



GoodNewsNotes

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON OFFICE FOR PARISH LIFE

National Eucharistic Revival Lenten Holy Hours

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In conjunction with the National Eucharistic Revival taking place within our country since Corpus Christi Sunday, 2022, Bishop Bambera will visit each of the 12 deaneries in the Diocese of Scranton during this upcoming season of Lent to celebrate a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers and a homily on the Most Holy Eucharist.

Below are the dates and locations for celebrations within each deanery. **All parishes will receive promotional resources and host parishes will receive details concerning the celebrations from the Office for Parish Life.** Please mark your calendars now and invite your parishioners join Bishop Bambera in commemorating this diocesan phase of the National Eucharistic Revival!



DEANERY WIDE LENTEN HOLY HOURS 7:00 P.M. IN EACH LOCATION



Thursday, Feb. 23
Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale

Tuesday, Feb. 28
Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco

Wednesday, March 8
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Montoursville

Thursday, March 9
SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Towanda

Monday, March 13
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Wilkes-Barre

Tuesday, March 14
Mary Mother of God Parish, Scranton

Monday, March 20
St. Gregory Parish, Clarks Green

Wednesday, March 22
Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston

Thursday, March 23
SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Hazleton

Monday, March 27
Queen of Peace Parish, Hawley

Tuesday, March 28
SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish, Dunmore

Wednesday, March 29
St. John the Baptist Parish, Larksville

**Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity Service
Thursday, January 19
at 12:10PM at the
Cathedral of Saint Peter**

**Mass for Life
Thursday, January 19
at 7:00PM at the
Cathedral of Saint Peter**

**Day of Prayer for
the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children
Monday, January 23**



WORD

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

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

Start the new year off fresh by enrolling in a new learning session through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation! Cycle 2 classes run February 27 through April 2 (registration opens January 11).

Courses include many options in English and Spanish, such as: *Bible Basics*; *Catholic Beliefs*; *Chronic Illness: Mental Illness, Grief Trauma Support and Counseling*; *Conscience*; *Faith and Human Development*; *Introduction to Practical Morality*; *Praying with Children*; *Sacraments*; *Survey of Catholic Doctrine*; *Understanding Culture in Ministry*; *Building Bridges* and much more. Visit <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/> to view the calendar of courses and to register!



Bishop's Youth Awards

Save the Dates

On **Tuesday March 7th** and **Wednesday March 15th** at **6:00pm** at the **Cathedral of St. Peter**, Scranton, Bishop Bambara will celebrate the Bishop Youth Award Mass, honoring those 8th and 12th grade students that have shown extraordinary commitment to their faith echoing the actions of the early Church, "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42, NABRE).

Mark your calendars and join in celebrating these exemplary individuals.



Eucharist: The Work of Our Redemption Series

"We are required every day to rediscover the beauty of the truth of the Christian celebration. . . . as Sacrosanctum Concilium (7) describes it: the Liturgy is the priesthood of Christ, revealed to us and given in his Paschal Mystery, rendered present and active by means of signs addressed to the senses (water, oil, bread, wine, gestures, words), so that the Spirit, plunging us into the Paschal Mystery might transform every dimension of our life, conforming us more and more to Christ" (Pope Francis, Desiderio Desideravi, 21).

In response to Pope Francis' call for a "serious and dynamic liturgical formation" (ibid, 31), the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions is pleased to present a five-part Lenten series for an exploration of the Mass – **"Eucharist: The Work of our Redemption."** We offer this in harmony with the United States Bishops' campaign for a Eucharistic Revival. We have assembled some of the nation's most respected theologians and liturgists. They will offer not merely an exploration of the elements of the Mass but will reflect on its rich theology and identify implications for pastoral practice.

The sessions will be offered live each Thursday in Lent at 1:00 PM (Eastern). Each webinar will be 75 minutes in length and will include time for questions and answers. As with our previous series, the sessions will be recorded so that all registered participants may watch it at a convenient time. [Click here](#) to register for this free series or visit fdlc.org.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
Feb 23	Celebration of the Paschal Mystery: Theological Foundations	Dr. James Starke
March 2	The Church at Prayer: The Introductory Rites	Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman, CPPS
March 9	Proclamation and Response: The Liturgy of the Word	Fr. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap
March 16	Joining in the Sacrifice: The Liturgy of the Eucharist	Fr. Matthew Ernest
March 23	Glorifying the Lord by Your Life: The Concluding Rite	Fr. Ajani Gibson

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

WORSHIP

Rite of Election

The Rite of Election will be celebrated by Bishop Bambera on **Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 2:30PM** at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. RCIA Coordinator Information and Enrollment forms are now available on the diocesan website under [Parish Life/Worship/Christian Initiation and Sacraments](#). Parishes with new RCIA Coordinators are asked to contact David Baloga at the Office for Parish Life and provide their new contact information.



Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training Session

The next training session for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will take place on **Saturday, January 21 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.

