



The Catholic Light

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February 9, 2023

U.S. Catholics urged to aid, pray for quake victims in Turkey and Syria as death toll nears 20,000



Reacting to “heartbreaking scenes” of death and destruction in Turkey and Syria, the chairman of the U.S. bishops’ international policy committee urged U.S. Catholics and all people of goodwill to pray for the victims of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that rocked the two countries Feb. 6 and to give generously to those in need.

By Feb. 9 in Turkey and Syria, the death toll had risen to almost 20,000 combine and close to 53,000 others were injured.

“I join with our Holy Father Pope Francis in praying for the souls of the departed as we mourn the loss of so many lives,” Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, Illinois, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on International Justice and Peace, said in a Feb. 8 statement.

“We pray for those injured and the many others suffering, and we also pray for the safety and protection of emergency personnel working to save lives and tending to those in need in the wake of this disaster,” he said.

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[Catholic Aid Agencies Have Launched Emergency Collections for Quake Victims](#)



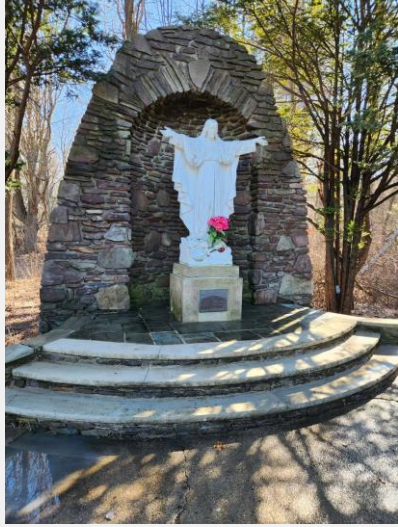
Community members restore vandalized statue

Just days after someone vandalized the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus near Interstate 81 in Dunmore, the graffiti has been washed away.

Pat McMullen of Electric City Power Washing spent several hours cleaning up the damage on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023.

The statue is located on land owned by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Anyone who information on the vandalism is encouraged to call the Dunmore Police Department at (570) 343-0851.



(Photos courtesy: Dunmore Police)

National Marriage Week is underway!



*The Eucharist is the very
source of Christian marriage.*

Familiaris Consortio, 57

FOR  YOUR
MARRIAGE



The observances of National Marriage Week began on Feb. 7 and run through Feb. 14 with World Marriage Day falling in between on Sunday, Feb. 12. This time is an important opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

This year's theme, "Marriage...one flesh, given and received" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God.

It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood.

[Click Here for a Prayer for Married Couples](#)

[Click Here for More Information and Resources to Celebrate National
Marriage Week](#)

**Bishop Bambera to celebrate Mass for
World Day of the Sick on Feb. 10**



World Day of the Sick Mass

**FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 2023
12:10 P.M.**

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER,
SCRANTON

Principal Celebrant: Bishop Joseph C. Bambera

**CTV: CATHOLIC TELEVISION TO BROADCAST MASS LIVE
AND LIVESTREAM ON DIOCESAN WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA**

Please join Bishop Bambera tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 10, at 12:10 p.m. for the Diocese of Scranton's World Day of the Sick Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The Mass will feature the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Those that can benefit from this Sacrament include:

- Someone whose health is seriously impaired by sickness.
- Those who are chronically ill or have a serious health condition.
- Someone who will be undergoing surgery.
- The elderly who have become weakened.
- Seriously ill children.
- Those who have any emotional, mental or physical illness.

For those unable to attend in person, the Mass will also be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton.

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**Mass for Persons with Disabilities to be held
Feb. 12**

Diocese of Scranton



MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
10:00AM

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER
315 WYOMING AVE. SCRANTON, PA. 18502

CELEBRANT: BISHOP JOSEPH C. BAMBERA

All are welcome to join us as we honor
the many gifts those with physical,
developmental, or intellectual disabilities
bring to the Church and the community.

**For more info, contact
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All people, including those with special abilities, have gifts to contribute to the life of the Church. The Diocese of Scranton embraces and welcomes the talents of all individuals in building up the Kingdom of God.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will serve as principal celebrant for the Diocese of Scranton's Mass for Persons with Disabilities on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The Mass is open to everyone. It will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton. The Mass will also be livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and links will be provided on all Diocesan social media platforms.

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With less than two weeks to go, Rectory, Set, Cook! fundraiser nears \$135,000



Time is Running Out! Only Two Weeks Left!



View the Videos and Vote: dioceseofscranton.org

While there is a lot of emphasis on the Eagles and Chiefs this weekend, there is another competition worth paying attention to - Rectory, Set, Cook!

