



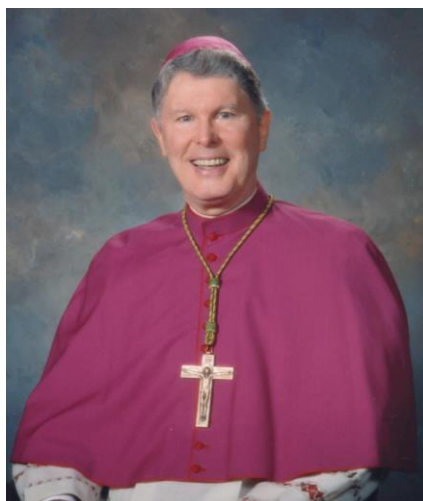
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Funeral arrangements announced for the Most Reverend James C. Timlin, eighth Bishop of Scranton



The funeral arrangements for the Most Reverend James C. Timlin, eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, who died on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023, at Marywood Heights in Scranton have been finalized.

In making this announcement, the Diocese of Scranton acknowledges the sensitive circumstances of planning this funeral, which must balance Bishop Timlin's full life of service to the church with a clear understanding of imperfect judgments related to clergy sexual abuse. We pray for all sexual abuse survivors and hope they find healing and peace.

In planning this funeral, the Diocese feels it important and prudent to highlight and emphasize two important guiding principles for all funeral rites.

First, every member of the Christian faithful has a right to a funeral Mass. This right is established in baptism and the promise of God's merciful salvation won for us in Jesus Christ.

Second, funeral rites of the Church ask spiritual assistance for the departed, honor their bodies as former temples of the Holy Spirit, and are meant to bring solace to the living.

At Bishop Timlin's request, a private viewing for family members and the celebration of Vespers will take place on Monday, April 17, 2023.

Public visitation for the Most Reverend James C. Timlin will be held on Tuesday, April 18, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pa., from 9 a.m. until 1:45 p.m.

The funeral Mass for Bishop Timlin will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Peter immediately following at 2 p.m. The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will preside at the funeral Mass. The funeral Mass will be broadcast live on Catholic Television for those unable to attend in person.

Bishop Timlin will be interred in Cathedral Cemetery following the funeral Mass.

Memorials may be made to Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton or the Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools Scholarship Foundation.

[Click Here to Read Bishop Timlin's Obituary](#)

**Pope at Easter: Roll away the stone of sadness,
encounter the Risen Lord**



Easter is the time “to roll away the stone of the tombs in which we often imprison our hope and to look with confidence to the future, for Christ is risen and has changed the direction of history,” Pope Francis said as he celebrated the Easter Vigil Mass.

“The power of Easter summons you to roll away every stone of disappointment and mistrust,’ the pope said in his homily at the Mass April 8. “The Lord is an expert in rolling back the stones of sin and fear.”

The liturgy began in the back of St. Peter’s Basilica, rather than in the atrium as usual, with the blessing of the fire and the lighting of the Easter candle.

[Read the Full Story from Catholic News Service](#)

**"Go forth boldly" to encounter and proclaim
the Risen Lord, Bishop Bambera says at
Easter**



Faithful from across the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton filled the pews of their parish churches to celebrate the Paschal Triduum last week.

From the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, to begin the three most sacred days of the liturgical calendar, to Good Friday, when the Passion and Death of the Lord was proclaimed with a simple liturgy including the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross and the Distribution of Holy Communion, to grand celebrations including the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, the Easter Season is a time to rejoice!

At the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, celebrated each Mass of the Paschal Triduum, stressing on Easter Sunday is now here and it is a time to rejoice and be glad.

"The Risen Jesus is present, here and now! Receive the life and hope that He promises," the Bishop told the crowd at Easter Sunday Mass. "Like the women who first encountered the empty tomb on the day of resurrection, we are not to linger in this sacred space, reluctant to confront the suffering of our world. Our mission is to go forth boldly from this Cathedral with hope, to both encounter and proclaim the Risen Lord, in our families and neighborhoods!"