Training will also be offered at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton on the following dates in 2023, so mark your calendars and plan to invite new ministers:

- **Saturday, May 6 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM**
- **Saturday, August 19 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM**
- **Saturday, November 11 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM**

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.

Online Liturgy Network Meeting

The next online liturgy network meeting will take place on **Monday, February 6 at 6:30PM**. [Click here](#) for the link. These meetings will now be held every other month or as needed to address important liturgical topics. For more information, contact David Baloga at david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org or at 570-207-2213.

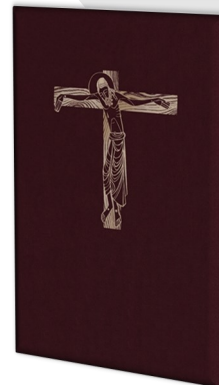
Sunday of the Word of God

Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis: Instituting the Sunday of the Word of God*, announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the **Sunday of the Word of God**. This year, that Sunday will fall on **January 22**.

The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions has published a [free resource](#) for your use. It contains the Pope Francis' document *Aperuit illis*, the readings for Year A, as well as best pastoral practices, sample intercessions, and suggested music.

Revised Order of Penance

The revised translation of 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.

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.

World Day of the Sick

A Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bambera for the thirty first Annual World Day of the Sick on **Friday, February 10, 2023 at 12:10PM at the Cathedral of Saint Peter**. Parishes around the diocese are encouraged to offer a Mass for the Sick that includes the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick either on February 11 or another convenient day near it.



Resources for World Day of the Sick can be found on the [diocesan website](#) or on the [National Association of Catholic Chaplains website](#).

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. [Click here](#) for the list of PreCana Days of Reflection for 2023.

For more information, [click here](#) or email PreCana@dioceseofscranton.org.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed from Wednesday, January 18 through Wednesday, January 25, 2023. The Diocese of Scranton will celebrate a Christian Unity Service on **Thursday, January 19 at 12:10PM** and will be live streamed on CTV and diocesan social media. A sample ecumenical celebration of the Word of God is available through the [Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute website](#) at www.geii.org.



DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE.
(Isaiah 1:17)



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2023

9 Days for Life

Pray to Protect Human Life—January 19-27, 2023

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. [Click here](#) to sign up or for more information!



ASCENSION PRESS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays from 6:00–8:00PM

Feb. 7, Feb. 14, Feb. 21, Feb. 28,
Mar. 7, Mar. 21, Mar. 28, & Apr. 4

Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton

Join us as we dive into
Scripture with Jeff Cavins!

Young adults ages 18-40 are welcome!

More information coming soon!

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95.3 FM Wilkes Barre/ Nanticoke/ Hazleton



Ministerio Hispano - Diócesis de Scranton



Ministerio Hispano
Diócesis de Scranton



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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."

SERVICE

Chosen: Finding Our Identity in Christ

January 27-29, 2023

Holy Family Center, Nanticoke

Calling all young women ages 21 – 40! The Chosen retreat is designed with the intention to help young women begin to root their identity in Christ and find a community of other women pursuing their faith. The retreat starts at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, January 27th and wraps up with 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, January 29th. The weekend will include Mass, guided personal prayer, talks from speakers, small group discussion, rest/fellowship, and ending Saturday night with prayer teams and Adoration. Loved ones, spouses, and children are welcome to join us for the closing mass on Sunday morning!

Please email Kylie Ballinger (kballingstjc@gmail.com) or Shannon Kowalski (skowalski@dioceseofscranton.org) with any questions. Scan the QR Code below, or [click here to register](#).



January Is Poverty Awareness Month

During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! [Daily reflections](#) (also [en Español](#)) include ways to learn about poverty, get inspired by how communities are responding, and take action with others. Additional Resources: [Poverty Education](#)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations

Thursday, February 2 @ 7PM • St. Maria Goretti Parish, Laffin



THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH

7:00PM | CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER, SCRANTON

CELEBRANT: MOST REV. JOSEPH C. BAMBERA
BISHOP OF SCRANTON

Join us on the eve of the 50th annual March for Life to pray for a greater respect of all human life, from conception to natural death, and every moment in between.

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (ISLI)

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 17-19 2023

For High School Students

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center - Dalton, Pa

OPL Month-At-A-Glance

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	2 New Year's Day observed <i>Diocesan Offices Closed</i>	3	4 FDLC Webinar on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults 1PM	5 Eucharistic Adoration 7PM St. Maria Goretti, Laffin	6	7 PreCana
8 Epiphany of the Lord	9	10	11 FDLC Webinar on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults 1PM	12 Theology on Tap 7PM, Sabatini's Bottleshop, Exeter	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day <i>Diocesan Offices Closed</i>	17	18 FDLC Webinar on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults 1PM	19 Christian Unity Prayer Service 12:10PM, Cathedral Mass for Life 7PM, Cathedral	20	21 Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training 9AM-2:30PM DPC, Scranton
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY						
22 Sunday of the Word of God	23	24	25 FDLC Webinar on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, 1PM	26	27	28
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY						
29	30	31				

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