
AND SOCIAL.**

*LIVE MUSIC BY LOCAL MUSICIANS*

## Eucharistic Revival Conference: Becoming Eucharistic People

As a grassroots initiative in support of the National Eucharistic Revival, Virtual Catholic Conference will be offering an free annual virtual conference on **September 22-24, 2022** to help excite people, build momentum, and promote the National Eucharistic Revival. By registering for this free virtual conference, you will discover...



- How you and your family might make the most out of this season of Eucharistic Revival,
- What it means to be a truly Eucharistic people,
- The intention behind the larger revival in the Universal Church, and what you might how to discern your part,
- How to be Eucharistic in your school, parish, homes, and family,
- Ways that you can become a catalyst for inspiring a hunger for the Eucharist in those closest to you,
- How becoming Eucharistic People can transform the way we evangelize in today's Church.

For more information or to register, please visit <https://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/ERC22>.

## Online Liturgy Network Meeting

The next online liturgy network meeting will take place on **Monday, September 12 at 6:30PM**. Here is [the link](#) for the next meeting. For more information, please contact David Baloga at [david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org) or at 570-207-2213.

## Confirmations in 2023

Parishes that are scheduled to have Bishop Bambera for Confirmation in the spring of 2023 should have received a letter in the mail notifying them of the date. For the full schedule of Bishop Bambera's 2023 Confirmations as well as all of the Confirmation documents, please visit the diocesan website at [this link](#).

Since Pentecost falls on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend in 2023, the parish celebration of Confirmation by the pastor or sacramental minister may be celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2023.

## Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training Sessions

There are several Extraordinary Minister of Communion training sessions available this fall:

- **Saturday, September 24 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM** at St. Therese Parish, Shavertown. Please contact Carol at the parish office at 570-696-1144 or at [ckale-ta@stthereses-shavertown.com](mailto:ckale-ta@stthereses-shavertown.com) to register.
- **Sunday, September 25 from Noon to 5:30PM** at St. Ignatius Parish, Kingston. Please contact St. Ignatius parish office at 570-288-6446 or Holy Family (Luzerne) parish office at 570-287-6600 to register.
- **Saturday, October 15 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM** at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. Please [click here](#) and complete the online form or call 570-207-2213 to register.

Don't forget, you can always use the [Diocesan Liturgical Ministry Resource](#) to offer formation for your new liturgical ministers, or contact David Baloga at 570-207-2213 or at [david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org) to have a training session offered in your parish.

## FDLC Webinars on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions is excited to announce our upcoming FREE series on the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* (OCIA) September 2022 – February 2023! Topics will cover different aspects of the Christian Initiation process such as recovering the vision, canonical issues, preaching the rites, and many more!

All webinars will be offered in both English and Spanish. Join us live or by viewing the recording! We are fortunate to be able to have assembled an incredibly talented team of presenters who are ready to assist you in your parish or diocesan ministry as we journey together through the OCIA! Visit [www.fdlc.org/ociawebinars](http://www.fdlc.org/ociawebinars) to register or to learn more.



# COMMUNITY

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who build COMMUNITY through hospitality, respect, inclusion and holiness."

## September Is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

*Mental Health is of great concern not only for our faithful, but also for those in our communities who we are called to serve.*

*Included below are some resources that your parish or you may access in helping to meet this urgent need in our communities:*



Nearly  
**46,000**  
people died by  
suicide in 2020



**1** death every  
**11** minutes

Many adults think about  
suicide or attempt suicide

**12.2 million**  
Seriously thought about suicide

**3.2 million**  
Made a plan for suicide

**1.2 million**  
Attempted suicide

If you or someone you know  
is in crisis, please contact the

**988 Suicide and  
Crisis Lifeline**

- Call or text 988
- Chat at [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org)



DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

## ∞ 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.

This 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. Registration is requested, but not required. To register, click [here](#) or call 570-207-2213.

