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DIOCESE OF SCRANTON OFFICE FOR PARISH LIFE

Leave a Mark 2022

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On Sunday, November 6th, The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate the annual Leave a Mark Mass which is celebrating its 7th anniversary in 2022. The idea for the Mass came after Pope Francis spoke to pilgrims at World Youth Day 2016 in Poland. “Dear young people, we didn’t come into this world to ‘vegetate,’ to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on,” the Holy Father said in 2016. “No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark. It is very sad to pass through life without leaving a mark.”

For the past few years, hundreds of young people have gathered in the Cathedral of Saint Peter with Bishop Bambera to kickoff National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton.

Bishop Bambera is inviting the young church of the Diocese of Scranton to gather once again this year in the Cathedral of Saint Peter **on Sunday, November 6, 2022, for a special Mass at 5:00 p.m.** Fr. Jeffrey Tudgay, Pastor of the Cathedral of Saint Peter, will be the homilist. A reception featuring Taco Bout Us! and TnT Pierogi Plus food trucks, music, games, and a photo booth will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center following the mass. All young adults of the Diocese of Scranton are welcome to participate!



**Consecrated Life Mass
Sunday, November 6
at 12:15PM
Cathedral of Saint Peter**

**Permanent Diaconate
Ordination
Saturday, November 26
at 10:00AM
Cathedral of Saint Peter**



Thank You, Kitty Scanlan!

Last month, Kitty Scanlan left her position at the Office for Parish Life as the Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation and Diocesan Pastoral Manager. She began her new ministry of serving the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and their staff as the Administrator of Pastoral Care at Our Lady of Peace Residence in Scranton.



We thank Kitty for all of her hard work in serving the Diocese of Scranton over the last seven years, both in working with candidates from parishes across the diocese in their formation for lay ministry and partnering more closely with diocesan staff over the past year as the Diocesan Pastoral Center Manager. We will miss Kitty's many gifts in serving the Church of Scranton, but we ask God's blessings on her and this new chapter of ministry!

October Mass Attendance Survey and Annual Parish Report

As we continue with the Vision 2030 Pastoral Planning Process, every parish must complete the October Mass Attendance Survey and Annual Parish Report by **Friday, November 18, 2022**.

This year, to make the process even easier to complete, parishes can submit their completed data electronically:

- [October Mass Attendance Survey](#)
- [Annual Parish Report](#)

As always, the Sacramental Information that is needed will be from the time period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. If a parish would rather submit a paper copy of their information, they can email it directly to Dominick Costantino, Manager of Parish Renewal, at Dominick-Costantino@dioceseofscranton.org or call (570) 207-2213, ext. 1105.

Advent: A Season of Hope

"Advent," says Pope Francis, "is a journey toward the horizon of hope." The hope of Advent, the pope says, "does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God. A hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful!"

The world is yearning for hope. The last few years have been very challenging for us as individuals, as families, and as parishes. We live in a culture in which choices once unanimously considered criminal and rejected by the common moral sense are gradually becoming socially acceptable (Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*). As Catholic Christians, we are in the world, but not of the world, called to be salt and light and leaven in a world in need of the Truth, Goodness and Beauty of God and his plan for our salvation.

From the beginning of time, all of history has been ordered to the simple but overwhelming fact that God never stops pursuing us. Even when we were dead in our sins, He revealed himself in the person of Jesus Christ, his beloved Son. Baptized into the family of God, we are sisters and brothers of Christ, with a rich inheritance: an invitation into the very life of the Trinity, now and for all eternity.

God reveals himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. "To come to know God—the true God—means to receive hope," Pope Benedict XVI taught in his encyclical *Spe salvi* (*Saved in hope*). "In this sense it is true that anyone who does not know God, even though he may entertain all kinds of hopes, is ultimately without hope, without the great hope that sustains the whole of life (cf. Eph 2:12)."

Soon we will begin the holy season of Advent. Pope Francis reminds us, "Advent is a continuous call to hope; it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal and to its fullness, which is the Lord Jesus Christ."

"The one who has hope lives differently," Pope Benedict XVI wrote. "The one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life." Let us show the world what it means to live with the Hope of the Savior. May your Advent journey be one of joyful expectation, and may you witness to the hope that is in Christ, who shows us the face of love.



"I CALL us to be servant leaders who WORSHIP our God and celebrate the Sacraments in union with the universal Church."

