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Bishop Bambera to ordain eight Permanent Deacons Nov. 26

SCRANTON – The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will ordain eight men as permanent deacons for the Diocese of Scranton at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The newly ordained deacons will join the ranks of clergy who minister to the faithful in parishes and other settings throughout the Diocese.

During the Mass of Ordination, Bishop Bambera will ordain the following men to serve permanently in the Order of Deacon: John F. Bankus, John F. Bubb, Martin J. Castaldi, Matthew R. Eisley, Thomas A. Kostic, Steven J. Miller, Nicholas M. Rocco, and Frank H. Zeranski.

"It was not something I had ever anticipated," Eisley said. "By God's grace and the path that he's led me on over the years, I've found myself in this position."

These men will complete a five-year formation program and become members of the three-fold ordained ministry that consists of bishops, priests and deacons.

All of the candidates said the diaconate program helped them discern their vocation to ministry, deepen their relationship with the Lord and model their lives after Jesus.

"There is so much to learn about the faith. It's incredibly deep but very approachable. The teachers here have been wonderful. The priests have been wonderful. I couldn't ask for a better experience," Bankus stated.

"The instructors were phenomenal," Kostic, who has a theological background and has been in the education field for 33 years, said. "I learned more than I ever thought I could."

"I used to read Scripture on my own and the more I would read, the more I would realize what I didn't know but I wanted to know more," Castaldi added. "This put everything together for me."

Over that time, the eight men have grown not only in faith, but also in friendship.

"The men that I have been on this journey with have been absolutely incredible. They are just a testament to the faith. I have grown so much by just watching them and admire them," Rocco said.

The deacon's service has three aspects: word, worship and charity. He can perform certain ministerial functions such as administering baptism; serving as the



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deacon at the Mass, including proclaiming the Gospel, preaching the homily and distributing Holy Communion; bringing viaticum to the sick; presiding at wake services, funeral liturgies and burial rites and with permission by the pastor, may celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Deacons also minister to the needs of families, single parents, students, the aged and infirmed, the imprisoned and those who suffer from poverty or addictions.

When asked what drew him to the diaconate, Zeranski said it is that ability to serve others.

"I like helping people, I like working with people, I like talking to people and listening to people," he explained.

Miller, who already regularly visits two homebound parishioners at his parish, Our Lady of Victory in

Tannersville, is looking to expand those opportunities.

"In one case, I'm the only person that she sees other than her son. She really doesn't have any other visitors," Miller stated.

Bubb, who will celebrate his 25th wedding anniversary on the same week of his ordination, feels a calling to help young families.

"I have seven kids and can relate to couples that are getting married or couples that are struggling, if they need somebody to talk to," he explained.

All are welcome to attend the Ordination Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter. For those unable to attend in person, CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will provide a live broadcast of the Mass.

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Deacon Class of 2022 looks forward to serving others

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A livestream will also be available on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and across all Diocesan social media platforms.

The following are brief biographies of the Permanent Deacon Class of 2022:

John F. Bankus

John F. Bankus, 62, of Wyoming, is a member of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Swoversville. He is married to his wife, Judith, for 32 years and the couple has one child.

Following graduation from E.L. Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre, in 1978, Bankus earned his bachelor's degree in forestry from Penn State University at University Park.

He subsequently received an Associate of Science degree in electrical engineering from Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre, and his bachelor's in economics from King's College in Wilkes-Barre.

The deacon-candidate currently is an asset integrity specialist with Williams Company.

John F. Bubb

Montoursville resident John F. Bubb, 58, and his wife, Donna, are celebrating their 25th anniversary of marriage this year and are the parents of seven children.

A 1982 graduate of Williamsport Area High School, he earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Penn State University in State College in 1986 and completed studies for a Master of Business Administration degree from Northern Alabama University in 2010.

Bubb is currently vice president & CFO of Hope Enterprises, Inc. He also previously held accounting and accounting managerial positions at UPMC, Susquehanna/ Susquehanna Health.

Martin J. Castaldi

Martin J. Castaldi, 59, and his wife of 33 years, Renée, reside in Scranton, where they are Methodius Parish, Hazleton, he members of Divine Mercy Parish. The couple has four children.

The deacon-candidate is a 1981 graduate of Scranton Central High School and received his baccalaureate degree from Penn State University. He subsequently received his master's in business administration from Marywood University in Scranton.

Castaldi is 32-year veteran of the United States Postal Service. Following his retirement as postmaster of the Carbondale Post Office he has been serving as head sacristan/maintenance supervisor at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Matthew R. Eisley

Jersey Shore resident Matthew R. Eisley, 44, has been married to his wife, Molly, for 20 years and are parishioners of Saint Luke Parish. They are the parents of three children.

After graduating from Montoursville Area High School in 1996, he obtained his bachelor's degrees in chemistry and secondary education in chemistry from Lock Haven University.

The ordinand for the diaconate later received his Master of Science degree in instructional technology from Bloomsburg University in 2006.

Eisley currently serves on the faculty for the South Williamsport Area School District as a chemistry teacher. He previously taught at the Pennsylvania College of Technology as an adjunct instructor.

Thomas A. Kostic

Deacon-candidate Thomas A. Kostic, 67, serves the Diocese of Scranton as principal of Holy Family Academy elementary school in Hazleton.

Members of Saints Cyril & and his wife of 35 years, Patricia, reside in Hazleton and have one child.

Kostic graduated from Bishop Hafey High School in 1973, after which he earned his bachelor's degree in social work, with a minor in criminal justice, from King's College, Wilkes-Barre.

For the following five years, the future deacon attended Officer Training School for the United States Air Force, attaining the rank of captain. During that time he also received his master's degree in public administration from Troy State University in Alabama.

Kostic has pursued further graduate studies in philosophy and theology at Catholic University and the Washington Theological Union, both in Washington, D.C., and in theology at Marywood University, Scranton.

Steven J. Miller

A member of Our Lady Victory Parish in Tannersville, Steven J. Miller, 60, resides in Tannersville with his wife, Karen. The couple has been married for 37 years and are the parents of two children.

Deacon-candidate Miller is a 1980 graduate of Mount Olive High School in Mount Olive, N.J.

Following graduation, he attended Lock Haven University and began studies in computer science and mathematics. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1984.

Miller is employed as senior project manager for DXC Technology.

Nicholas M. Rocco

Nicholas M. Rocco, 49, and his wife of 17 years, Adeline, reside in Jefferson Township and are parishioners of Saint Eulalia Parish, Roaring Brook Township. They have four children.

Having graduated from Mid Valley High School, Throop, in 1991, Rocco received both his associate's and bachelor's degrees in nursing from Penn State University. In 2006, he earned a Master of Science in nurse anesthesia from The University of Scranton.

Rocco graduated from the Anesthesia Business Group Executive Management program at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, in 2019 and plans to receive his master's degree in pastoral studies next year from the Pontifical College Josephinum.

Rocco currently serves as a nurse anesthetist for Geisinger at the Northeast Surgery Center.

Frank H. Zeranski

Deacon-candidate Frank H. Zeranski, 63, has been married to his wife, Jayne, for 39 years. The Jefferson Township residents are members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Moscow.

Zeranski is a 1977 graduate of North Pocono High School and earned his certificate in electronics technology from Lackawanna County Vocational Technical School in Scranton.

He subsequently received his associate's degree in computer science and bachelor's degree in business administration from Keystone College in La Plume.

He is employed by RS Integrated Supply in Radnor as an application support representative in the Information Systems Department. He also serves as a site coordinator, instructor and rider coach for the PA Motorcycle Safety Program.

Are you a Christian Steward?

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10)

gather with family and friends to enjoy gifts. turkey, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie.

hectic - so hectic in fact - that they forget difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy what is at the heart of day itself, offering comes to those who take the risk to live as

our thanks to God for the many gifts that have been bestowed upon us.

The month of November, and especially the time around Thanksgiving, perfect the opportunity to reflect on stewardship.

When we hear the "stewardship," word

automatically think of money.

While that is partially correct, the true definition is about so much more.

or managers.

Stewardship, quite simply,

In the coming days, we will celebrate everything we are is a gift from God and Thanksgiving, a time when many of us will being grateful and generous with those

The life of a Christian steward models For many people, Thanksgiving Day is the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even

Christian stewards.

identifies a steward?

Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent and treasure.

means more.

A Christian steward

gratefully,

is someone who "receives

cultivates them responsibly,

shares them lovingly in

justice with others, and

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gifts

God's

to the Lord."

In "The Theology of Stewardship: A Summary of the United States Bishops' Stewardship is rooted in scripture, Pastoral Letter on Stewardship," the recognizing we, as individuals, are not bishops defined a Christian steward owners of our lives but rather are stewards as someone who "receives God's gifts their own roles to play in carrying out this that God has given you and say "thank you." gratefully, cultivates them responsibly, is shares them lovingly in justice with others, recognizing that everything we have and and returns them with increase to the Lord."

stewardship as a way of life.

cooperators in continuing the redemptive of service to the larger community; But being a work of Jesus Christ, which is the Christian steward Church's essential mission. This mission support - time, money, prayers, and sanctifying – is our task. It is the personal circumstances – to parish and diocesan responsibility of each one of us as stewards programs. of the Church.

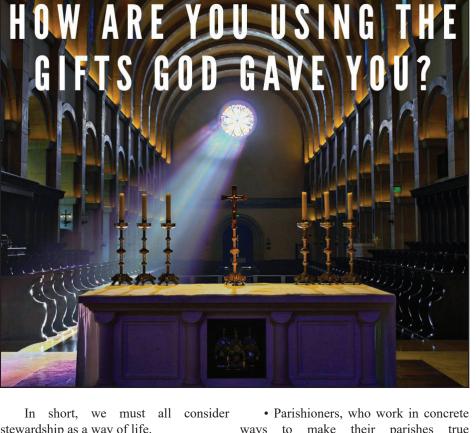
mission:

the light of faith;

- ways to make their parishes true We must be collaborators and communities of faith and vibrant sources
- · All Catholics, who give generous proclaiming, teaching, serving and personal service according to their

In these final days of November, spend All members of the Church have a few minutes each day thinking about all

Together in our journey of faith, may • Parents, who nurture their children in God bless us and may we respond as faithful disciples - faithful stewards!





TIME

Good Stewardship requires us to make the most of our time. In so doing, we make God the center of our lives.



TALENT

Our loving Creator has given each of us special blessings: talents, skills and abilities. He has entrusted us to "steward" our gifts, calling us to use them to benefit others.



TREASURE

Everything we have is a gift from God to be shared with others - for our benefit and for the benefit of others.

DVFN

Sunday, Nov. 27 - Saturday, Dec. 24

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation.

Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.



How Pope Francis views Advent's call to hope

By: David Gibson Catholic News Service

Advent is a "continuous call to hope," says Pope Francis. It seems, then, that a key aim of this pre-Christmas season is to focus attention on hope's immense importance for everyone.

But why? Is hope a problem? Sure, it can be. Human hopes frequently get dashed.

Sustaining hope can mean surviving big disappointments and surmounting temptations to give up when our finest plans encounter confounding obstacles. Sometimes hope's challenge is to start over, to pursue again (in new ways?) a goal whose pursuit only recently drained our energies.

Starting over can be hard. Are of hope in our world? we tired? Do any embers of the hope that originally motivated us that God is not distant. Instead, God still glow?

It seems important here to say something about what "hope" means. Along with faith and charity, hope is accorded a central place in Christian life. Yet, when the topic of "hope" arises, it often remains undefined.

He wants to make its meaning dreams in life.

"Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great remarks after the coronavirus things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities," his 2020 encyclical on fraternity and hope by generating "worry, fear social friendship observed.

Hope can "open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful worthwhile," he added ("Fratelli Tutti," 55).

It makes sense to zero-in on the much-needed virtue of hope during Advent. Don't the coming Jesus' birth, announce a new birth

Christmas affirms emphatically is near and involved with our actual lives. This point should not be overlooked when considering the Francis suggests.

It is not idle chatter when he speaks of hope. He understands and dreams," the pope urged. he encourages people to venture

Not for Pope Francis, however. "courage" when they are "under duress or suffering," he remarked concrete. In doing so he shows that on Advent's first Sunday in 2020. abandon" people.

