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Celebration Weekend for Diocesan Annual Appeal is Oct. 15 & 16

Mothers and babies at Shepherd's Maternity House among many who benefit from Appeal Funding

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When she was just 20 weeks pregnant, Jessica found herself in need of a place to live. Not knowing where to turn, she was encouraged to contact Shepherd's Maternity House in East Stroudsburg.

Within days, Jessica was staying in a safe, comfortable home where she was able to prepare for the birth of her son.

“I am so grateful for the fact that I found this, just for the simple fact of being here while I was pregnant. I got to get comfortable,” Jessica said. “I worked almost my entire pregnancy. They took me to and from work and took me to my doctor appointments.”

Operated by Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton, Shepherd’s Maternity House is a transitional housing facility for women who are single and pregnant, or who have just given birth.

Gifts to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal benefit Catholic Social Services and help to keep the doors of Shepherd’s Maternity House open. Donations also benefit many other areas of ministry, including Catholic education, Catholic media, Parish Life, Clergy Care & Seminarian support and Parish Faith Formation and Social Justice grants.

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**Special collection for victims of recent
hurricanes to be held in parishes across
Diocese of Scranton**



As residents of Florida begin the process of rebuilding their homes and livelihoods after devastation from Hurricane Ian, they will be getting assistance from the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, has asked all parishes in the diocese to take up a special collection to donate to the victims of recent hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Many will hold that special collection on the weekend of Oct. 15 and 16, 2022.

The funds collected in the Diocese of Scranton's special collection will become part of the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund. The money will support the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church as well as the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church.

Both Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services are already on the ground, assisting local agencies in providing humanitarian relief, supplying food, water and sanitation assistance. Repair and rebuilding of homes will take place as soon as possible.

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Faithful encouraged to participate in Rosary Rallies this month



Catholics throughout the Diocese of Scranton will unite with faith communities around the nation on Saturday, Oct. 15, to lend their prayerful pleas to the chorus of intercessions of supplication and reparation as part of this year's "America Needs Fatima" Rosary Crusade.

Each year since 1985, when the "America Needs Fatima" campaign was founded, faithful gather at noontime on a Saturday in October to send their Rosary prayers and petitions heavenward, seeking the Blessed Mother's intercession on behalf of the United States.

The unified, simultaneous prayer effort coincides with October's designation by the Catholic Church as the Month of the Holy Rosary — with the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary celebrated on Oct. 7 — and Respect Life Month.

[Click Here For Local Locations Where Rosary Rallies Are Scheduled](#)

Pittston Parish hosting 65th Saint Jude Novena



Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish will host its 65th Annual Novena to Saint Jude, patron saint of hopeless cases and things despaired of, at Saint Mary, Help of Christians Church, 535 North Main St., Pittston, beginning Wednesday, Oct. 19, and concluding on the Feast of Saint Jude, Friday, Oct. 28.

Mass, homily, Novena prayers and veneration of the relic of Saint Jude will be held Monday through Friday at noon and 7 p.m. Saturday devotions are offered at noon and 4 p.m., and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Recitation of the Rosary and Confessions precede all Novena devotions, except on Sunday.

[View the Scheduled Homilists for the 65th Saint Jude Novena](#)

Bishop appoints priests to serve as Deans in twelve Diocesan Deaneries



In accord with canon 553 of the *Code of Canon Law*, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, has appointed several priests to serve as Deans in the twelve Deaneries of the Diocese of Scranton for a term of three years, effective Oct. 6, 2022.

[View Bishop Bambera's Oct. 6 Deanery Appointments](#)

Father Joseph M. Horanzy dies at age 90; served the Scranton Diocese for 63 years



Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant of a Pontifical Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial for Father Joseph M. Horanzy on Oct. 7 at Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke.

Father Horanzy, pastor emeritus of the former Saint Stanislaus Parish, Wilkes-Barre, died Oct. 2 at Saint Mary's Villa Nursing Home in Elmhurst at the age of 90.

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Pope prays for unity of Church as he celebrates anniversary of Vatican II



The Second Vatican Council was the universal Catholic Church's response to God's love and to Jesus' command to feed his sheep, Pope Francis said, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the council's opening.

The council reminded the church of what is "essential," the pope said: "a church madly in love with its Lord and with all the men and women whom he loves," one that "is rich in Jesus and poor in assets," a church that "is free and freeing."

Pope Francis presided over the Mass Oct. 11 in St. Peter's Basilica, where the council sessions were held in four sessions from 1962 to 1964. The date is also the feast of St. John XXIII, who convoked and opened the council; the glass urn containing his body was moved to the center of the basilica for the liturgy.

The Gospel reading at the Mass recounted Jesus asking St. Peter, "Do you love me?" and telling him, "Feed my sheep."

In his homily, the pope said the council was the church's response to that question and marked a renewed effort to feed God's sheep, not just those who are Catholic, but all people.

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**Next Theology on Tap scheduled
for Thursday, Oct. 20**

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THEOLOGY ON TAP

A Young Adult Speaker Series for 21-40 year olds

Thursday, October 20th 7:00pm
Sabatini's Bottleshop - Exeter
\$8 Cover Charge

Transubstantiation Trivia:
A Communal Exploration
of the Eucharist

Guest Host:
Tom Dzwonczyk

Seminarian of the
Diocese of Scranton

Tom is completing a pastoral year
at St. Jude's in Mountain Top.
In his free time, Tom enjoys
skiing, golf, and studying
St. Thomas Aquinas



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