With more than 1,650 donors and nearly \$135,000 raised to date, the culinary competition featuring pastor chefs from around the Diocese of Scranton is raising money for anti-hunger programs and parishes.

More than two dozen priests filmed themselves cooking in their rectories for this virtual fundraiser which was established to support anti-hunger programs of Catholic Social Services.

People can vote for their favorite recipe (or video) by making a \$10 donation on a secure website. The pastor with the most votes will be named this year's "top pastor chef" when the competition closes on Feb. 21 (Fat Tuesday).

There are now less than **TWO WEEKS** to support this effort. Half of all of the voting dollars will benefit Catholic Social Services and the other half will stay with the parish of the participating pastor.

[View All of this year's Rectory, Set, Cook! videos and Vote For Your Favorite](#)

Ahead of the Super Bowl, Catholics looks to tackle human trafficking



Theresa Flores plans to attend her 11th Super Bowl this year, but not necessarily because she is a football fan.

Instead, the 57-year-old author, speaker and social worker will be in Glendale, Arizona, with volunteers from the SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) Project, which Flores founded to prevent human trafficking.

“A lot of kids are being trafficked during sporting events,” said Flores, who along with her team holds outreaches during large entertainment gatherings nationwide, training participants to recognize the signs of trafficking while distributing materials – including millions of bars of soap – labeled with the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline number: 888-373-7888.

Experts differ over the Super Bowl’s impact on human trafficking, but overall data shows that the problem has risen sharply across the globe.

Some 50 million individuals worldwide were ensnared in modern slavery during 2021, according to the United Nations International Labor Organization Sept. 2022 report. Forced labor (including sex and labor trafficking) and forced marriage are the two most common types.

[Read the Full Story from Our Sunday Visitor](#)

Catholic Television to present 30-minute special on "Catholic Schools Week"



Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton invites you to watch a special edition of "Our Faith...Our Diocese" this month focusing on Catholic education and Catholic Schools Week 2023.

The show will focus on the recent celebrations in several Diocesan Catholic schools and explore why parents, teachers, administrators and students are so proud of our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Scranton.

As you'll see, Catholic schools take great pride in the common mission they share, providing their students with a quality education rooted in faith.

You can watch the CTV special at the following times:

Friday 2-10-23 10:30am
Monday 2-13-23 11:00am
Wednesday 2-15-23 9:30pm
Thursday 2-16-23 1:30pm
Monday 2-20-23 11:00am

Tuesday 2-21-23 8:00pm

[Click Here For More Information on Catholic Schools in the Diocese of
Scranton](#)

**Supporting Catholic education is as easy as
ordering fries!**

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CELEBRATE NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

**From January 29-February
19th, purchase a Large Fry
at any Mueller Family
McDonald's location.
A portion of each sale will
benefit the Diocese of Scranton
Catholic Schools Scholarship
Fund!**



Only at Mueller Family McDonald's!



Supporting Catholic education has never been easier!

Through an annual partnership with the Mueller Family McDonalds, the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System benefits from the sale of every large fry purchased at participating McDonald's locations.

A portion of each sale benefits the Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools Scholarship Fund which helps our students and their families continue to experience the academically excellent and faith-filled communities found in our four high schools and 15 elementary schools.

The best part - it doesn't matter if the large fry is purchased singularly or as part of an extra value meal.

The promotion is available at the following locations:



Visit One of these Participating Locations

Lackawanna County

McDonald's Carbondale—160 Brooklyn St in Carbondale
McDonald's Northside—1236 Wyoming Ave in Scranton
McDonald's Keyser—1739 N Keyser Ave in Scranton
McDonald's South Side—900 S Washington Ave in Scranton
McDonald's Clarks Summit—1127 Northern Blvd in Clarks Summit
McDonald's Eynon—525 Scranton Carbondale Hwy in Mayfield
McDonald's Bell Mountain—1151 Scranton Carbondale Hwy in Scranton
McDonald's Old Forge—411 S Main St in Old Forge

Luzerne County

McDonald's Hanover—746 San Souci Pkwy in Warrior Run
McDonald's Wyoming—913 Wyoming Ave in Wyoming
McDonald's Shavertown—1950 N Memorial Hwy in Shavertown
McDonald's Mountain Top—249 S Mountain Blvd in Mountain Top

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Lehigh County

McDonald's Lehigh—3020 Lehigh St in Allentown

Northampton County

McDonald's Wyandotte/Bethlehem—442 Wyandotte St in Bethlehem

Wayne County

McDonald's Honesdale—1187 Texas Palmyra Hwy in Honesdale

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