> Pope Francis made those hope" (142). pandemic took hold in the world. The pandemic posed threats to and discouragement." There was pessimism," he commented.

He understands that powerful forces can darken people's lives, wreaking havoc with the hope they need. One such force is fear.

days of Christmas, so focused on that Pope Francis has spoken repeatedly of fear's negative negative. Healthy fear steers us influence? He seems concerned that fear can gain too much control over From the youngest age children people's thinking and actions.

Fear has a way of paralyzing people, he suggested in his 2019 apostolic exhortation relevance of hope in Advent, Pope Lives," directed above all to young world, Pope Francis thinks there also

what wounds hope. People need He added that it is important to forward together with others.

"avoid the paralysis of the living dead," whereby a fear of making "mistakes" leads to forgetting that he takes seriously the best of our Advent is a reminder to them that if mistakes are made "you can "God is not distant" and "does not always get up and start over, for no one has the right to rob you of

> Catholics hear about fear in the first reading at Masses on Advent's third Sunday this year: "Say to the fearful of heart: Be strong, do not fear!" (Is 35:4). Rich images follow for many a risk of "falling into suggesting the fuller life that flows from the promises of God:

"Then the eyes of the blind shall see, and the ears of the deaf be opened; then the lame shall leap like a stag, and the mute tongue says elsewhere about relationships Would it surprise you to hear sing for joy" (35:5-6).

> Naturally, not all fear is away from clear sources of harm. learn not to stick their fingers into a flame for fear of the pain and damage fire can cause.

But if there is much to fear in the is much to be gained by venturing "Keep following your hopes forward with courage. Notably,

He cautions that fear has a way of driving people inward, prompting them to think that what is best is to go it alone. But his encyclical on fraternity and social friendship stresses that "isolation and withdrawal into one's own interests are never the way to restore hope and bring about renewal."

What is needed, instead, "is closeness." The pope insisted: "Isolation, no; closeness, yes" (30).

That encyclical focused in a particular way on the larger relationships of nations or racial and ethnic groups, for example. But what he said there reflects what he closer to home.

In the context of today's advanced "means of human communication," a challenge emerges to assure that "greater possibilities for communication" become "greater possibilities for encounter and solidarity for everyone," the pope wrote in 2013 in "The Joy of the Gospel," his very first apostolic exhortation.

Taking this route, he added, "would be so good, so soothing, so liberating and hope-filled" (87).

Parishes to host liturgical composer during Advent

PITTSTON — The two Pittston parish communities of Saint Joseph Marello and Saint John the Evangelist announce renowned composer of spiritual music, Dan Schutte, will present a concert performance during the Advent season at Saint Joseph Marello Parish.

The concert will be held on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Camel Church, the parish worship site of Saint Joseph Marello, 237 William St., Pittston.

Schutte is the internationally known composer of numerous beloved and cherished hymns, including "Here I Am, Lord," "City of God," "Sing a New Song" and the popular Mass setting "Mass of Christ the Savior."

His decades-long career has



Dan Schutte

brought music and joy to liturgical celebrations worldwide.

Schutte's appearance will mark his second visit to the Pittston churches, and his performance is being billed as a special event tailored to the Season of Advent, including additional songs to

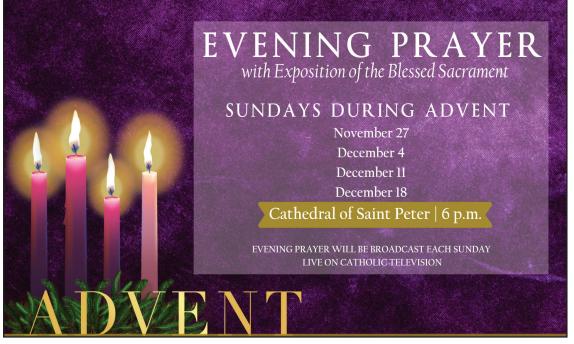
enable faithful to better prepare for the birth of the Christ Child at Christmas.

Concert tickets cost \$15 each, and reservations may be made by contacting the parish office at (570) 654-6902, or emailing: brandon@ simparish.org.

The following day, Saturday, Dec. 3, Schutte will present a Workshop Retreat from 9 a.m. to noon at Saint Joseph Marello Parish. The inspiring morning of reflection will feature unique music focusing on Morning Prayer.

All are welcome to participate and must register in advance. Cost is \$15 per person and includes light breakfast refreshments.

For reservations, contact the parish office at (570) 654-6902, or emailing: brandon@simparish.org.



Advent Evening of Recollection for Cathedral liturgical ministers

SCRANTON — Father Jeff hospital ministers and musicians. Tudgay, pastor of the Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish, will lead an Evening of Recollection on Thursday, Dec. 1, for all liturgical ministers who serve the Cathedral — extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, ushers/

the Church's liturgical year will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming reception will follow. Ave., Scranton.

opportunity for those who minister info@stpeterscathedral.org.

at Saint Peter's to reflect on their The evening of reflection on role of service to the Cathedral as the new liturgical year opens with the Season of Advent. A light

Anyone planning to attend is The program will provide an asked to email Kathy Geiger at:

Lackawanna, Luzerne parishes collaborating for Advent service

Four regional Catholic of collaboration in presenting Advent season.

"We Long for You, O Lord," an Advent service of word and song, will be presented at churches in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties during the Second Week of Advent and on the Third Sunday of Advent.

Both services are open to the public free of charge.

This marks the 13th year for Seitzinger, respectively. the collaborative effort among the parishes in the two neighboring counties.

on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Holy Family Parish, 574 musical selections. Bennett St., Luzerne.

by Saints Anthony & Rocco Parish, Dunmore, will be presented on (570) 287-6600; Our Lady of Sunday, Dec. 11, beginning at 6:30 Mount Carmel (570) 346-7429; p.m. at Saint Anthony of Padua or Saints Anthony and Rocco, Church, 208 Smith St., Dunmore. Dunmore (570) 344-1209.

Music for the Advent programs parishes in the Diocese of Scranton features a combined choir from are continuing their annual tradition Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, and Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish, two special programs during the Kingston (Monsignor David Tressler, pastor); Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish, Dunmore (Father David Cappelloni, pastor); and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Dunmore (Father John Doris, pastor), as well as several soloists and an instrumental ensemble.

> The Directors of Music at the participating parishes are Linda Houck, Joseph Moffitt and Geri

"We Long for You, O Lord" offers an opportunity to embrace the season of Advent and its spirit The first service will be held of preparation for Christmas through Scripture readings and

For more information about The second program, hosted the upcoming events, contact the parish offices at Holy Family

Marywood slates Christmas season celebration

SCRANTON — "Making Spirits Bright," Marywood the Marywood Christmas Tree University's annual celebration during normal operating hours of the of the Christmas holiday season Liberal Arts Center, Monday through

through festive programming, community service and spiritual opportunities, will kick off on Wednesday, Nov. 30, with the signature event, Marywood's

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

The popular tree lighting celebration will begin at 4 p.m. Chapel. in the Rotunda of the Liberal Arts Center on campus. The event is free and open to the public.

The public also may view

Friday, Dec. 1-22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, patronal feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters and the United States,

will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 8, at noon in the Marian

For information on Marywood Christmas events, visit marywood. edu/makingspiritsbright.



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Diocesan Annual Appeal funding directly benefits parish activities

WILLIAMSPORT – For the last four years, the faithful from Saint Boniface Parish in Williamsport and Saint Lawrence Parish in South Williamsport have joined forces to serve their community in many ways.

Every Friday, parishioners from the linked parishes fill the kitchen at Sojourner Truth Ministries on High Street in Williamsport to prepare and serve food to those in need.

"It is such a gratifying experience to be here," parishioner Barbara Coolidge said. "You learn a lot and you chat with people if they're willing to have a conversation."

Sojourner Truth Ministries serves lunch six days a week to people in the community who are hungry, food insecure, homeless or might simply be in need of fellowship. On average, the agency serves approximately 20,000 meals each year.

Saint Boniface and Saint

Lawrence Parishes have roughly 35 people who regularly volunteer at the facility, dishing up hope to the community one plate at a time.

"Sometimes it's the only meal that they have for the day, the homeless people who come and now we're able to give them take-out food to take home with them so they have something for an evening meal if they want," parishioner Susan Lingg explained.

This year, Saint Boniface and Saint Lawrence Parishes received a social justice grant from the Diocesan Annual Appeal to support their volunteer efforts.

That money, which is made possible by generous gifts to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal, will have a direct impact in helping our brothers and sisters in need in the greater Williamsport area and beyond.

"This is the first time that we've applied and been awarded a grant so we were very excited to



Judy Wagner, left, and Cindy Hayes, parishioners of Saint Boniface Parish in Williamsport and Saint Lawrence Parish in South Williamsport, volunteer at Sojourner Truth Ministries in Williamsport on a recent Friday. The parishes received a social justice grant from the Diocesan Annual Appeal this year for their ministry efforts.

hear about it. It is going to mean a lot to us. We have a lot of ideas," Lingg said.

Through social justice grants,

parishes like Saint Boniface and Saint Lawrence are able to carry the Gospel message of service beyond church walls. "It is good to have our name out there and to let people know that our churches are involved in mission throughout our community," Lingg added.

For those who benefit from the meals at Sojourner Truth Ministries, they couldn't be more appreciative of the volunteer efforts.

"There are people out there that care, care about giving to others," Shawn Bower of Williamsport said.

"They're (volunteers) here out of the kindness of their own heart, whether they're preparing the food or helping to serve it," Shawn Watkins of Williamsport added. "There's nothing more important than the heart of a volunteer."

Gifts of all sizes to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal are welcomed and appreciated. If you wish to make a gift, kindly donate online at Annual Appeal.org, call the Diocesan Development Office at (570) 207-2250, or use the QR code at the top of this page.

Donate Now at Annual Appeal.org

PARISHES RECEIVING A SOCIAL JUSTICE TRUST FUND GRANT IN 2022

All Saints Parish, Plymouth	\$4,600	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Wyalusing		Saint Joseph Marello Parish, Pittston	\$3,500	
Homelessness/Emergency Assistance/Pro-Life Minist	Parish Food Pantry/Emergency Assistance		Community Meals			
Christ the King Parish, Archbald	\$5,000	Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harveys Lake	\$3,500	Saint Joseph Parish, Matamoras	\$5,000	
Parish Food Pantry/Emergency Assistance/Grief Ministry		Homelessness		Emergency Assistance/Prison Ministry/Parish Nurse Ministry		
Church of the Resurrection, Muncy	\$3,000	Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Jermyn	\$3,000	Saint Mary of the Lake Parish, Lake Winola	\$3,000	
Parish Food Pantry/Pro-Life Ministries/Care of the Earth		Prison Ministry/Hispanic Ministry		Hunger & Food Insecurity		
Church of Saint John the Apostle, East Stroudsburg \$5,000		Saint Ann Basilica Parish, Scranton \$3,655		Saint Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg	\$5,000	
Hispanic and Cultural Diversity		Parish Food Pantry/Care for the Elderly		Hispanic Ministry/Homelessness		
Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston	\$5,000	Saint Ann Parish, Shohola	\$2,500	Saint Nicholas Parish, Wilkes-Barre	\$5,000	
Parish Food Pantry/Counseling Programs		Care for the Elderly		Social Concerns and Hunger Programs		
Epiphany Parish, Sayre	\$5,000	St. Boniface/St. Lawrence Parishes, Williamsport	\$5,000	Saint Patrick Parish, Milford	\$5,000	
Care for the Elderly		Hunger & Food Insecurity/Emergency Assistance/Grief	Ministry	Emergency Assistance/Prison Ministry/Parish Nurs	se Ministry	
Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas	\$4,145	Saint Eulalia Parish, Roaring Brook Township	\$750	Saint Paul Parish, Scranton	\$5,000	
Pro-Life Ministries		Youth Helping Youth Summer Food Program		Parish Food Pantry		
Holy Child Parish, Mansfield	\$3,140	Saint Joachim Church, Meshoppen	\$2,500	Saint Peter Parish, Wellsboro	\$3,000	
Parish Health Ministry Programs		Hispanic Ministry Outreach		Food Pantry/Prison Ministry		
Mary, Mother of God Parish, Scranton	\$2,745	Saint John Bosco Parish, Conyngham	\$5,000	Saint Thomas More Parish, Lake Ariel	\$3,500	
Social Justice Education/Pro-Life Ministries		Pro-Life Ministries/Food Pantry/Emergency Assistance		Care for the Elderly		
Most Holy Trinity Parish, Susquehanna	\$4,800	Saint John Neumann Parish, Lords Valley	\$2,500	Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Milford	\$400	
Parish Food Pantry/Hispanic Outreach		Care for the Elderly		Grief Ministry		
Nativity of the BVM Parish, Tunkhannock	\$2,000	Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston	\$3,500			

Grief Ministry/Social Justice Education

Hunger & Food Insecurity

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe to be celebrated in many parishes

many different parishes.

large Latino populations in the

"Virgen de Guadalupe," plans for appearance of the Virgin Mary to to Catholicism, and her message of a host of celebrations being the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe a Mexican Indian peasant — now hope continues to inspire those of planned throughout the Diocese, in December are proceeding in venerated as Saint Juan Diego — in Hispanic descent. December 1531 in Tepeyac, near Particularly in the areas of present-day Mexico City.