During the Easter Vigil, Bishop Bambera baptized Ruiwen Su, who along with Ashleigh Kuester, was also confirmed and received the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

[Read Bishop Bambera's Easter Homily on the Diocese of Scranton website](#)

Information Night for Social Justice Trust Fund Grant process to be held April 19

Social Justice Trust Fund Grant **Info Night**

**Wednesday, April 19th
7pm via Zoom**

Parish social ministry leaders are encouraged to attend this information night for the 2023-2024 Parish Social Justice Trust Fund Grant cycle. New guidelines and grant deadlines will be discussed in detail.



Email Shannon Kowalski at Skowalski@dioceseofscranton.org to sign up and receive the Zoom meeting link

Through your generous gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, the Diocese of Scranton is able to support dozens of parish-based projects that benefit people and communities across the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton.

From helping to stock parish food pantries, supporting parish nursing ministries and grief ministries, to caring for seniors, assisting pro-life ministries, addressing homelessness and much more, parish social

ministry leaders are encouraged to attend an “Social Justice Trust Fund Grant Information Night” next Wednesday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

The new grant cycle for the Parish Social Justice Grant program is quickly approaching so parishes are encouraged to send representatives to the virtual information night.

Email Shannon Kowalski at SKowalski@dioceseofscranton.org to sign up and receive the Zoom meeting link.

[For More Information on the Social Justice Trust Fund Grant Information Night](#)

Healing Mass for Survivors of Abuse to be held April 20

HEALING MASS FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

Celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera



**Thursday, April 20 at 12:10 P.M.
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton**

Mass will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube Channel and social media platforms

The month of April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is a time to recognize the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect.

The month of April gives us all a chance to recommit ourselves to creating safe environments in our parishes, schools and related institutions.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate the Diocese of Scranton's annual "Healing Mass for Survivors of Abuse" on Thursday, April 20, at 12:10 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

For those unable to attend in person, the Mass will be broadcast live on Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton. A livestream will also be available on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and links available on all Diocesan social media platforms.

Synod's 'messy, joyful,' North American phase concludes with call to mission, moves to Rome



The final document for the North American phase of the 2021-2024 Synod on Synodality was released April 12, capturing a process of dialogue and discernment that two participants described as ‘messy,’ ‘joyful’ and unifying – like the synod itself.

“It’s amazing what comes about when ... you invoke the Holy Spirit in the conversation,” Julia McStravog, a theologian and co-coordinator of the North American team for the synod’s continental phase, told OSV News.

“The synodal approach provoked a genuine appreciation and joyfulness on the part of the people of God to be able to engage in conversation, even if they were talking about difficult issues,” team co-coordinator Richard Coll told OSV News. Coll also serves as executive director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development.

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'Keyboard warriors' don't evangelize, pope says, they just argue



Sharing the Gospel requires literally “going out,” witnessing to the joy of faith in person and not just sitting at home, being “keyboard warriors” who argue with others online, Pope Francis said.

“One does not proclaim the Gospel standing still, locked in an office, at one’s desk or at one’s computer, arguing like ‘keyboard warriors’ and replacing the creativity of proclamation with copy-and-paste ideas taken from here and there,” the pope said April 12 during his weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square.

Holding the audience during the Octave of Easter, with tens of thousands of daffodils and tulips still decorating the square, the pope continued his series of audience talks about “evangelical zeal,” looking at how that differs from pretending to share the Gospel while really just seeking attention or pushing one’s own ideas.

[Read the Full Story from Catholic News Service](#)

Over 50,000 massacred in Nigeria for being Christian in the last 14 years, report says



At least 52,250 people have been killed over the last 14 years in Nigeria just for being Christian, a new report published April 10 revealed.

The report, titled “Martyred Christians in Nigeria” and published by the International Society for Civil Liberties and Rule of Law (Intersociety), which is headquartered in Eastern Nigeria, says 30,250 of those have been killed since 2015, when President Muhhamadu Buhari came to power. The report blames what it calls Buhari’s radical Islamism for those killings. Approximately 34,000 moderate Muslims were also butchered or hacked to death within the same period.

At this point, 2023 is not looking any better, with the report revealing that 1,041 “defenseless Christians” were slaughtered in the first 100 days — that is from Jan. 1 to April 10. Within the same period, at least 707 Christians were kidnapped.

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**Please join us for the next Theology on
Tap next Thursday, April 20**

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THEOLOGY ON TAP

A Young Adult Speaker Series for 21-40 year olds

"Bless Me Father For I Do Not Go To Confession.."

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