



The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

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**Lenten Holy Hours with Bishop
Bambera begin this evening in
Carbondale**



All of the faithful in the Diocese of Scranton are invited to a series of Lenten Holy Hours with the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, to commemorate the diocesan phase of the National Eucharistic Revival.

These gatherings will begin at 7 p.m. this evening (Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023) at Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Carbondale. The next Lenten Holy Hour will take place Tuesday, Feb. 28 at Most Holy Trinity Parish in Cresco.

During the Season of Lent, Bishop Bambera is traveling to all twelve deaneries of the Diocese of Scranton so there will be a Holy Hour in your community in which you can join the bishop in praying for a renewal of our devotion to Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist!

The goal of the National Eucharistic Revival is to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

[Click Here for all of the Dates and Locations of the Lenten Holy Hours with Bishop Bambera](#)

Bishop Bambera's Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent



During Lent, Bishop Bambera will release weekly video reflections on Diocesan social media channels as well as Catholic Television.

On the First Sunday in Lent, we hear the Gospel of the temptation of Jesus in the desert, and this year in Matthew's account, we hear Jesus quote Scripture in reply to the first temptation, "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

To hear Bishop Bambera's full video reflection, click the box above.

Faithful around the Diocese attend Ash Wednesday Masses



Faithful from around the Diocese of Scranton began the Season of Lent by attending Mass and receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Hundreds of people attended the 12:10 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, celebrated by the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton.

The bishop reminded those in attendance that the Lenten journey draws us to the very heart of what it means to be a Christian.

"Through baptism, we are brought into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, which, in turn, invites us to trust in the power of God more deeply and equips us for mission - the proclamation of the "Good News" of Jesus - and the service of our sisters and brothers," Bishop Bambera said.

Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

[View a Photo Album from Ash Wednesday Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter](#)

Pittston Deanery parishes to host 'Road to Resurrection' offerings



The Pittston Deanery in Luzerne County announces its five-week “Road to Resurrection 2023” Lenten series, which will be held at Greater Pittston area parish churches on the Wednesdays of March.

This year’s theme for the weekly Lenten series of liturgical gatherings to be hosted throughout the Deanery will focus on the National Eucharistic Revival movement.

Road to Resurrection celebrations, including guest priest homilies, begin each Wednesday evening during March at 7 p.m., preceded by the offering of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for 45 minutes.

[View the Full Road to Resurrection Schedule for the Pittston Deanery](#)

Scranton Deanery parishes announce 'Road to Resurrection' offerings



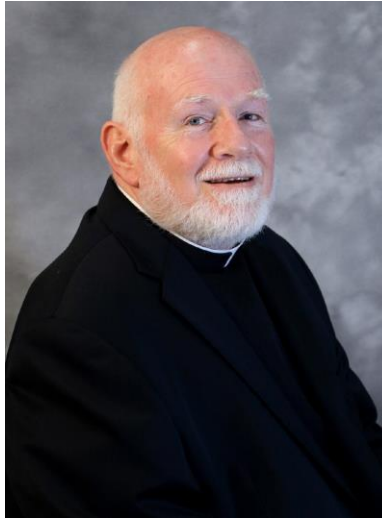
The Scranton Deanery in Lackawanna County announces its six-week "Road to Resurrection 2023" Lenten series, which will be held at various parish churches on Thursdays during Lent.

The series begins this evening, Feb. 23, 2023, at Saint Ann's Basilica, 1233 Saint Ann Street, Scranton at 7 p.m.

The faithful are invited to immerse themselves in scripture from the Gospels as they are guided through the events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection.

[View the Full Road to Resurrection Schedule for the Scranton Deanery](#)

Rev. Michael E. Finn (1950-2023)



A Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, for Rev. Michael E. Finn at Saint John the Evangelist Church in Pittston.

Father Finn died on Feb. 18 at Commonwealth Regional Hospital in Scranton.

The son of the late Patrick Joseph Finn and Sally A. McLane Finn was ordained to the priesthood on May 7, 1977 and retired in May 2022.

[Obituary for Rev. Michael E. Finn](#)

Pope marks anniversary of Russia's 'absurd, cruel' War on Ukraine



A year after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Pope Francis asked, "Can the Lord forgive so many crimes and so much violence? He is the God of peace."

At the end of his weekly general audience Feb. 22 and with a group of Ukrainian parliamentarians seated in the front row, the pope noted that Feb. 24 would mark "one year since the invasion of Ukraine, a year since this absurd and cruel war – a sad anniversary."

"The record of deaths, injuries, refugees and displaced people, destruction and economic and social damage speaks for itself," he said.

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Join us for Theology on Tap tonight!

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THEOLOGY ON TAP

A Young Adult Speaker Series for 21-40 year olds

"Catholic Through Chaos" *JUGGLING WORK, FAITH, FAMILY, & FRIENDS.*

Guest Speaker: Kelley McConnell

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