The Blessed Mother's as Patroness of the Americas. Diocese of Scranton, the annual appearance is believed to have

declared Our Lady of Guadalupe communities.

Through the intercession of observance commemorates the resulted in millions of conversions feast on Dec. 12 will culminate especially in those parishes made In 1946, Pope Pius XII up of significant Hispanic/Latino

> Everyone is welcome to join The Our Lady of Guadalupe in the following celebrations:

East Stroudsburg Saint Matthew Parish

December 1 to December 11 7:00 p.m. Rosary in the Church (Except December 4 and 5)

December 4

Welcoming of Guadalupana Torch 12:30 p.m. Meeting location: Rite Aid Pharmacy parking lot

2:00 p.m. Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera

December 5

Departure of Guadalupana Torch 12:00 p.m. The Torch is taken to the town of Suffern, N.Y.

Free bus transportation will be provided for those who would like to join. You must reserve your space in advance. Call (570) 236-2012 or (917) 930-1390

December 11

7:30 p.m. Traditional Mañanitas and vigil in honor to Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12

7:00 p.m. Mass in honor to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Hazleton Annunciation Parish

December 2 to December 10 **6:30 p.m.** Novena 7:00 p.m. Mass

> December 11 12:00 p.m. Mass

December 12 5:00 a.m. Mañanitas

Jermyn

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish

December 11

12:00 p.m. Mass; Reception After

Meshoppen Saint Joachim Church

December 10

4:00 p.m. Mass at Saint Joachim 6:00 p.m. Reception in the Hall of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 99 E. Tioga Street, Tunkhannock

December 12

5:00 a.m. Traditional Mañanitas at Saint Joachim Church

Scranton

December 2 to December 10 6:30 p.m. Novena Saint Paul of the Cross Church

December 11

Cathedral of Saint Peter 12:15 p.m. Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Reception after at Diocesan Pastoral Center across the street

December 12

3:00 a.m. Street procession begins at the Cathedral of St. Peter and will conclude at St. Paul of the Cross. 4:30 a.m. Mañanitas at St. Paul of the Cross Church 6:30 a.m. Morning Mass. 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Paul of the Cross



Wilkes-Barre Saint Nicholas Parish

December 11 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Vigil

December 12

5:00 a.m. Mañanitas

4:00 p.m. Street procession starting at 607 N. Franklin St. Wilkes Barre, (Fortoso Family)

Accompanied by Chinelos, Moras and Dance of the Tacuates.

6:00 p.m. Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera 7:00 p.m. Reception in the school cafeteria immediately after mass

East Stroudsburg Parroquia San Mateo

1 de Diciembre al 11 de Diciembre 7:00 p.m. Rosario en la Iglesia (excepto el 4 y 5 de Diciembre)

4 de Diciembre

Recibimiento de la Antorcha Guadalupana

12:30 p.m. Estacionamiento de la Farmacia Rite Aid, 128 N Courtland St, East Stroudsburg

2:00 p.m. Misa con Monseñor Joseph C. Bambera, Obispo de la Diócesis de Scranton

5 de Diciembre

12:00 p.m. Se despide a la Antorcha Guadalupana y se lleva al pueblo de Suffern, N.Y. Se proveerá transporte gratuito en autobús para los que gusten acompañar. Se requiere reservar su espacio (570) 236-2012

11 de Diciembre

7:30 p.m. Tradicionales mañanitas y vigilia en honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe

12 de Diciembre

7:00 p.m. Misa en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Hazleton Parroquia Anunciación

2 de Diciembre al 10 de Diciembre 6:30 p.m. Rosario 7:00 p.m. Misa

> 11 de Diciembre 12:00 p.m. Misa

12 de Diciembre 5:00 a.m. Mañanitas

Jermyn

Parroquia Sagrados Corazones de Jesus y Maria

> 11 de Diciembre 12:00 p.m. Misa Recepción después de Misa

Meshoppen Iglesia San Joaquin

10 de Diciembre

4:00 p.m. Misa en la Iglesia San Joaquín 6:00 p.m. Recepción en el Salón de la Iglesia de la Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María, 99 E. Tioga St. Tunkhannock

12 de Diciembre

5:00 a.m. Mañanitas en la Iglesia San Joaquín

Scranton

2 de Diciembre al 10 de Diciembre 6:30 p.m. Novena diaria Iglesia San Pablo de la Cruz 1217 Prospect Ave. Scranton

11 de Diciembre

Catedral de San Pedro 12:15 p.m. Misa Solemne precedida por el Monseñor Joseph C. Bambera, Obispo de la Diócesis de Scranton y concelebrada por varios sacerdotes Recepción después de Misa en el Centro Pastoral Diocesano

12 de Diciembre

3:00 a.m. Procesión por las calles comenzando en la Catedral de San Pedro y finalizando en la Iglesia de San Pablo de la Cruz

4:30 a.m. Mañanitas en San Pablo de Cruz

6:30 a.m. Misa matutina 7:00 p.m. Misa en San Pablo de Cruz

Wilkes Barre Parroquia San Nicolas

11 de Diciembre 6:00 p.m. - 9 p.m. Velación

> 12 de Diciembre 5:00 a.m. Mañanitas

4:00 p.m. Procesión comenzando en el 607 N. Franklin St. Wilkes Barre, (Familia Fortoso) Acompañada de Chinelos, Moras y

6:00 p.m. Misa Solemne precedida por el Monseñor Joseph C. Bambera, Obispo de la Diócesis de Scranton y concelebrada por varios sacerdotes

Danza de los Tacuates.

7:00 p.m. Recepción en la cafetería de la escuela inmediatamente después de la misa



FEED MY PEOPLE: A Eucharistic Revival in the Church

- A Priesthood Perspective by Fr. Gregory Reichlen -

When I was 17 years old, an Adoration Chapel dedicated to Saint John Neumann was founded in my home parish, Saint Brigid in Friendsville, Susquehanna County (at the time Saint Joseph and St. Augustine).

I was a senior in high school and I don't recall ever having experienced Adoration before this moment in my life or even knowing what it was! My parents had signed up for a weekly Holy Hour in the chapel. My memory is a bit fuzzy, but I believe that one day my parents asked if I could substitute for their weekly hour.

Suddenly, I was praying in silence, for an entire hour, in front of the Blessed Sacrament. I didn't know at the time anything about prayer or how to pray, and this was my first time in front of a monstrance, just Jesus and me. This moment and a few subsequent Holy Hours were the seeds of my vocation, simply being in the Presence of Jesus and learning that prayer is a conversation with God, and not just saying prayers. I blame it on my parents!

As our Lord nourished my vocation through college and in the seminary, Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist has always been at the center of my calling and formation. Now having been ordained a priest for almost 15 years, I am just beginning to more fully grasp the gift of Christ who feeds us through this great mystery, and who speaks to us about His life and love.

In ministry, we priests are privileged to witness in people's everyday lives the amazing connection between the celebration of the Sunday Mass, the preaching of God's Word, the experience of an encounter with Christ, and the relationships that we nurture outside the walls of the church. We are the hands and feet of Christ!

All these things – Word, Real Presence, Encounter, and Relationship – are connected in the gift of the Eucharist, and Jesus' great desire to revive and rebuild His Body, the Church, in this time and this generation.

Our generation is facing the greatest crisis that the Church has faced in hundreds of years. The sins and crimes of church leaders and shifting cultural winds have led us to a point where most people are not angry at the Church, but simply indifferent. Church doesn't matter.

More than 90 percent of baptized Catholics under 50 years old do not participate whatsoever in the life of the Church. Ninety percent of congregations and other religious institutions, Catholic or otherwise, are dying a slow death.

It's not just about lack of knowledge and belief in the Real Presence in the Eucharist and catechesis in general – it's about reviving that connection for people between a welcoming experience, a moving encounter, and Christian relationships. It's about forming disciples in this time

schools, and the community that Christ is alive, forming relationships and inviting others!

At my current assignment, Saint John the Apostle Parish in East Stroudsburg, we are striving to do this. Our strategy of welcoming the unchurched and de-churched is focused on an irresistible experience of the weekend Mass for people of all ages.

and generation who are equipped and empowered to revive the Church. They give credible witness in their homes,

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Music inspires and uplifts people to come in the door and lift up their hearts in worship in the Sunday Mass. I work very hard to prepare my preaching series to nourish and challenge people to come back week to week.

Ministries, especially children's ministries during Mass and hospitality ministers at the door, signal to people that they belong here! All along, we are striving to make a space for experience, relationship, and forming leaders.

Recently we held a Family Holy Hour after Mass where more than 200 people attended. Our adult Small Groups have brought over 135 people into deeper relationships in our parish, and it is inherently connected to the celebration of Sunday Mass because the same homily preached each week is the topic of the Small Groups.

Volunteers at our parish, nourished by the Eucharist, go out and serve the community in our Mission Partners program. An encounter with Christ is so fundamental to our faith that we founded an Adoration Chapel dedicated to Saint Joseph, to provide people the same opportunity that I had some 30 years ago to experience Christ's calling in silent prayer.

In my home parish, Adoration has continued at Saint Brigid, a small country parish, to this very day! My parents still have their Holy Hour! Above all the Eucharist reminds me every day that Christ has not abandoned His Church. Wherever the Eucharist is celebrated and the Word of God is preached, Christ is Present and Alive!

Let us together lead a revival of our Church. May we have the courage to share in a hopeful and realistic vision for the future.



Holy Hour at Saint John the Apostle Parish in East Stroudsburg

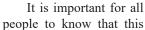
Father Reichlen was ordained to the Priesthood in June 2008. He has been Pastor of Saint John the Apostle
Parish since 2015 and also currently serves as an Assistant Vocation Director

Diocese of Scranton statement on "Pennsylvania Catholic Tribune"

SCRANTON - The Diocese of most cases the local bishop. Scranton has learned in recent days that numerous parishioners have received a mission of the Church, all the Christian publication in their mailbox called the faithful have the right to promote or "Pennsylvania Catholic Tribune."

newspaper features politically related own state and condition. Nevertheless, no content among its many articles. The undertaking is to claim the name Catholic

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His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, announces the following appointments, effective as indicated:

Reverend Sixtus Appiah Kyeremeh, from Parochial Vicar, Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish, Nanticoke, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Lake Silkworth, effective November 15, 2022. Father Appiah Kyeremeh will return to ministry in the Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana.

Reverend Richard Gyansah-Tabiri, from the Diocese of Sunyani, to Parochial Vicar, Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish, Nanticoke, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Lake Silkworth, effective November 15, 2022.

Reverend Binesh Joseph Kanjirakattu, from Parochial Vicar, Saint Lawrence Parish, South Williamsport, and Saint Boniface Parish, Williamsport, to residence, Ascension Parish, Forest City, and Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, Pleasant Mount, effective August 16, 2022.