WORSHIP

Online Liturgy Network Meeting

The next online liturgy network meeting will take place on **Monday, November 7 at 6:30PM**. Here is [the link](#) for the next meeting. For more information, please contact David Baloga at david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org or at 570-207-2213.

Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training Session

The training session for Extraordinary Minister of Communion training that was originally scheduled for October 15 has been rescheduled to **Saturday, November 12 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM** at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. Please [click here](#) and complete the online form or call 570-207-2213 to register. If you registered for the October 15th session you are already registered for the rescheduled session on November 12th.



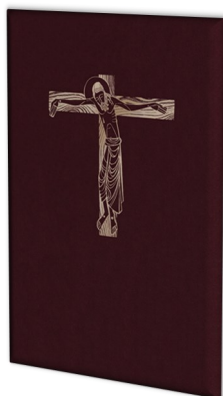
Don't forget, you can always use the [Diocesan Liturgical Ministry Resource](#) to offer formation for your new liturgical ministers, or contact David Baloga at 570-207-2213 or at david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org to have a training session offered in your parish.

Revised Order of Penance

The **revised translation for the Order of Penance** was approved by the Bishops of the United States on June 17, 2021. It was confirmed by the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments on April 25, 2022. The rite may be used in the liturgy as of Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Its use is obligatory in the dioceses of the United States on April 16, 2023 – The Second Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy Sunday.

Four publishers will produce ritual editions – Catholic Book Publishing (www.catholicbookpublishing.com), Liturgy Training Publications (www.ltp.org), Magnificat (www.magnificat.com), and Midwest Theological Forum (www.theologicalforum.org). Pre-sales have already begun and publishers will begin shipping January 25, 2023.

If you missed the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions webinar on the new *Order of Penance*, you can view the recording of it [here](#) or by visiting www.fdlc.org.



A Formation Series by the National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities

The National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities (NCPD) announces two new at-your-own-pace formation opportunities and they are extending a special offer to liturgists, seminarians, and clergy. They invite you to participate in a new formation series on:

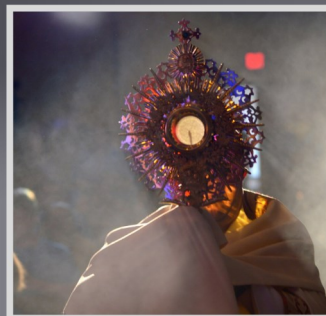
- **"The Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities"**—It consists of eight modules and the full price is \$95. Liturgists: enter code LIT2022 for a special rate of \$80 for the series. Clergy/Seminarians: enter code CLERGY2022 for a special rate of \$40 for the series. [Click here](#) to register.
- **"Sensory Friendly Masses"**—It will be offered in one module and the full price is \$25. Liturgists: enter code LIT2022 for a special rate of \$20. Clergy/Seminarians: enter code CLERGY2022 for a special rate of \$10. [Click here](#) to register.

FDLC Webinars on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions continues its FREE series on the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* (OCIA) through February. Topics cover different aspects of the Christian Initiation process such as recovering the vision, canonical issues, preaching the rites, and many more! All webinars will be offered in both English and Spanish. Join them live or by viewing the recording! Visit www.fdlc.org/ociawebinars to register or to learn more.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations



Thursday, December 1st

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

**SPEAKER,
RECONCILIATION,
AND SOCIAL.**

LIVE MUSIC BY JOEL KANKIEWICZ



COMMUNITY

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

PreCana Days of Reflection

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 all-important work of preparing for their married life together. (USCCB)

The 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.

For more information, [click here](#) or email PreCana@dioceseofscranton.org. Below is a list of dates for PreCana Days of Reflection in 2023. To register, [click here](#).

