



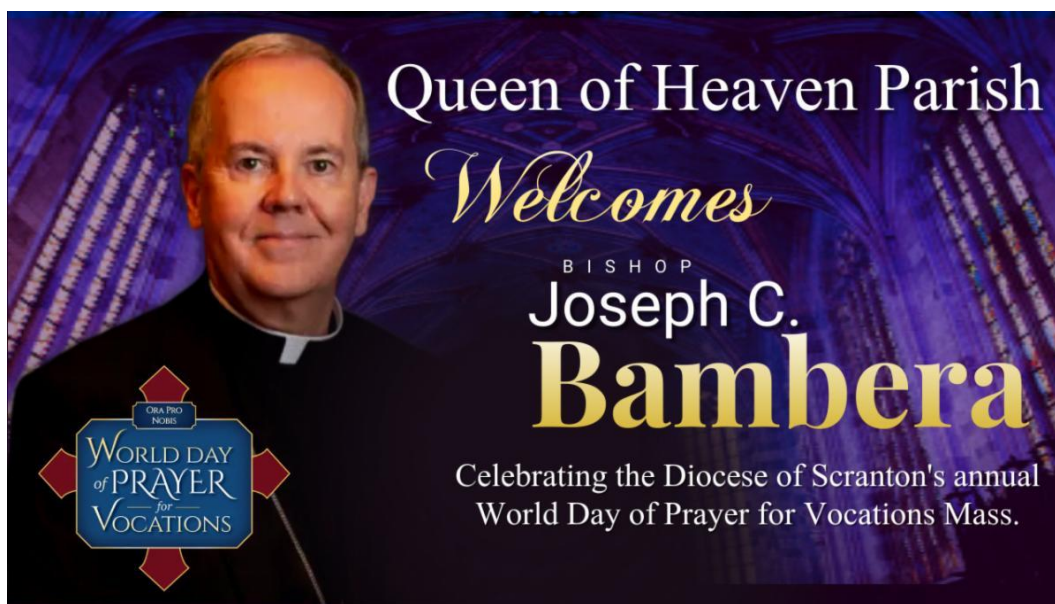
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Hazleton Parish to host World Day of Prayer for Vocations Mass on Saturday



Queen of Heaven Parish, 750 North Vine Street, Hazleton, will be the location for the Diocese of Scranton's annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations Mass this Saturday, April 29, 2023.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will be the principal celebrant for the 5:30 p.m. liturgy.

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

While those in attendance will pray for all those discerning and living out their vocation, on this weekend the Church concentrates its attention on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

[Click Here for More Information on the Diocese of Scranton's annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations Mass](#)



**Educational diversity,
Eucharistic devotion are
strong features of 2023
Class of new priests, report
says**

Ahead of an annual day of prayer for vocations, a newly released report shows what one researcher called greater “consistency of age,” more diverse educational backgrounds and a commitment to Eucharistic adoration among men preparing for priestly ordination.



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**Every Christian has a vocation to share God's
love, Pope Francis says in message for World
Day of Prayer for Vocations**



Every Christian has a vocation to respond to God's love and to share that love with others, Pope Francis said.

"The Lord's call is grace, complete gift and at the same time a commitment to bring the Gospel to others," the pope wrote in his message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which was to be marked April 30 in most dioceses.

"Vocation: Grace and Mission" was the theme the pope chose for the 2023 celebration.

The pope's message was released at the Vatican April 26 with a news conference led by Cardinal Lazarus You Heung-sik, prefect of the Dicastery for Clergy.

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Scouting programs help empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus



For Sean Rodgers, scouting is much more than just spending time outdoors.

“Scouting is the best part of my life. I started way back in first grade and now I’m a junior in high school,” he explained. “I’ve learned so much more than tying knots and building fires. I’ve learned leadership skills. I’ve learned public speaking skills. I’ve learned what it means to have good character, to be a good person.”

His friend, Simon Basham, agrees.

“Scouting is an amazing program,” Basham added. “You get team building skills. You just learn so many things that you can use in life.”

Rodgers and Basham, both members of Boy Scout Troop 106 in Mountain Top, were among 33 young people from parishes around the Diocese of Scranton recognized during the Diocese of Scranton’s annual Scout Mass on April 23, 2023. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is the first time since 2019 the Scout Mass has been celebrated in person.

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[Click Here to Hear from Scouts Who Participated in the Scout Mass](#)

Pope accepts resignation of Harrisburg bishop, names Philly auxiliary as successor



Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Ronald W. Gainer of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, who is 75, and has appointed Auxiliary Bishop Timothy C. Senior of Philadelphia to succeed him.

Bishop Gainer, who has headed the Harrisburg Diocese since 2014, turned 75 last August, the age at which canon requires bishops to submit their resignation to the pope.

Bishop Senior, who turned 63 March 22, has been a Philadelphia auxiliary since 2009. He is regional bishop of Montgomery County and chancellor of the archdiocese's St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Bishop Senior was the seminary's rector from 2012 to 2022.

The resignation and appointment were publicized in Washington April 25 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

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[Read Bishop Bambera's Statement on the Appointment of Timothy C. Senior as Bishop-designate of Harrisburg](#)

Pope decides women will be voting members of Synod of Bishops



At least three dozen women will be voting members of the assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October, Pope Francis has decided.

In a decision formalized April 17, “the Holy Father approved the extension of participation in the synodal assembly to ‘non-bishops’ — priests, deacons, consecrated men and women, lay men and women,” the synod office said in a statement April 26.

Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, relator general of the synod, told reporters April 26 that about 21% of the synod's 370 members would not be bishops and at least half of that group would be women.

Adding women and young people to the membership will make sure "the church is well represented" in the prayer and discussions scheduled for Oct. 4-29 at the Vatican, the cardinal said. "It will be a joy to have the whole church represented in Rome for the synod."

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Papal trip to Hungary begins Friday: War, migration likely to top agenda



Pope Francis and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán believe strengthening Christian values can make Europe a better place, but they have key differences when describing those values and how they should be promoted.

Pope Francis will visit Hungary's capital, Budapest, April 28-30. It will be his 41st foreign trip since becoming pope in 2013.

The top issues on the pope's agenda are likely to be the ongoing war in Ukraine and immigration — pressing issues that will illustrate some common ground and substantial chasms.

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Diocese of Scranton Vocations Golf Classic - John Yourishen Memorial Tournament - to be held July 10



Registration is now open for the Diocese of Scranton Vocations Golf Classic - John Yourishen Memorial Tournament - which will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in Dorrance Township.

You are invited to join us for a day of golf and great food and fellowship in support of our Diocese of Scranton seminarians, the future clergy of our church.

Lunch will take place at 11 a.m. and there will be a shotgun start at noon. There will also be a special "Beat the Seminarian Putting Challenge" at 11 a.m.

Sponsorship opportunities for the golf tournament are also available.

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Thursday,
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