Deacons

Deacon Paul Brojack, from diaconal ministry, Our Lady of the Abingtons Parish, Dalton, and Saint Patrick Parish, Nicholson, to diaconal ministry, Saint Brigid Parish, Friendsville, and Most Holy Trinity Parish, Susquehanna, effective November 15, 2022.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

- November 13-17 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Meeting **Baltimore**
- November 19 Mass at Saint Boniface Church Williamsport, 4:00 p.m.
- November 20 Mass at Immaculate Conception Church Bastress, 8:30 a.m.
- November 20 Mass at Saint Luke Church Jersey Shore, 10:30 a.m.
- November 22 Family to Family Food Basket Blessing Scranton, 8:00 a.m.
- November 26 Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.
- **November 27 -** Mass at Cathedral of Saint Peter Scranton, 10:00 a.m.
- November 29 Priests Advent Day of Reflection Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton
- **November 30 -** School Mass at Good Shepherd Academy Saint Ignatius Church, Kingston, 9:00 a.m.
- December 1 School Mass for the Notre Dame School System Notre Dame High School, East Stroudsburg, 9:00 a.m.
- December 2 25th Anniversary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Saint Joseph the Worker, Williamsport, 6:00 p.m.
- **December 4 -** Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Saint Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg, 2:00 p.m.
- December 7 Advent Day of Reflection for Chancery Staff Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton
- December 11 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Nativity of Our Lord Church, Scranton, 12:30 p.m.
- **December 12 -** Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Saint Nicholas Church, Wilkes-Barre, 6:00 p.m.
- December 17 Mass at Waymart State Correctional Institution Waymart, 9:00 a.m.
- December 21 School Mass at Holy Redeemer High School Wilkes-Barre, 9:00 a.m.
- December 22 Advent Mass for Chancery Staff Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.
- December 24 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. & Midnight Mass Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton
- December 25 Christmas Day Mass Gino Merli Veterans Center, Scranton, 9:30 a.m.

2,125 years of religious service honored at Jubilee Mass

SCRANTON - Thirty-five women and men religious who are celebrating milestone ordination anniversaries in 2022 were honored this month at a special Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant and homilist for a Jubilee Mass for Women and Men Religious on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022.

"We celebrate your lives and we give thanks this day for your unique and singular contribution to the Church," Bishop Bambera said during his homily. "More than you likely realize or appreciate, you continually challenge us to trust in the mercy, love and forgiveness of God. That is something that many of us in this Church forget, all too often."

The theme of trust played heavily into the bishop's homily as he reflected on the Gospel for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel involved the Sadducees questioning Jesus about eternal life and the resurrection.

The bishop helped explain Jesus' answer saying that Heaven is "beyond time and experience" and only faith counts and remains.

"It really does come down to this: believe deeply that Jesus loves you with a his homily, the bishop love that endures through time and eternity. That alone should be enough for us," Bishop Bambera stated.

As he brought the attention back to build up the Kingdom of those in consecrated life being recognized God - so often in quiet at the Mass, Bishop Bambera said it is and simple ways. clear each jubilarian understands that message.

"We give thanks for those women our trust in the God who and men who have understood the heart has filled your lives with of today's Gospel and have embraced the hope. Thank you for Lord's call to holiness and mission because inviting us to lift our they have come to believe in the enduring eyes beyond the finite love of God," he said.

Those celebrating at the Mass are often overwhelm us." celebrating ordination anniversaries of 25, 50, 60, 70, 75 and 80 years. In all, 2,125 thank you for reminding years of service were recognized.

"As I look at all of you who gather today in our Cathedral, many of whom I've known for years, I can only conclude that most of for Christ, in service of you entered religious life when you were our sisters and brothers." five. You are amazing!" Bishop Bambera



Men and Women Religious celebrating 25, 50, 60, 70, 75 and 80 years of religious profession in 2022 were recognized during a Jubilee Mass on Nov. 6, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. Shown in the photo, left to right: Sister Elizabeth M. Pearson, I.H.M.; Sister Patricia Walsh, I.H.M.; Sister Maryalice Jacquinot, I.H.M.; Sister Ruth Neely, R.S.M.; Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton; Sister Teresa Ann Jacobs, S.C.C.; Sister Maria Goretti Timperio, I.H.M.; Father Michael Salvagna, C.P.; Brother Andre Mathieu, C.P.; and Sister Kathryn Kurdziel, I.H.M., Diocesan Delegate for Religious. (Photo/Mike Melisky)

said with a smile.

As he wrapped up thanked all those in religious life who feed, heal, teach, pray for and

"Thank you for challenging us to put realities of life that so the bishop said. "And us of the treasure that is ours when we live not so much for ourselves, but

Diocesan priest assists Pope Francis during visit to **Bahrain Nov. 3-6**

AWALI, BAHRAIN - As a member of the Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See, Scranton diocesan priest Monsignor Christopher Washington was among the traveling entourage of His Holiness, Pope Francis, when the Holy Father made his recent Apostolic Journey to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

During the papal visit, the Pope met with the King of Bahrain, civil authorities, diplomats and principal leaders from the Islamic world and other Christian denominations. He also celebrated Mass and met

Pope Francis receives a gift of flowers in Bahrain, Nov. 6, 2022. Monsignor Christopher Washington, seen behind Pope Francis, a Diocese of Scranton priest, accompanied the Holy Father on his Apostolic Journey. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

with the vibrant Catholic community in the region.

Ordained for the Diocese of Scranton in 2006, Monsignor Washington, a Wilkes-Barre native, began his diplomatic service for the Vatican in 2015, having served as Deputy Head of Mission of the Apostolic Nunciature (Embassy of the Holy See) in Bolivia and Lithuania prior to his appointment to Rome. He has fulfilled the role as a personal aide and translator for Pope Francis since 2021.

Congratulations to all 2022 Women and Men Religious Tubilarians!

SISTERS, SERVANTS **OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY** (I.H.M.)

80 Years

Sister Marionette Coll, I.H.M.

75 Years

Sister M. Celesta Sinisi, I.H.M.

70 Years

Sister M. Francis Xavier Grieb, I.H.M.

Sister Maria Goretti Timperio, I.H.M.

> Sister Geraldine Marie Dranginis, I.H.M.

60 Years

Sister Mary Pio Ferrario, I.H.M.

Sister Marie C. Moore, I.H.M.

Sister Katherine O'Neil, I.H.M.

Sister Elizabeth M. Pearson, I.H.M.

Sister Janet Rossiter, I.H.M.

Sister Frances E. Russell, I.H.M.

Sister M. Angelique Vannicola, I.H.M.

Sister Marie Estelle Gavel, I.H.M.

Sister Rose Marie Mozzachio. I.H.M.

50 Years

Sister Mary Ellen Coyne, I.H.M.

Sister Anne McDonald, I.H.M.

Sister Patricia Walsh, I.H.M.

25 Years

Sister Maryalice Jacquinot, I.H.M.

SISTERS OF MERCY **OF THE AMERICAS** (R.S.M.)

80 Years

Sister Miriam Rita Biter, R.S.M.

75 Years

Sister Aileen Mary Flynn, R.S.M.

Sister Maureen Harrison, R.S.M.

Sister Margaretta Phillips, R.S.M.

70 Years

Sister Maureen McCann, R.S.M.

60 Years

Sister Patricia Marie McCann, R.S.M.

Sister Ruth Neely, R.S.M.

Sister Carol Rittner, R.S.M.

SISTERS OF **CHRISTIAN CHARITY** (S.C.C.)

50 Years

Sister Teresa Ann Jacobs, S.C.C.



CONGREGATION OF THE PASSION (C.P.)

60 Years

Brother Andre Mathieu, C.P.

Father Michael Salvagna, C.P.

50 Years

Father Francis Landry, C.P.

Father Richard Burke, C.P.

Father John Michael Lee, C.P.

SOCIETY OF JESUS (S.J.)

60 Years

Reverend John J. Begley, S.J. (in priesthood)

Reverend James D. Redington, S.J. (in the Society)

50 Years

Reverend Ronald H. McKinney, S.J. (in the Society)







Faithful participate in rosary rallies all across the Diocese of Scranton

TOWANDA Catholics throughout the Diocese Scranton united with faith communities around the nation during the month of October as part of the "America Needs Fatima" Rosary Crusade.

On Oct. 15, one of the many locations were a Rosary Rally was held was the Weis Parking Lot in Mountain Top.

People gathered to pray the Rosary and seek the Blessed Mother's intercession on behalf of the United States.

"It is great to see a public of times we just do it within our churches or small groups but it's nice to do it in public so more added. people can see us," Dave Jaques, parishioner of Saint Jude Parish, said. "During the course of this



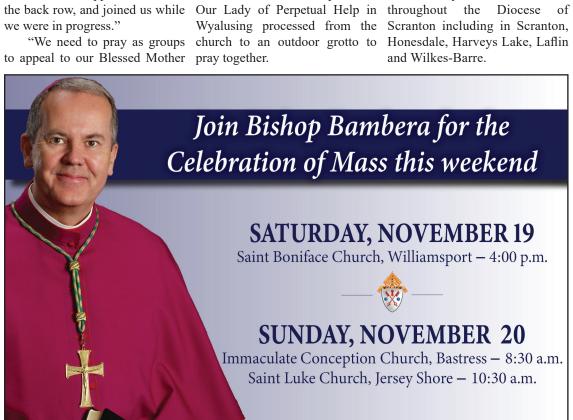
Parishioners from Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Towanda and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Wyalusing participate in a rosary rally on Oct. 22, 2022. (Photo/Patti Meredith)

declaration of the Rosary. A lot to ask her to help and protect us and to keep us," Marie Nelson, pastor, led the prayer service than 85 guests turned out to enjoy parishioner of Saint Jude Parish, along with a Knights of Columbus

Paul Church honored our Blessed Following prayer, everyone 23, 2022, and according to all Mother by praying the rosary enjoyed a dinner at JFK Hall. rally, we actually had a couple of before Mass on Oct. 22. Following the store and stopped in, stood in and Paul and its linked parish of

Father Jose Kuriappilly,

In addition to Mountain success. people who were coming out of Mass, parishioners from Ss Peter Top and Towanda, numerous other rosary rallies were held throughout the Diocese of



Parish giving back with free community dinners



Members of the community gather in the hall of Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Pocono Pines on Oct. 23, 2022, for the third and final free community dinner of the year. (Photo/Mary Miraglia)

the final free community dinner In Towanda, Saints Peter and of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Kolbe Parish on Sunday, Oct. involved, the event was a huge

> the colors of fall, was warm and inviting and friendly conversation filled the room.

Guests enjoyed a delicious potatoes and gravy, green beans, choice of homemade dessert dinner also included hot and cold Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish.

POCONO PINES – More beverages including apple cider, a definite taste of the season!

Each year, the Social Honor Guard who carried a statue of the year at Saint Maximilian Concerns Committee of Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish hosts three free community dinners. The dinners are a gift to the parish and community. Funding for the The parish hall, decorated in meals, and all the charitable work of the group, comes from the proceeds of the committee's three annual Lenten buffets.

> Committee members are meal of roast pork, mashed supported in their efforts by their fellow parishioners, including garden salad, dinner roll, and their Confirmation students. Father Paschal Mbagwu is currently pumpkin pie or apple cake. The serving as the administrator of

Church collection benefits babies

During the month of October, which is known as Respect Life Month, many parishes made a special effort support pregnant mothers and newborn babies.

At Saint Lawrence Church in Great Bend, Susquehanna County, which is part of Most Holy Trinity Parish, parishioners held a special baby shower all month.



The faithful were invited to donate diapers, wipes, sheets, clothing and other essentials to be donated to Care Net Pregnancy Center of NEPA.

Faithful pray for the Sainthood Cause of 'The Rosary Priest' in Scranton

Father Patrick Peyton served as sexton at Cathedral of Saint Peter in the 1920's

SCRANTON - Clutching a rosary that Father Patrick Peyton once used decades ago, Father Fred Jenga, C.S.C., President, Holy Cross Family Ministries, led the faithful of Scranton in a special recitation of the rosary on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

Father Peyton, a Candidate for Sainthood, is well known for his famous message, "The family that prays together stays together." Best known as "The Rosary Priest," Peyton traveled the world conducting hundreds of rosary rallies with more than 28 million people in attendance.

"Father Peyton is a pioneer of Catholic media in this country but also around the world," Father Jenga said in an interview with The Catholic Light.

Peyton died in 1992. The Vatican declared him a "Servant of God" in 2001. That is the first title on the four-step path to canonization. In 2017, Pope Francis declared him "Venerable," fulfills the second step.

"Blessed," a medical miracle people to pray in their homes. attributed to Peyton's intercession must be verified.

