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## National Eucharistic Revival: Parish Phase



The start of the second phase of the National Eucharistic Revival focuses on the parish level and begins on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*), Sunday, June 11, 2023. **To commemorate this most sacred day and the beginning of the parish phase of the Revival, each parish in the Diocese of Scranton is asked to offer some ritual to emphasize the unique and life-giving place of the Most Holy Eucharist in the life of the Church.** A traditional Eucharistic Procession or a period of Eucharistic Adoration would be two such opportunities.

A **Eucharistic Procession** would go outside into our streets and neighborhoods as a visible act of bringing Jesus to the world. As Pope Francis explained, *"The procession with the Blessed Sacrament—a hallmark of the feast of Corpus Christi...reminds us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others. To go out with enthusiasm, bringing Christ to those we meet in our daily lives."* If necessary, however, the procession can remain on parish grounds.

If unable to organize a Eucharistic Procession, each parish is asked to consider conducting a period of **Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration** that day, possibly including Evening Prayer and concluding with Benediction to give the faithful an opportunity for prayer in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord.

Each parish is also asked to consider celebrating a **"Forty Hours Devotion"** or at least a Eucharistic Day of Prayer and Adoration at some point during the course of this upcoming year, perhaps on your parish feast day or at another appropriate time. Please share with David Baloga, Director of Worship, the dates and details of your Forty Hours/ Eucharistic Day of Prayer and Adoration ([dbaloga@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:dbaloga@dioceseofscranton.org) or 570-207-2213, ext. 1158) so that we may publish them on the diocesan website and in each edition of *The Catholic Light* during upcoming year.

**Resources for the Parish Phase Kickoff of the National Eucharistic Revival on the weekend of June 10 & 11, 2023 can be found on the diocesan website at [this link](#).** The National Committee for the Revival has outlined Four Invitations for the Parish Phase of the Revival: *Reinvigorating Worship, Personal Encounter, Robust Faith Formation, and Missionary Sending*. Resources for each of these four invitations are forthcoming. Please check the link above periodically for updates.

**Thursday, May 18  
Solemnity of the  
Ascension of the Lord  
[Holy Day of Obligation]**

**Transitional Diaconate  
Ordination  
Saturday, May 27  
Cathedral of Saint Peter**



# 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."



**Refresh your Faith  
With the Holy Spirit**

**Catholic Women's Conference**  
Saturday, June 10, 2023  
Marywood University

**GET YOUR TICKET TODAY!**  
[www.cwcnepa.com](http://www.cwcnepa.com)

## Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday June 10, 2023 will be an exciting day for the Scranton area! Women from the Diocese and beyond will have the opportunity to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual day-long **Refresh Your Faith Catholic Women's Conference**. This year's theme is "**With the Holy Spirit**"; it will be held indoors at Marywood University.

They are fortunate to have obtained two widely acclaimed speakers for the day:

- o **Johnnette Benkovic Williams** is an internationally known author, speaker, and EWTN host and founder of Living His Life Abundantly International and Women of Grace ministry. Johnnette will talk about gifts of the Holy Spirit through poignant and transforming stories.
- o **Kathleen McCarthy** is a published author, Catholic radio broadcaster and has been involved in healing ministry for over four decades. She will speak about God's healing power through her inspiring testimony of the Father's merciful love, the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

This extraordinary daylong event also includes:

- o **Mary Clare Hallman as Emcee**—Mary Clare has

been with the Diocese of Scranton as the Secretary for the Office of Parish Life since Jan 2022. She brings her knowledge of discipleship, evangelism, and empowering laity to use their gifts. Her joyous nature and contagious love of Christ will inspire and motivate us all.

- o Music by **Maria Salamida** and accompanists
- o **Mass** with Bishop Joseph Bambera
- o **Confessions** available throughout the day
- o **Adoration/healing service** led by Kathleen McCarthy
- o **Breakfast/ seated buffet lunch**
- o Curated **Vendor Marketplace** offering one of a kind Catholic gifts, book, art and jewelry

Cost for tickets is \$55 per person, with scholarships available for those in need. For more information or to register, visit [www.cwcnepa.com](http://www.cwcnepa.com).

## Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

**VLCFF registration for Cycle 4 is now open until May 17, 2023. Course dates are May 22 through June 25.** Celebrate the remaining weeks of the Easter season through course offerings that will feed your soul and your ministry—available in English and Spanish—with topics such as: *An Introduction to Catholic Doctrine on the Blessed Virgin Mary; Basic Catechist Formation; Foundations for Liturgy; Introduction to Christian Morality; Introduction to Scripture; Survey of Catholic Social Teaching* and much more. Visit <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/> to view the calendar of courses and to register!

## Quo Vadis Days

The Diocesan Vocations Office invites high school men to register for this year's Quo Vadis Days which will be held June 26-28 at Marywood University in Lackawanna County.

Quo Vadis is a three-day summer camp for high school men that is designed to teach them about vocations and enrich their faith through prayer, speakers, and activities. Participants will also have the opportunity to connect with other faithful young men in the Diocese of Scranton through games, sports, music and small group discussion. The event will include a visit from Bishop Bambera and the chance to meet the seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton.

Those interested need to have a letter from their pastor in order to participate. For more information or to register for Quo Vadis Days, visit: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/.../quo-vadis-days-2023/>



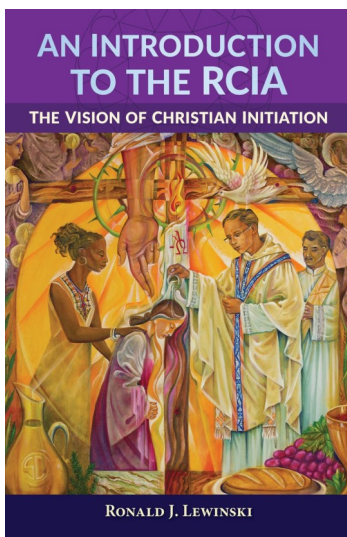
"I CALL us to be servant leaders who WORSHIP our God and celebrate the Sacraments in union with the universal Church."