### Upcoming Film Series

Stay tuned for a new film series based on the book *When a Loved One Dies by Suicide: Comfort, Hope and Healing for Grieving Catholics*. See the trailer for the series here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=It2wo7EoU5c&t=3s>

### Share the News about the Monthly Day of Prayer for Mental Health

Each 2nd Monday of the Month the [Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers](#) partners with the [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#) to support a Monthly Day of Prayer for Mental Health related to the Pope's monthly prayer intention. Please share these prayers with your parish using the sample bulletin announcements linked [here](#).

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who engage in SERVICE to our neighbors near and far and who work for justice and stewardship to hasten the Reign of God."

SERVICE

## Up&Over Middle School Retreat

We invite your 7th, 8th, or 9th grade student to join other young people from across the diocese for a weekend of new friendships, faith and fun at Up&Over Middle School Retreat, **September 23-25, 2022** at Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas, PA! The theme of the retreat is teamwork, and over the weekend students will be lead through small and large group activities that will help them look at themselves as gifted and loved children of God. [Visit our website](#) for more information or to register your student today!



Monday, September 19, 2022



**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**MARCH FOR LIFE**



## Pennsylvania March for Life

The second annual Pennsylvania March for Life will take place on Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, at the State Capitol in Harrisburg (501 N.3rd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120).

All are welcome to attend and no advanced registration is required. Besides the rally and march, other events will be taking place on the same day. There will be Morning Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg at 9:30 a.m. At 10 a.m., there will be prayer and a praise pre-rally on the main stage.

Several organizations locally are organizing bus trips to help people attend the event. The Diocese of Scranton is sponsoring a bus trip that will depart from Scranton and will make a pick-up in Wilkes-Barre. **Seating is limited and preference will be given to college students, young adults and young families.** For more information, contact Shannon at (570)207-2213, x1155 or at [SKowalski@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:SKowalski@dioceseofscranton.org).

The Pennsylvanians for Human Life in Hazleton will have a bus heading to the rally and march. They will begin with 8 a.m. Mass at Saint John Bosco Church in Conyngham. The cost of the bus is \$15 which includes a beverage and snacks. To reserve a seat, contact Maryann Lawhon at (570) 788-5646.

Gate of Heaven Parish in Dallas is also planning a bus trip which will leave the church's upper parking lot at

8:30 a.m. The bus is limited to the first 50 people but if another 50 people express interest, and there is enough to fill it, they will have a second bus attend.

To sign up, call Gate of Heaven Parish at (570) 675-2121.

A bus will also depart from Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines, on Sept. 19. Anyone that is interested in attending can contact Stephen Gilnane at [sigli-nane2013@yahoo.com](mailto:sigli-nane2013@yahoo.com) or (570) 977-4617.



## TALLER DIOCESANO PARA FORMADORES EN LA FE

**Fecha:** Sábado 17 de septiembre

**Hora:** 8:30 am - 4 pm

**Lugar:** Salón de la Iglesia Divina Misericordia  
312 Davis St, Scranton, PA 18505

Donación \$15  
Se proveerá almuerzo

**Las inscripciones cierran el Miércoles 14 de Septiembre**  
Más información al 570-207-2213 EXT 1130



DESCARGA LA APLICACIÓN



Ministerio Hispano - Diócesis de Scranton



# OPL Month-At-A-Glance

## September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 World Day of Prayer for Creation  Eucharistic Adoration 7PM St. Maria Goretti, Laflin	2	3
4	5 Labor Day  VLCFF Cycle 6 begins	6	7	8	9	10 Hispanic Heritage Mass 12:10PM, Cathedral
11 Patriot Day	12 Online Liturgy Network 6:30PM	13	14	15 Theology on Tap 7PM, Sabatini's Bottleshop, Exeter	16	17 Taller Diocesano Para Formadores en la Fe 8:30AM-4PM Divina Misericordia, Scranton
18 Catechetical Sunday  Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance 12:15PM, Cathedral	19 Pennsylvania March for Life Harrisburg	20	21	22	23  Up & Over Middle School Retreat	24 Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training 9AM-2:30PM St. Therese's, Shavertown
25 Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training 12 Noon-5:30PM St. Ignatius, Kingston  Up & Over Retreat	26	27	28	29	30	

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