"We have one (miracle) which is being investigated by Rome, so that he can be able to be taken to the next stage and be road to sainthood now." 'Blessed,'" Father Jenga stated.

declared a saint.

Father Jenga said reciting the the rosary. rosary in Scranton is significant because Peyton had a special connection to the Electric City and the very Cathedral where the goosebumps," Father Tudgay said. rosary took place.

In 1928, at the age of 19, continues Peyton served as a sexton at the ministry to this day, encouraging Cathedral of Saint Peter after arriving from his native Ireland.



Father Fred Jenga, C.S.C., President, Holy Cross Family Ministries, leads a rosary for the sainthood cause of Father Patrick Peyton at the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Nov. 3, 2022. (Photo/Dan Gallagher)

cathedral that an Irishman served Africa, Europe and Canada. as a janitor or a custodian and was the priesthood."

becoming a priest, Father Peyton committed years of his life going Before he can get the title around the world encouraging

> "This is the place where it all started from," Father Jenga said. "This very space, this man, who used to open the doors of this Cathedral ... this man is on the

Father Jeffrey D. Tudgay, A second miracle will be Pastor of the Cathedral of Saint needed before Peyton can be Peter, talked about Peyton during the 12:10 p.m. Mass right before

> "He worked in this very cathedral, and every time I talk about it in this cathedral, I get

> Holy Cross Family Ministries Father Peyton's family prayer and the power of prayer in homes. The organization

"Today is a powerful, serves 18 counties and has 27 emotional day in my life," Father ministry offices around the world, Jenga said. "It was in this very including in Latin America,

Father Jenga says there is relevant." able to rediscover his vocation to a growing devotion to Father Peyton's legacy around the he is thrilled people in Father Jenga said after world, especially in countries like Uganda, Tanzania and the Peyton's Cause Philippines.

> "The rest of the world is on fire for this man. We have institutions is giving to the rest of the world how it is right now," Father Jenga



Above: Father Patrick Peyton leads a Rosary Rally at Harman-Geist Memorial Field in Hazleton in November 1949.

Below: Father Patrick Peyton leads thousands of people in a Rosary Rally at Saint Ann's Monastery in West Scranton in November 1949. (Images courtesy Holy Cross Family Ministries)

concerts being prepared in honor of this man," Father Jenga related. "His message is still

Father Jenga said Scranton stand behind Sainthood.

named after him and rallies and because we need a saint for the stated.



families and we've never needed "It's the gift that this cathedral a saint for the families more than

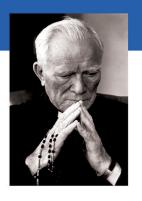
Join us for the next Rosary on Wednesday, Dec. 7!

Rosary to Pray for the Sainthood of Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., "The Rosary Priest"

Sainthood candidate Father Patrick Peyton is most known for his famous message, "The family that prays together stays together."

Pope Francis has declared him Venerable and a possible medical miracle is under review by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome. Please join us in prayer to advance his Cause. The world needs a Saint for Family Prayer!

Join us the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month after the 12:10 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton



Young adults energized by annual Leave a Mark Mass

SCRANTON – As he left the seventh annual Leave a Mark Mass, Tommy Flynn felt energized and excited.

"I think that Leave a Mark gives a lot of young people in the Diocese the opportunity, some for the first time, to be in a church filled with other young people and to get to socialize and see people from all across the Diocese being involved in something bigger than just their parish," he said.

Flynn, 22, was one of several hundred people to attend the Leave a Mark Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022.

As an active parishioner of both Saint John the Evangelist and Saint Joseph Marello Parishes in Pittston, Flynn says his faith is a sign of hope in a challenging world.

"Having faith and being active in the church really gives young people the opportunity to work through some of the issues they're facing," he explained.

The idea for the Leave a Mark Mass came after Pope Francis spoke to pilgrims at World Youth Day 2016 in Poland. In his address, the pope told young adults, "we didn't come into this world to vegetate, to there, we must begin leaving our mark on take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable the world. sofa to fall asleep on. No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark."

Mark Mass.

"Pope Francis was very specific love?" Father Tudgay added. about what kind of mark we are to leave.



Above: Young adults participate in the Leave a Mark Mass on Nov. 6, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Right: Tommy Flynn prays prays during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

"Every opportunity, every encounter is an Family Parish in Luzerne. opportunity for us to leave a mark."

Through baptism, reconciliation and the celebration of the Eucharist, Father Tudgay said God is constantly leaving a mark on us, and from

"The challenge of Pope Francis is a call to all of us. It's a call to not only, in the Father Jeffrey D. Tudgay, V.E., Pastor abstract, say 'Yes, I want to leave a mark.' of the Cathedral of Saint Peter, called Pope It calls for discernment. 'What Lord, what Francis' words not only a command and an mark do you want me to leave? What kind invitation – but a "little bit of a kick in the of mark do you want me to leave? What is Dzwonczyk, who is currently serving pants" - during his homily for the Leave a the vocation, what is the specific way that

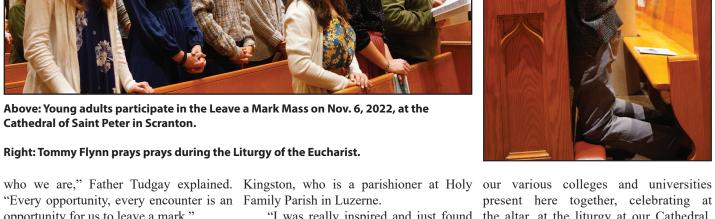
Father Tudgay's words really touched

confirmation, myself really thinking about how I want to and just getting to know each other," leave a mark and what that means for me specifically, in whatever vocation that God is calling me to," Krzywicki explained.

beginning of National Vocation Awareness fellowship and games. Week, a time dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate Bishop of Scranton, served as principal and consecrated life through prayer and education.

Diocesan seminarian Thomas a pastoral year at Saint Jude Parish in is always a great gathering.

We are to leave a mark that speaks to - and challenged - Kyra Krzywicki of people from throughout the Diocese and Bambera noted.



"I was really inspired and just found the altar, at the liturgy at our Cathedral, Dzwonczyk said.

Following the Mass, young adults gathered across the street at the Diocese The Leave a Mark Mass is held at the of Scranton Pastoral Center to enjoy food,

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, celebrant for the Leave a Mark Mass. In his closing remarks, he urged the young adults gathered to continue being witnesses to the Gospel message.

"Continue to let the world know that I'm called to mark up the world with your Mountain Top, said the Leave a Mark Mass you believe in Jesus Christ and the power of His Gospel that alone has the power "It's great to see so many young to leave a mark in our world," Bishop



Following Mass, young adults played cornhole, socialized, and enjoyed food and fellowship at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.



Joimy Germosen, Francelina Solis and Jeimy Germosen pose for a photograph following the Leave a Mark Mass.



Cecilia Deitzler and Kylie Ballinger enjoy the Leave a Mark photo booth.

GOOD SHEPHERD TEACHER NAMED '2022 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR'

MARY SIEJAK DESCRIBED AS KIND, GENTLE, AND CARING TEACHER

KINGSTON - One minute, Mary Siejak is helping a group of students learn to say colors in Spanish. The next, the Good Shepherd Academy educator is across the room helping others cut-andpaste the words of the Hail Mary onto a piece of paper.

Siejak's classroom is a constant source of activity and empowerment – and there is nothing that she would change.

On Nov. 15, 2022, Siejak's hard work and dedication paid off as Wilkes University named her its '2022 Educator of the Year.' The award celebrates excellence by a caring and ethical educator who has dedication to all students in his/her learning community.

"It was a complete surprise," Siejak said upon learning she won the award.

After working throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Siejak admitted she is honored by the designation.

"For someone to say, what you did and what you're doing is really great and we'd like to celebrate you and the children and your school community, that really does mean a lot," she explained.

been an Individualized Instruction teacher at Good Shepherd Academy. She excels at helping students with exceptionalities to exposing them to life outside a special education classroom.

"They are the reason why I get up in the morning. If it wasn't for them, I don't know where I would be. They have changed my life so much," Siejak said. "Their journey may not be a typical one but they can still accomplish their goals, they can still be active, engaged participants, not only in a school community but society at large."

Siejak is a product of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System itself, having attended Pope John Paul II School in Nanticoke. She was also part of the first graduating class of Holy Redeemer High School. Siejak says she fell in love with special education after helping a friend's daughter who was visually impaired.

"Mary is the best of the best. There are a lot of moving parts in the Individualized



Mary Siejak, right, works with students in her Individualized Instruction classroom at Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston on Oct. 28, 2022. Siejak has been named '2022 Educator of the Year' by Wilkes University. (Photo/Eric Deabill)

Instruction classroom," Jim Jones, Good Shepherd Academy principal, said. "We are blessed with these children that God For the last seven years, Siejak has has entrusted to us. Their parents believe in us and we have an obligation to teach them in the Catholic faith."

After observing Siejak in her classroom become the best person they can be and for only a few minutes, Jones says her love for her students becomes clear.

"She doesn't stop from the minute she that truly matter. walks in until the minute she leaves," Jones added. "She eats with her children. She doesn't take any breaks. She is in specials with them. Wherever they are, she is there and that is nice to know. It's a comfort for families to know their children are not only safe but entrusted with teachers who love them."

Jennie Kopka started last year as an aide in Siejak's Individualized Instruction classroom.

"She is kind and gentle and safe. I think all the children feel safe with Ms. S. and know that she always has their best interests in mind," Kopka said.

Directly outside the door of her Individualized Instruction classroom, Good Shepherd Academy has a bulletin board highlighting how Miss Siejak makes a difference every day. While describing her tremendous talent, strength and grace, the words of her extraordinary students speak the loudest.

"Miss S. is fun and takes us outside to get fresh air," one student wrote.

"She's beautiful, lovely, and very kind," another said.

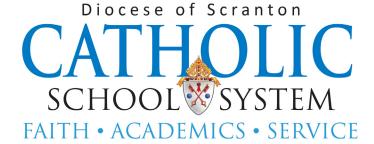
"Miss S. is awesome, what more could I say," a third wrote.

As she celebrates receiving the '2022 Educator of the Year' award from Wilkes University, Siejak says it is those words

"You can't help but get emotional because they speak the truth, especially students of this population. They wear their heart on their sleeve, so to hear that, coming from them about me, tells me that I'm doing something right and I need to continue to do that for them because it makes them better people," she said.



At the school's All Saints Day Mass, fourth graders at Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School in Wilkes-Barre portrayed saints they researched in preparation for this special day.



The Diocese of Scranton is committed to educating our students in an environment that is academically excellent and facilitates the development of moral judgment and Christian decision-making. We are proud to share the following successes of our students in the classroom and in their service to others. Each day, our schools are fulfilling their mission of preparing today's youth and young adults to become tomorrow's faith-filled leaders.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, recently celebrated Mass with students from three more Diocesan schools over the last several weeks. As he visits each school this academic year, the bishop is sharing stories about his summer trip to Ghana. One important message he has conveyed to students is based on a question Bishop Matthew of the Diocese of Sunyani asked a second grader at a school in Ghana. "What have you learned about God?" Bishop Matthew asked. The student - enthusiastic and very curious – quickly said that God loves everyone and we must return that gift by loving others.



Holy Cross High School in Dunmore



La Salle Academy in Jessup



Saint John Neumann Elementary School and High School in Williamsport



Sixth grade students at Saint Agnes School in Towanda are making soups and cookie jars to sell at the school's holiday gift gala where a percentage of the proceeds is donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



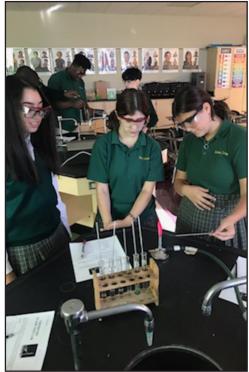
Students from Saint Jude School in Mountain Top have fun at the school's Trunk or Treat event.



Moderators and members of the Legion of Mary, an extra-curricular club, prepare for upcoming activities at Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton.



As a very special treat, the kindergarten students at All Saints Academy in Scranton were visited by a T-Rex, played by Father Cyril Edwards, V.E., pastor of Mary, Mother of God Parish, and Chaplain of Holy Cross High School.