Saturday, January 7, 2023	Online
Saturday, February 18, 2023	Dickson City
Sunday, March 19, 2023	Scranton
Saturday, April 15, 2023	Online
Saturday, May 13, 2023	Wilkes-Barre
Saturday, June 10, 2023	Duryea
Sunday, July 23, 2023	Online
Saturday, August 12, 2023	White Haven
Saturday, September 23, 2023	Montoursville
Saturday, October 14, 2023	Online
Saturday, November 4, 2023	Dickson City
Sunday, December 10, 2023	Scranton

Dan Schutte Concert and Workshop Retreat

St. Joseph Mareello and St. John the Evangelist Parishes in Pittston are proud to announce a **concert performance** by renowned composer Dan Schutte at St. Joseph Mareello Parish, 237 William Street in Pittston, PA. The concert will be held on **Friday, December 2 at 7:00 P.M.** Dan is the writer of countless 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 brought music and joy to liturgical celebrations worldwide. This is his second-visit to our churches, and this performance will be a special event tailored to the Season of Advent including additional hymns selected to help us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ



at His birth. Tickets for this concert will cost \$15 each reservations can be made by calling the St. Joseph Mareello Parish Office at 570-654-6902, emailing brandon@sjmparish.org, or filling out the [online form](#). Tickets can be picked up from the Parish Office prior to the event or can be mailed to recipients.

Dan will also present a **Workshop Retreat** for interested individuals on **Saturday, December 3 from 9:00AM to approximately Noon** at St. Joseph Mareello Parish. This is an inspiring morning of reflection led by Dan, as well as unique music focused on a morning of prayer. All are welcome to participate in this event and must register in advance. Registration will cost \$15 per person and includes light breakfast refreshments upon sign-in. You can reserve your space in this retreat by calling the St. Joseph Mareello Parish Office at 570-654-6902, emailing brandon@sjmparish.org, or filling out the [online form](#).

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CRECIENDO
+ fortaleciendo nuestra
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Sábados 9 am - 10 am
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95.3 FM Wilkes Barre/ Nanticoke/ Hazleton

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

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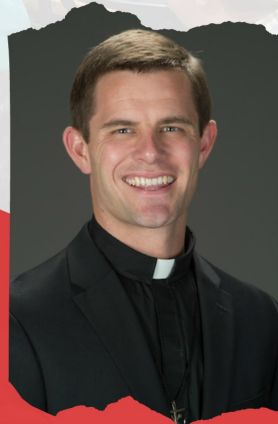
DIocese OF SCRANTON
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THEOLOGY ON TAP

A Young Adult Speaker Series for 21-40 year olds

Thursday, November 17th 7:00pm
Sabatini's Bottleshop - Exeter
\$8 Cover Charge

Guest Speaker: Fr. Brogan Ryan, CSC



Fr. Brogan was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, the sixth of eleven children with a twin brother. He was ordained a priest in April 2019. He currently serves as the Director of Campus Ministry at Kings College in Wilkes-Barre.

World Day of the Poor and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

On the weekend of November 12-13, Catholics across the United States have the opportunity to honor the World Day of the Poor and help their neighbors who struggle against poverty by giving to the annual special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Established more than 50 years ago, CCHD's mission continues to empower people most impacted by economic and social injustice in the United States to advocate for better communities. Coinciding with the annual observation of World Day of the Poor (November 13), established by Pope Francis in 2017, CCHD responds to the call to accompany our brothers and sisters experiencing poverty: "Where the poor are concerned, it is not talk that matters; what matters is rolling up our sleeves and putting our faith into practice through a direct involvement, one that cannot be delegated." [Click here](#) for resources for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development or [click here](#) to read Pope Francis' statement for the Sixth World Day of the Poor.

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THE
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT
LEADERSHIP
INSTITUTE
(ISLI)

FEBRUARY
17-19
2023

For High School Students

Holy Transfiguration Retreat
Center - Dalton, Pa

SAVE THE DATE

OPL Month-At-A-Glance

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Solemnity of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) <i>Diocesan Offices Closed</i>	2 Commemoration of All Souls FDLC Webinar on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults 1PM	3 Eucharistic Adoration 7PM St. Maria Goretti, Laflin	4	5
6 Jubilee Mass for Men and Women Religious 12:15PM, Cathedral Leave a Mark Mass 5:00PM, Cathedral	7 Online Liturgy Network 6:30PM	8 Election Day	9 FDLC Webinar on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults 1PM	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training 9AM-2:30PM DPC, Scranton
NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK						
13 World Day of the Poor	14	15	16 FDLC Webinar on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults 1PM	17 Theology on Tap 7PM, Sabatini's Bottleshop, Exeter	18 October Mass Attendance Survey and Annual Parish Report Due	19
20 Solemnity of Christ the King	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving <i>Diocesan Offices Closed</i>	25 <i>Diocesan Offices Closed</i>	26 Permanent Diaconate Ordination Cathedral, 10AM
27 First Sunday of Advent	28	29	30			

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