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**Sunday's Prayer Service for an End to the
War in Ukraine comes at pivotal time**

*Prayer Service for an End
to the
War in Ukraine*



Sunday, September 25, 2022

2:30 p.m.

**Cathedral of Saint Peter
(315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton)**

Led by

FR. MYRON MYRONYUK

*Pastor, St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic
Church of Scranton*

and

MOST REVEREND JOSEPH C. BAMBERA

Bishop of Scranton

*** A goodwill offering will be collected at the conclusion of the Prayer Service ***

Later this week, as the Russian invasion of Ukraine reaches its seven-month mark, people of goodwill are being invited to come together and pray for an end to the senseless conflict.

A Prayer Service for an End to the War in Ukraine will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Father Myron Myronyuk, Pastor, Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church of Scranton, who has several family members still living in Ukraine and fighting in the Ukrainian military, will lead the Prayer Service along with the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton.

The special Prayer Service comes at a pivotal time. In a prerecorded video message released Wednesday, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a partial military mobilization that would call up roughly 300,000 reservists to the military. During the address, Mr. Putin also challenged the West over its support for Ukraine.

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Prayers offered for victims of Ukraine War in Washington

Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory of Washington joined Archbishop Borys Gudziak of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia Sept. 21 for an ecumenical prayer service to remember those who have been killed in Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

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Sullivan County faithful celebrate 150th anniversary of Saint Basil Church



Hundreds of people came together in prayer and thanksgiving on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first Mass said inside Saint Basil Church in Dushore.

While the public celebration was delayed a year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the faith and spirit of those in attendance was undeniable.

“Most of the community is here,” parishioner Hayes Clark said. “We have quite a Catholic community here in the Endless Mountains. It is just a good time for all.”

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**Thousands participate in second annual
PA March for Life in Harrisburg**



Faithful from churches across the Diocese of Scranton were among the thousands who filled the steps of the Pennsylvania Capitol on Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, as the second annual Pennsylvania March for Life took place.

Several parishes and organizations, including the Pennsylvanians for Human Life, sponsored bus trips to the event.

"I was very impressed. Especially for a state gathering. I've been to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life numerous years and I was very impressed with the Harrisburg March – thrilled actually – and I hope we send a clear message into the Capitol to the Governor and whoever the next Governor may be," Thaddeus Zielinski of Chinchilla said.

"Catholics are very well represented here today. We saw Bishop Bambera and that's wonderful to see so many of our clergy and so many Catholics, really well represented," Mike Kilmer of Wyalusing added.

Look for coverage from the PA March for Life 2022 in the Oct. 13 edition of *The Catholic Light*.

Bishop Bambera announces clergy appointments (Sept. 19, 2022)



On September 19, 2022, His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, announced several clergy appointments which will be effective October 10, 2022.

[View Clergy Appointments Announced on Sept. 19, 2022](#)

Knights of Columbus present two donations to Diocese



On Thursday, Sept. 16, 2022, members of the Knights of Columbus recently presented the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, with two charitable donations.

The first, a check for \$1,000 came from the Knights of Columbus Christopher Fund for the Bishop's charitable donations.

A separate \$1,766 check from the Pennsylvania State Council of the Knights of Columbus, which will be used for promoting vocations in the diocese, was also presented to Bishop Bambera.

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U.S. Synod report finds participants share common hopes, lingering pain



Catholics across the country continue to feel wounded by the clergy abuse crisis, seek a more welcoming church in which their “lived reality” is prioritized over rules and regulations, and desire lifelong spiritual, pastoral and catechetical formation as disciples, according to a report synthesizing the 10-month synodal process in dioceses.

Participants in the process also expressed concern that the U.S. Catholic Church is deeply divided and that a lack of unity exists among the bishops, spoke of a desire to “accompany with authenticity” LGBTQ+ individuals and their families, and voiced hope that laypeople’s gifts would be more widely utilized in a spirit of collaboration throughout the church, the report said.

Released Sept. 19 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the report summarizes the concerns, hopes, pains and desires voiced by an estimated 700,000 participants who joined thousands of listening sessions and other events during the diocesan phase in the lead-up to the Synod of Bishops on synodality in October 2023.

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San Juan Archbishop struggles with slow communications following Hurricane Fiona



Puerto Rico's archbishop said he has not been in contact with all his priests since Hurricane Fiona knocked out power to the island, and he expressed concern for the hurricane's impact on the southern and western parts of the island.

Archbishop Roberto González Nieves also said he expected Catholic schools in the most affected areas to be closed for weeks, and he expressed concern for the trauma suffered by children.

"I haven't been able to have a Zoom call today and very few phone calls in general because the signals are not working — but yesterday I had one Zoom with 35 pastors; many could not join us because they don't have electricity or internet or water," Archbishop González told Catholic News Service by phone after several failed attempts to reach him Sept. 21.

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15th Annual Family Festival of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Throop this weekend



SEPTEMBER 24 & 25

Pig-in-the-blanket Dinner Saturday, from Noon to 7 p.m. Outside food stands open on Saturday from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Potato Pancakes, Pizza Fritta, French Fries, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and more including some ethnic favorites, and Bake Sale.

Bingo on Sunday along with Basket Raffles. A 50/50 Raffle that in recent times always surpasses \$1000. Wiffle event will take place Saturday Morning at 9:00 a.m. on the Parish Grounds.

Pictured left to right: Rita Priorelli, Karen Doyle, Barbara Long, Anthony 'Zaz' Zelazny, Judy Menago, Ed Long, Rosanna Laskowski, Amanda Rimosites, Fr. Scott Sterowski, Pastor, Maurice Menichetti III, and Paul Doyle.

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