In chemistry class, students at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg explored how various elements produced different colors of light when heat was applied.



The Royal Family, comprised of students, faculty, administrators and staff, were ready to welcome interested seventh & eighth graders and their families at their annual fall open house at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre.



During a Fire Prevention Week visit, firefighters from the Dunmore Fire Department pose with the second and third grade classes at Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore.



Author Cheryl Benner visited Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg to read her kindness-themed book, "Wolves Aren't Welcome," and to explain her writing process to the older students.



their STREAM Students utilized lessons to create Haunted Houses at Holy Rosary School in Duryea.



Twins? A pre-kindergarten student and Mr. Tom Kostic, principal of Holy Family Academy in Hazleton, dress alike during the school's Halloween festivities.



Third grade students at Epiphany School in Sayre recorded cereal box book report commercials using their PadCaster.



Members of the National Junior Honor Society at Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks **Green** sort and pack toiletry kits to be shipped to Florida to aid victims of Hurricane Ian.

Students from Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter recently participated in both the Forensics Regional Competition held at Holy Redeemer High School and the Forensics Final Competition held at Holy Cross High School. Sixth grader Grace Klein and seventh graders Molly Pokrinchak and Martha Goffredo placed in either the Regional Competition or the Final Competition.



Archbishops Broglio, Lori elected USCCB's next president, vice president

BALTIMORE (CNS) Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services was elected Nov. 15 to a three-year term as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops during the bishops' fall general assembly in Baltimore.

The native of suburban Cleveland was chosen from a slate of 10 nominees, winning with 138 votes.

voting, subsequent Baltimore was elected to serve a three-year term as conference vice president. He was elected on the third ballot by 143-96 in a runoff with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana.

Under USCCB bylaws, the vice president is elected from the remaining nine candidates.



Archbishop Timothy Broglio



Archbishop William E. Lori

their terms at the conclusion of archdiocese. Archbishop Broglio the fall assembly Nov. 17.

Archbishop Broglio, Archbishop William E. Lori of worked in the Vatican diplomatic corps before being named the is conference secretary, the head of the military archdiocese in bishops planned to vote Nov. 16 2007. He has served as conference for his replacement. Likewise, secretary for the past three years.

an advocate for members of Life Activities and his successor the U.S. military around the will be voted on after the election world. He regularly visits U.S. of conference secretary. service members as part of his The two top officers begin responsibilities in leading the served as chairman of the bishops'

also has been an advocate for pro-70, life causes.

Archbishop Lori, 71, is chairman prelate has been of the bishops' Committee on Pro-

> Archbishop Broglio has

Committee on Justice and Peace and their Committee on Canonical Affairs 2013 Special Assembly.

He also served on the committees for Religious Freedom and International Justice Doctrine and its Ad Hoc Committee and Peace and the subcommittees for the Defense of Marriage and Health Care.

He was ordained a priest USCCB's 2021 fall assembly. in the Diocese of Cleveland in Because Archbishop Broglio 1977. In the Vatican diplomatic and chairman of the board of St. corps, he served as secretary in Mary's Seminary and University the apostolic nunciature in Ivory Coast and later in Paraguay. From 1990 to 2001 he was chief Maryland, and past chairman of cabinet to Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Vatican secretary of state Catholic University of America in under St. John Paul II and desk Washington. officer for Central America.

nuncio to the Dominican Republic Columbus.

International and apostolic delegate to Puerto Rico.

Lori Archbishop and Church Governance and as a appointed the 16th archbishop of member of the Task Force for the Baltimore by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012.

> He is the former chairman of the USCCB's Committee on for Religious Liberty. He began a three-year term as the bishops' pro-life chairman at the end of the

Archbishop Lori is chancellor in Baltimore, chancellor of Mount St. Mary's Seminary in of the board of trustees of The

He also is currently supreme In 2001, he was named chaplain of the Knights of

Former pastor sentenced on attempted corruption of minors and attempted indecent assault charges

Monroe County pastor will spend sentenced on child sex charges.

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022, the Honorable Jonathan Mark, Common Pleas Court Judge of Monroe County, sentenced Gregory Loughney at the Monroe County Courthouse in Stroudsburg.

Loughney, the former pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco, was arrested in Oct. 2021 by the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department. He was accused of exchanging explicit messages – and trying to meet – a 15-year-old boy who was actually a member of an online predator catchers group.

Loughney pleaded contest in July 2022 to charges of attempted indecent assault and attempted corruption of minors.

Swetz, an attorney representing price for it and will continue to pay a price."

In addressing the judge before Attorney Michael Rakaczewski Loughney himself addressed his said that law enforcement position. analyzed both Loughney's cell arrest. He believes this situation the judge. was an "isolated matter."

In handing down took place "very significant" and "distressing for the community," but also acknowledged there was "nothing indicating this happened on more than one occasion."

Upon learning of allegations. the Diocese Scranton immediately removed requirement to be on the Megan's "There is no question his Father Loughney from active Law registry for 15 years.

STROUDSBURG - A former conduct was aberrational," James ministry and notified the parishes, schools, and other diocesan five years on probation after being Loughney, said at the sentencing facilities where Father Loughney hearing. "He has paid a severe had ministered. The Diocese also cooperated fully in the law enforcement investigation.

> When asked about his sentencing, Assistant District employment by Judge Mark,

> "I will not be returning to any phone and computer following his formal ministry," Loughney told

> When allowed to address his the judge before sentencing, sentence, Judge Mark called what Loughney later only added, "I am looking forward to turning the page" and getting this incident behind him.

> > In addition to serving five years on probation, the judge also the imposed several other conditions of upon Loughney, including a

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, released the following statement on the Oct. 19 sentencing:

"The details of this case and the behavior with which Father Loughney was charged were extremely troubling and unsettling. I am so sorry and deeply regret the harm that has been done, which extends to parishioners, to our priests who serve with great integrity, and to the entire community of northeastern and north central Pennsylvania. I hope today's sentencing will bring closure to this painful ordeal. I ask that our gracious and generous Lord, who is filled with love, bring healing to all those who have been hurt by this situation.

"If there is anyone with further information to share or anyone else who may have suffered harm – I strongly encourage them to report this information to law enforcement.

"The Diocese of Scranton remains committed to creating a safe environment for all children and to foster healing for those who have experienced abuse. Any individual who has been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese is urged to report abuse directly to law enforcement. The Diocese also offers counseling, spiritual guidance and pastoral care for anyone impacted by clergy abuse. If you have suffered abuse by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the Diocese, you are encouraged to contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska, at (570) 862-7551."

Men's conference attendees reminded to make time each day for prayer

WILKES-BARRE - When Mike added. Ted Mike of Saint Therese Parish Martin, for being a big influence way. in his life.

prayer and quiet before the Lord," Dr. Martin explained. Mike said. "He's a real prophet for our time."

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, personally speak with him, at the Lord in prayer. seventh annual 'Be A Catholic Redeemer High School.

explained.

More than 335 men attended this year's conference. In addition to listening to three speakers, attendees also celebrated Mass Eucharistic Adoration together and had the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

other like-minded men, sharing your faith, sharing your prayer she (Blessed Virgin Mary) calls for experiences, helps to encourage you and strengthen your faith," to this aching world," Wells said.

During his speech, in Shavertown had a spiritual Martin gave those in attendance renewal in the late 1970s, he several practical tips about credited the book, Hungry for staying connected to Jesus Christ God, and its author, Dr. Ralph and relying on God in a deeper

"The challenges of our time "It totally changed my prayer can seem absolutely overpowering life. It showed me how important and lead to anxiety and fear, if prayer was, to have a daily time of we're not relying on the Lord,"

Martin told the men at the conference to unconditionally surrender to Jesus, do whatever it Mike got a chance to hear directly takes to get rid of serious sin, and from Dr. Martin, and even take time each day to be with the

"The most important thing Man Conference' at Holy we can do for our families, for relatives, neighbors, fellow "It was wonderful to see so parishioners, is to grow in union many men come together," Mike with the Lord. The more we grow in union with the Lord, the more we'll be a blessing for other people, the more we'll be a source responsibilities and duties are many of peace, a source of wisdom, a source of courage," he said.

Author and former sports reporter Kevin Wells, another speaker at the conference, also encouraged attendees to carve out at out my faith unapologetically." "Gathering together with least 30 minutes every day to pray.

strong men today to reveal her son



Author and former sports reporter Kevin Wells addresses the crowd.

The words of the speakers spoke loudly to George Coyoy, a parishioner of Saint Michael Parish in Scranton. This was the first time he attended the 'Be A that we're experiencing today, we Catholic Man Conference.'

"It reminds me of what my as a Catholic man, father and husband," Coyoy explained. "It gives me more strength and confidence in going out and speaker of the conference, proclaiming my faith and living was one of the eight founding

"From the depths of her heart, of Most Precious Blood Parish Renewal. in Hazleton, brought his son, John Schwear III, to the men's wide the doors to Christ and to conference.



More than 335 men attended the 'Be A Catholic Man Conference' at Holy Redeemer High School on Oct. 8, 2022. (Photos/Mike Melisky)

"It helps restore a lot of our faith and also keeps us looking forward," the elder Schwear explained. "So many of the topics talk about at home."

As they left the conference, of the conference attendees held fast to the words that Father Stan Fortuna, C.F.R., spoke about. Fortuna, the final members of the Community John Schwear, a parishioner of the Franciscan Friars of the

> "Do not be afraid to open His power," Father Fortuna said.



Father Alex J. Roche, Diocesan **Vocations Director, speaks about** the joy and peace the priesthood can bring during the conference.



Father Stan Fortuna, C.F.R., right center, speaks with men attending the seventh annual 'Be A Catholic Man Conference' on Oct. 8, 2022.



Adoration at the conference.



A man prays during Eucharistic Dan O'Neill, left, and John Leskosky, right, pose for a picture with Dr. Ralph Martin, one of speakers at the 'Be A Catholic Man Conference.'

Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen meets increasing demand due to decades-high inflation

WILKES-BARRE noontime, John Lind of Plains Township can be found sitting at a table with friends enjoying the Daily Meal at Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen.

"I come here every day," Lind said.

With the cost of groceries, gas, heating oil and many other essentials continuing to skyrocket, the 78 year old says eating at the Kitchen is one way he is able to save money.

"I would say it's a minimum of \$10 a day this place saves me," gas tank."

Daily meal, Lind also frequently takes home fresh fruits, vegetables, and desserts that are regularly made available to guests.

In the midst of decadeshigh inflation, Mike Cianciotta, Vincent de Paul Kitchen, says more people are turning to places like their facility on East Jackson Street for assistance.

"We have definitely seen an

 On increase of new clients coming almost any day of the week around in," Cianciotta said. "I hear them talking about the price of gas, their utilities going up and the general cost of living at this point."

> Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen serves a warm, nutritious meal to the community every day of the year, including weekends and holidays, between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

> Everyone is welcome, no questions are asked.

Every Thursday, the Kitchen also provides 14 meals to veterans living at Saint Hedwig's Village in Kingston and 60-70 meals to he admitted. "I put that right in the Women in Crisis program in Hazleton. The Kitchen also In addition to enjoying the delivers 25 meals to Mother Teresa's Haven, an emergency shelter for people in Wilkes-Barre, six nights a week.

In addition to the Kitchen, Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is open every Tuesday and Executive Director of Saint Thursday from 9 until 11 a.m. In addition to receiving canned goods and meat products, visitors also receive fresh fruits and vegetables.



John Lind of Plains Township enjoys socializing with friends at Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre on a daily basis. As prices rise dramatically because of inflation, Lind says eating at the Kitchen helps to save him roughly \$10 a day. (Photo/Eric Deabill)

accomplishes all of its work with everyone came in and took care of just six full-time staff members - but relies on the kindness and generosity of volunteers, community groups and donors.

"Our staff is phenomenal. We all worked through COVID, Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen through the whole pandemic,

the clients. We wouldn't survive without the volunteers obviously," Cianciotta said. "It costs us close to \$500,000 a year to run this place. People don't realize that, so monetary donations are very important."



Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen is located at 39 East Jackson Street in Wilkes-Barre. It serves a daily meal from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. every day of the year.

Ann Marie Harley, a parishioner at Saint Nicholas Parish in Wilkes-Barre, has been volunteering at the Kitchen for two years.

When asked to describe how important the Kitchen is to the community, she responded, "It is an answer for a lot of people just to have a warm meal every day."

Harley not only knows most of the Kitchen guests by name, she knows their stories and favorite meals.

"I get upset when I have something going on and I can't come because I feel like I'm letting them down," she explained.

"She is the angel on my shoulder"

Longtime Kitchen volunteers are thankful for becoming like family to one another

WILKES-BARRE - Saint to do something to get out and receive." Those words could volunteer." not be truer for two longtime Paul Kitchen.

For nearly 17 years, Joan Robinson, 84, of Wilkes-Barre, and Nancy Prebish, 79, of Sugar Notch, have been donning aprons, prepping vegetables and serving those in need on a having her as a friend." weekly basis.

Francis of Assisi once said, be with people so I decided to "For it is in giving that we come to Saint Vincent de Paul and

That is where she met volunteers at Saint Vincent de Robinson and the duo quickly struck up a friendship.

> "We used to go on vacations together, we used to go on bus trips together," Robinson explained of their friendship. "She's the angel on my shoulder. I feel great just

have children but I felt I had many volunteers that are in the explained.



"I could say the same thing same boat as you are. They lost "My husband got cancer for her too. It is surprising somebody and want to give back continue to serve at the Kitchen A lot of us are by ourselves so and passed away," Prebish said. because you come to help people, to the community and are thankful "We weren't lucky enough to but in the meantime, you meet so for what they have," Prebish enjoy getting to interact with people," Robinson stated.

left, and Nancy Prebish have been volunteering at Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre for nearly 17 years. Over that time, they have not only served the community, but developed a close friendship. (Photo/Eric Deabill)

Joan Robinson,

together every Friday. They it's good to be out among other the Kitchen guests just as much

as they enjoy interacting with each other.

"You make good acquaintances with them. You joke around and you're glad to see them and when you don't see them, you wonder how they are doing," Robinson said.

Both women encourage those people thinking about volunteering at Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen to try it.

"I get a lot of joy out of it. Both Prebish and Robinson It is a good place to socialize.

New trailer will allow Saint Francis Kitchen to launch mobile clothing store

CARBONDALE - What started as a dream only ten months ago is now becoming reality.

On Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, Rob Williams, executive director of Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, took possession of a brand new trailer that will soon become the Saint Francis Free Mobile Clothing Store, providing free clothing to people across northeastern Pennsylvania.

"We're going to try and serve as many people as we can," Williams said.

The idea started when Teddy Michel, director of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, started discussing the work of Saint Francis Kitchen's free clothing store with two of his volunteers.

"They were bragging about the quality of clothes and they said, 'It's a shame that we can't get them out into the community," Michel said.

he ever won the lottery – he would buy Saint Francis Kitchen a trailer strike it rich.

advisory board of Saint Francis Kitchen didn't want to wait. They gave Williams permission to pursue the idea.

Williams quickly got in touch which is a division of Novae LLC, a deep discount.

"Their company has been Olyphant and Carbondale. amazing. They gave us a 50-percent discount. On the open market, this trailer would cost about \$15,000 but they sold it to us for \$7,500," Williams explained.

Mari Lucas, general manager of ITI Cargo, said her employees were excited to help. Dozens of workers who helped build the wants to collaborate with us." trailer stood outside the facility as the trailer was officially handed



Dave Hollander, right, president of the board of directors at Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, attaches the license plate to the Kitchen's new mobile clothing trailer on Oct. 27, 2022, in Carbondale, while Michele Bannon and Rob Williams assist. (Photos/Eric Deabill)

Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen took possession of a new custom-built trailer at ITI Cargo in Carbondale on Oct. 27, 2022. The trailer will

become the Kitchen's new mobile clothing store in the new year once renovations to it are completed.

"Community believes in," she explained. "One of trailer is also being decorated our employees, as we were working on it, said, let us give them a good Michel initially joked that if start so our team has donated 32 bags of clothing as well."

The Saint Francis Free - but it turns out he won't need to Clothing Store already gives out more than 2,000 articles of The idea was so good – the clothing a month at its facility in downtown Scranton but the new mobile clothing store will let the agency help people in need by going right to their doorsteps.

Williams envisions parking with ITI Cargo in Carbondale, the Saint Francis Free Mobile Clothing Store outside churches which agreed to build the trailer at and high-rises when they are already providing meals in

"We are also going to be proactive about collaborating with other non-profits. If they're gathering 100 people for a food distribution and they want to add clothing to that mix, we'll give it to them," Williams said. "Our goal is to collaborate with whoever

The trailer is expected to hit the road for the first time in early 2023 after being retrofitted with

is cabinets and cubbies to hold all so that it will be recognizable to more people with the huge amount something that the company really the clothing. The exterior of the people in the community.

"This is a way for us to reach Williams said.

of donated clothing that we have,"



Together with our dedicated volunteers and staff, and the generous support of so many individuals, businesses, schools, civic organizations and community partners, we are able to provide food and clothing to people in need every single day.

As we do always, and especially at this time of year, we reflect on our blessings and we offer all of you our sincere gratitude for helping us to carry forth our mission!



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A few weeks ago as I was were built very close together, not purging and organizing, I came providing much space for any child across a journal that I had kept to really play or frolic about. But when I spent part of my summer he made do. And that's what really in Guyana in 2001. Journaling is a overwhelmed me. great habit to keep. Sadly, I don't during my missionary immersion so grateful I did.

20 years ago and it's clear that since then I have grown a lot. My concerns and preoccupations then are certainly not the same and that's for the better for sure.

detailed a live experience as I wrote. I was looking out the window of our building and watching a yard — his arena for saving lives young lad playing in his yard.

Perfectly content in the do it often, but we were required limited play space that he had, he played like any child would, likely that summer to journal daily. I am imagining himself to be some heroic figure fighting off bad guys It's hard to believe that was and securing the safety of others.

His toy? A stick. All that he had was his imagination and a stick. That was it. But that's apparently all he needed. With by having all of the stuff that I own? that stick and his creativity he was One submission I made transported somewhere else. The stick — his powerful, conquering sword — and his few feet of dirt

Ultimately, my reflection led Yard is a very loose term. Houses me to consider how materialistic I was — and still am — I suppose. My culture and my life as a "rich" American engendered in me the attitude that belongings are the vehicle for happiness and contentment. And yet, from my perspective, "having things" never seemed to lead me to satisfaction. I was always hungering for more.

> the Lord can teach from simple experiences like watching a child play with a stick and nothing else. sufficient.

That's a lesson I've learned again and again as I've visited missionary sites throughout the world and our own country. Surely the circumstances of the poor are such that they may be forced to be content with what they have, and clearly with what they don't have. But there's something about "not" having that seems to be the better way. I'm clearly not referring to not having necessities; I'm talking about all the extras.

Honestly, what good is secured From gadgets and electronics, closets of clothes, shelves of books, I feel possessed many times by what I own. Seems like my possessions own me. A good reflection for any of us might be to seriously consider downsizing and simplifying our life so that we can be content with little.

I used to loathe the saying "you can't take it with you when you die" or that the one thing you don't see at a funeral is a moving truck. I found these sayings to be cheap, but let's face it, it's so true.

All that we take with us when It's amazing what lessons we die is the story of our life, not the stuff that surrounded us. I pray that what I will take to the Lord is



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Apostleship of Prayer

Papal Intention for November 2022

For Children Who Suffer —

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Bishop celebrates Masses in Troy, Canton and Ralston



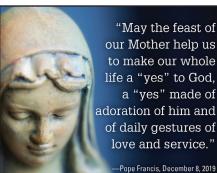
On the weekend of Oct. 29- Father Joseph Kutch, pastor, Saint 30, 2022, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, faithful of Saint Michael Parish in the northern tier.

bishop celebrated the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass at Saint Michael Church in Canton. On Sunday, Oct. 30, he began the day with 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Mass at Saint Michael Bishop Bambera is shown with Church in Jersey Shore.

Michael Parish.

While Bishop Bambera celebrated Masses with the regularly celebrates Masses in parishes, because of comments shared during the Synod on On Saturday, Oct. 29, the Synodality, more people have expressed an interest in knowing when/where Bishop Bambera will be in their community.

On the weekend of Nov. 19-Mass at Saint Aloysius Church 20, the bishop will celebrate the 4 in Ralston, then celebrated the p.m. Vigil Mass at Saint Boniface Church in Williamsport. On Nov. Church and ended the morning 20, he will celebrate the 8:30 a.m. with the 11:15 a.m. Mass at Mass at Immaculate Conception Saint John Nepomucene Church Church in Bastress followed by in Troy. In the above picture, the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Saint Luke



Thursday, Dec. 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate **Conception** of the Blessed **Virgin Mary**

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Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the *Code of Canon Law* and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551.

Aviso al Respecto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor de Edad

Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley.

Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley.

Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual.

Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570) 862-7551.

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Collection for Religious Retirement Fund Dec. 10-11

The Diocese of Scranton will hold the Retirement Fund for Religious collection Dec. 10-11. The parish-based appeal is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) in Washington, D.C. Proceeds help religious communities across the country to care for aging members.

Last year, the Diocese of Scranton donated \$68,433 to the collection.

"The care of our aging religious presents an enormous financial responsibility," said NRRO Executive Director Sister Stephanie Still, a member of the Sisters of the Presentation of San Francisco. "It is our privilege to care for those who gave a lifetime of tireless service, and I feel we are deeply blessed by all the U.S. Catholic donors who have steadfastly contributed to this

communities face a large gap between the needs of their older members and the funds available Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests — known collectively as women and men religious — served for little to no pay. As a result, many communities now lack adequate retirement eligible order's central house and savings.



care expenses continue to rise, and an increasing number of older religious require specialized services. NRRO data show that eldercare and plan for long-term nearly 25,000 women and men retirement needs. religious in the United States are Hundreds of U.S. religious older than age 70. The total cost \$28.5 million, and funding was for their care exceeds \$1 billion distributed to 271 U.S. religious

To help address the deficit in to support them. Historically, retirement funding among U.S. religious orders, Catholic bishops of the United States initiated the Retirement Fund for Religious collection in 1988.

> Distributions are sent to each provide supplemental funding for

At the same time, health- necessities, such as medications and nursing care. Donations also underwrite resources that help religious communities improve

> The 2021 appeal raised communities.

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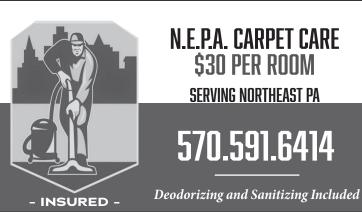
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SCRANTON - The A.O.H. Paul "Hook" O'Malley Division Four has been keeping the memory of their Vice President Kevin Shaughnessy alive through the annual scholarship fund.

This year's recipients were Allie Romanchick and Andrew Watter.

They are eighth grade students at All Saints Academy in West Scranton and will each receive a check for \$500 for their high school education. Andrew will be going to Scranton Prep and Allie will be going to Holy Cross.

Pictured, front row, left to right: A.O.H. President Patrick O'Malley, Allie Romanchick, Andrew Watter, Joseph Shaughnessy (brother of Kevin).

Second row, left to right: Magistrate Terry Gallagher, Mark McDade, 2022 Man of the Year John Fletcher, Father Richard Fox of Saint Patrick Parish. Patrick Tobin, Kieth Oleski, Matt O'Malley, and Kevin Donovan.

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PreCana Days of Reflection schedule set for 2023

Because Christian marriage is a sacrament, the Catholic Church wants couples to be well-prepared. Dioceses and parishes offer marriage preparation to help couples develop a better understanding of the sacrament; to evaluate and deepen their readiness to live married life, and to gain insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple.



Marriage preparation programs take different forms. Some couples attend a weekend retreat; others are matched with a "sponsor couple;" and others participate in a series of marriage preparation classes offered by their parish or diocese. The important thing for engaged couples to keep in mind as they check numerous items off their pre-wedding "to-do" list is the well-known adage, "Your wedding lasts a day, but your marriage lasts a lifetime." The Church encourages couples to invest time and energy into the allimportant work of preparing for their married life together.

The Diocese of Scranton Office for Parish Life offers PreCana Days of Reflection to help couples prepare for marriage. Couples spend a day working through a series of topics, including Marriage as a vocation, the blessing of children, communication and conflict, finances, and setting shared expectations for a fruitful and faithful life together.

Listed below are the dates for 2023 PreCana Days of Reflection. For more information or to register for one of the dates, visit dioceseofscranton.org or email Pre-Cana@dioceseofscranton.org.

Saturday, January 7, 2023 Saturday, February 18, 2023 **Sunday, March 19, 2023** Saturday, April 15, 2023 **Saturday, May 13, 2023** Saturday, June 10, 2023 Sunday, July 23, 2023 Saturday, August 12, 2023 Saturday, September 23, 2023 Saturday, October 14, 2023 Saturday, November 4, 2023 Sunday, December 10, 2023

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Editor Note:

In the Oct. 13, 2022, edition of *The Catholic Light*, Our Lady of Hope Parish in Wilkes-Barre was mistakenly left off the listing of parishes located in the Wilkes-Barre Deanery in which Rev. Richard Cirba, V.F., serves as Dean. We apologize for the omission.

Enthronement Mass slated for Solemnity of Christ the King

LAFLIN — The Diocesan Enthronement Guild of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary will host a special Mass of Enthronement to celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, Nov. 20.

The Mass commemorating the annual feast day that marks the end of the Church's liturgical year will be celebrated at 4 p.m. in the chapel of the Oblates of Saint Joseph Seminary, Route



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Dan Toomey, concelebrate. spiritua1 the liturgy. Saint Joseph Oblate

Father Joseph Sibilano, who Sacred Heart apostolate enables

moderator liturgical celebration will be Immaculate Heart of Mary. t h e provided by Ernie Pappa and Guild, will James and Robert Zito. A prelude as of contemporary music will celebrant for beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The Enthronement of the settings.

Father resides at the seminary, will families and individuals to consecrate their homes to the Music ministry for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the

Homes that have been Enthronement Sacred Heart Singers Vanessa enthroned become an extension of the liturgy, whereby faithful can follow up their Eucharistic principal be offered prior to the Mass, devotion in church with prayerful devotion in their own private

> Anyone interested in enthroning their home and family to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and "I will work it out with those Mary may register to receive an Enthronement packet by contacting Maria Pappa, coordinator of the Enthronement Guild, at (570) 241-

> > All are welcome to attend the



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Faithful reminded of opportunity to host Pilgrim Virgin Statue

It was back in 2020 that The Catholic Light reported how Lake three-foot statue is accompanied Ariel parishioner Mike Tuman set out to resurrect the tradition of homes hosting the traveling Pilgrim Virgin Statue for private devotion throughout the Diocese of Scranton.

Tuman, who continues to serve as custodian for the revered icon of the Blessed Mother, wishes to remind area faithful that the venerable statue continues to be available for home visitations.

According to Tuman, the apparition site in Portugal.

relics. He also emphasized there are no fees or monetary donations required Marian object

which is embedded with a small fragment from the 1917 Fatima texting him at (570) 647-9500.

by seven third-class saintly interested as far as pickup and delivery" of the statue, he said, adding that a prayer program is included for the private and shared 8171. Enthronement renewals are devotions. "The visitations provide also available. a relaxed, prayerful opportunity for devotion to the Mother of God for Christ the King celebration. to host the her assistance and intercession."

> Anyone interested in the of devotion, hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue may contact Tuman by calling or

Marian Devotion Rosary prayer service listed

Devotion Ministries in the Diocese Fatima prayers and hymns. of Scranton continues to lead its 2022 Fatima Rosary Journey.

Prayer rallies and Rosary

Fostering prayerful devotion evenings are hosted throughout

An upcoming Marian follows:

Third Monday Marian Chapel, Route 315, Laflin.

To host an event or for Devotion event is scheduled as more information, contact Ernie Pappa at (570) 241-8171.

to Jesus and Mary through the Diocese and include the Rosary **Devotion** — Nov. 21, from 6 to 7 recitation of the Rosary, Marian with chanted Scriptural mysteries, p.m., at the Oblates of Saint Joseph

'Tomb of Unborn' anniversary marked



Father Tom Petro, chaplain of Pittston Knights of Columbus Council 372, is shown leading the Rosary prayers during the recent 26th anniversary commemoration of the Knights of Columbus "Tomb of the Unborn" at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Carverton. The prayerful pro-life celebration was attended by nearly 30 faithful from throughout the region.

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Adoration — NOV. 18, hosted by Sales — NOV. 19 & 20, sponsored St. Thomas More Parish at Lake by SS. Peter & Paul Parish, 1309 West Locust St., West Scranton; pierogi and variety of soups are sold following Masses every weekend on Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. Soups include Lake Ariel. Weekly adoration Manhattan clam chowder and beef vegetable. Cost per order: pierogi, \$8/dozen; soups, \$8/quart.

Holiday Gift & Craft Fair concluding with benediction of the NOV. 19 & 20, sponsored by St. Maria Goretti Parish in Laflin; held each day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish hall. Event features more or online at stpeterscathedral. than 25 vendors of various arts & org. Gift donations, including gift crafts and gift items, food stand, certificates, for the auction may be bake sale, and specialty basket & brought to the Cathedral rectory gift raffle. Drawing winners of the office during normal business will be announced at the conclusion hours. of the fair. Free admission.

> Novena theme: "Life & Spirituality Saint of Racial Injustice and Philanthropists." All faithful are welcome; for more information, call (570) 824-7832.

Free Community Sunday Suppers — NOV. 27, DEC. 11 Spiritual Group Support — DEC. & 18, hosted at Our Lady Queen 6, sponsored by the Scranton of Peace Church, Route 209, Brodheadsville; supper served Cathedral of Saint Peter in from 3 to 4 p.m. in the parish's Scranton; support group gatherings McCawley Hall (take-outs also available). For more information, call the parish office at (610) 681-6137.

"Great Expectations" — Cathedral Christmas Social & Auction — DEC. 4, hosted by

Weekend Pierogi & Soup the Cathedral of Saint Peter at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton; doors open at noon and buffet dinner prepared by Arcaro & Genell's will be served at 1 p.m. Dinner features assorted pizza, Italian roasted chicken, roasted porketta, red roasted potatoes, penne in vodka sauce, Caesar salad, rolls & butter and dessert. Assorted beverages and complimentary glass of wine also included. Admission cost: \$30 per person; children (age 12 & under), \$15. Reservations required by Dec. 1; call (570) 344-7231

Feast of St. Nicholas Weekly Novena Devotion to Celebration — DEC. 4, hosted Saint Anthony of Padua — NOV. by the Slovak Heritage Society 22-DEC. 20, hosted by Our Lady of Northeastern Pennsylvania; of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave., celebration will be held at 2 Wilkes-Barre; conclusion of the p.m. in St. Ignatius Church at nine-week Saint Anthony Novena St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 339 devotion held on consecutive North Maple Ave., Kingston. Tuesday evenings, beginning at The Sunday afternoon event will 5:30 p.m. in the parish church. feature songs and storytelling of past Slovak Christmas traditions, of St. Katharine Drexel: Patron concluding with refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome; a free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, contact Anna Hudock at (570) 822-1926.

> Family Mental Health Mental Health Ministry at the meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Bishops Hall, lower level of the Cathedral Rectory. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener at the Cathedral office (570) 344-7231.

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Who makes house calls?

As of October 2015, I will now meet clients either at their home, or at a location they choose and no longer require clients to meet at my office. I have decided that I would change the way I meet with people so it will be as easy and as convenient as possible for the client.

Based on my practice, which consists of estate planning and administration along with elder law, I find that clients are more comfortable discussing such matters in familiar surroundings. While I know this may seem unconventional to some, I believe I will be able to serve clients much better in this fashion. If anyone is uncomfortable with home visits, I have a few locations where I can meet in an office setting. I look forward to meeting with my existing clients and especially meeting new clients that are looking for any assistance in estate or elder law matters.

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Charismatic Renewal Advent Celebration — DEC. — DEC. 17, sponsored by St. 10, sponsored by the Diocese of Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Scranton Catholic Charismatic Catholic Church, 317 Charles St., Renewal; held from 11:30 a.m. Old Forge; held from 10 a.m. to to 2 p.m. in the church hall at noon. Large variety of homemade Queen of the Apostles Parish, Christmas cookies will be sold on 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca. Event a pre-order basis; cost is \$10 per will include a talk by Father Gus pound. Advance orders must be Ricciardi, pastor of Prince of placed by Dec. 7 by calling Maria Peace Parish, Old Forge; shared at (570) 457-8275. witness by Anna Mike; and a served brunch. Cost: \$10 per welcome.

in Tunkhannock; Discernment Day Group for girls in grades 9-12 will 6444 or visit: www.exhc.org. be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Capuchin Sisters' Mother of God Convent, 215 Wellwood Cash Raffle — DEC. 25-JAN. Drive, Tunkhannock. Gathering offered for young women seeking to discern their vocation in life, cash prizes will be drawn daily whether it be in the religious or lay state. Reservations are required at \$20 for chance to win \$10,000 in least one week in advance; contact Sister Angela of the Capuchin & tickets, call (570) 823-6242 or Sisters at (570) 836-2737.

Christmas Cookie Sale

11th Annual Christmas person; for reservations, call Jim Cookie Walk — DEC. 17, hosted Roberts (570) 267-1614. All are by Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Road, Hanover Twp.; held from 10 a.m. to noon. "Nazareth Group" Day of Cost: \$10 for container of 20 Discernment — DEC. 10, hosted cookies; \$40, large platter (80 by the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth cookies); and \$55, extra-large platter (120 cookies). All orders program presented by the Nazareth placed by Dec. 7; call (570) 814-

> Twelve Days of Christmas 5, sponsored by Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Hanover Twp.; on Facebook. Each ticket costs cash prizes. For more information visit: www.exhc.org.

Mission Sunday 'Living Rosary' in Jessup



Faith Formation students from Queen of Angels Parish in Jessup led parishioners in praying the Rosary during a "Living Rosary" presentation on World Mission Sunday in October. Some of the students are pictured with their pastor, Father Gerard McGlone, following the event.

Pro-Life Christmas Card winning writers awarded





The Hazleton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life and its "Voice of John" apostolate have announced the winners among those area students who submitted written entries for this year's pro-life Christmas Card contest. Chosen for first-place honors for his verse to accompany the 2022 Christmas Card artwork was Dillan Garcia, who attends Holy Family Academy in Hazleton. The overall winning entry reads: "As the Bethlehem Star led the shepherds to Jesus our Savior, be open to God's plan for you. When Mary gave her life for God's plan, she bore the Savior of the World -Jesus." The accompanying photos show John Frank,



chairperson for the annual competition, presenting monetary awards to the winner and those selected for runner-up honors. Top left: Dillan Garcia receives his first-place winnings. Top right: Liam Zablocki, a CCD student at Holy Rosary Parish, Hazleton, is presented his check as first runner-up as Amanda Frank (left) and Christine LaMonica, representing the religious education program at Holy Rosary, look on. Above: Third runner-up Elibett Feliz and second runner-up Patrick Bonner, both students at Holy Family Academy, receive their respective awards.

Blue Army Reparation Vigil

The next monthly First Friday Reparation Vigil, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and sponsored by the Blue Army, will be held Dec. 2 at Saint Joseph's Oblate Chapel, 1880 Highway 315, Laflin (Pittston).

Devotions begin Friday evening at 8 p.m. with recitation of the Rosary, during which time confessions are heard. Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated at 8:55 p.m., followed by benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and consecration to the Sacred Heart.

The vigil continues with the crowning of the Blue Army



Pilgrim Virgin Statue, the Blue Army Pledge, Fatima prayers and Marian hymns, followed by litany and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The vigil concludes with scapular enrollment at 10:15 p.m.

Music for the First Friday devotion is provided by Marian Devotion Ministries, led by Ernie Pappa.

Wilkes-Barre parish **Adoration on Sunday**

WILKES-BARRE — Our Lady of Fatima Parish will observe an afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Mary Church of the Immaculate Conception on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Sunday, Nov. 20.

Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in the parish church, located at 134 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre. The day will conclude with Evening Prayer and benediction.

All faithful are welcome during visitation hours to spend time in prayer and adoration before the Eucharistic Lord.

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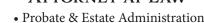
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