# WORSHIP

## RCIA 101: A Crash Course on Christian Initiation

The Office for Parish Life will offer its annual virtual "crash" course day on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults on **Saturday, July 8, 2023 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.**

The goal of this offering for priests, deacons, parish life coordinators, RCIA coordinators, RCIA team members is to provide an overall sense of what the Church asks of parishes in responding to seekers and preparing them for Initiation. This course day would be ideal for anyone new to the RCIA as well as seasoned veterans who are looking to deepen their understanding of the process. Participants will receive a free copy of *An Introduction to the RCIA: The Vision of Christian Initiation* by Ronald J. Lewinski and published by Liturgy Training Publications.



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To register, please complete the [online form](#) by Monday, June 26. For more information, please contact David Baloga, Director for Worship, at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158 or at [david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org).

## Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training Session

A training session for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will take place on **Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton.** This all-day training session is based on the Liturgical Ministry Resource created by the Diocesan Office for Parish Life, and covers the theology of the Eucharist and the Mass, the history and spirituality of the ministry, as well as the particular functions of the Extraordinary Minister of Communion, and how to properly prepare and carry out this ministry. Candidates for the training should have the approval of his or her pastor/parish life coordinator. There is no fee for the training, and lunch will be provided.

To register, please click on [this link](#) and complete the online form or call 570-207-2213, ext. 1158.

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](mailto:david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org) to have a training session offered in your parish.

## Precious Blood Offered at Mass

*The following is from an email from Bishop Bambera on March 24, 2023 to all priests, deacons, and parish life coordinators.*

Regarding the sacred liturgy, extraordinary measures were taken during the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the health of the faithful. While most of these restrictions were gradually relaxed, the distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass continued to be suspended out of an abundance of caution. Now that many of the pandemic-era public health restrictions have been lifted, I am pleased to announce that **beginning on Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023, parishes may resume the practice of distributing the Precious Blood to the faithful at Mass** at the discretion of the pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator. The faithful have the option to receive Holy Communion under one or both species, with the understanding that those who receive under only one species are not deprived in any way of the fullness of Lord's Presence.



Since the practice of offering the Precious Blood has been suspended for quite some time, pastors, administrators, and parish life coordinators must see to it that trained Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion review the proper procedures for offering the chalice at Mass.

## NPM Annual Convention

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians will host its forty-sixth annual national convention from **July 10-14, 2023** in Reno, Nevada, and virtually from **July 18-20, 2023.** The theme for this year's convention is "Walking with the Saints."

The NPM National Convention features keynote presentations and concerts from renowned speakers and liturgical musicians, and offers clinics, exhibits, vendors and workshops for choir members, cantors, organists, keyboardists and other parish musicians and liturgical coordinators.

To learn more about the NPM Annual Convention, please [click here](#) or visit [www.npm.org](http://www.npm.org).



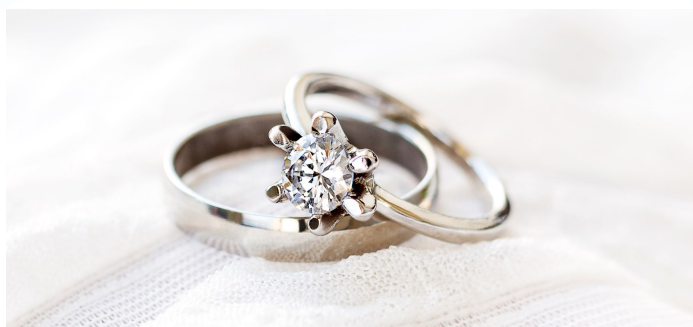
# COMMUNITY

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who build COMMUNITY through hospitality, respect, inclusion and holiness."

**NUEVO HORARIO**  
MISMA MISIÓN - COMPARTIR & CRECER EN LA FE

CONOCE, AMA & VIVE TU FE  
**CRECIENDO**  
+ fortaleciendo nuestra  
**FE CATÓLICA**  
MINISTERIO HISPANO - DIÓCESIS DE SCRANTON  
**Sábados 9 am - 10 am**  
94.9 FM Scranton  
95.3 FM Wilkes Barre/ Nanticoke/ Hazleton

Ministerio Hispano - Diócesis de Scranton **LIVE** Ministerio Hispano Diócesis de Scranton **LA MEGA 8:30PM 98.3FM**



## Wedding Anniversary Mass

Every summer, the Diocese of Scranton holds a Wedding Anniversary Celebration for couples celebrating their 25th and 50th years of marriage at the Cathedral of Saint Peter where couples renew their wedding commitment. This year's Mass will be held on **Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 2:30PM**. Please plan on joining us if you are celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in 2023, or share this news with others who may be doing so. To register for the Wedding Anniversary Celebration, please call the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

## Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Scranton for its annual **Pentecost Celebration on Saturday, May 27 from 8:30AM to 3:00PM at the Oblates of St. Joseph, 1880 Route 315 Highway, Pittston PA.**

The speakers are Rev. David W. Cramer, Msgr. Vincent Grimalia and Bob Valiante, and the day includes coffee and donuts, praise and worship, witness, and more. Please visit [www.ccrscranton.org](http://www.ccrscranton.org) for more information.

# COME FLY WITH US!

# NEPA GIVES



## ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR 2nd ANNUAL NEPA GIVES RALLY!

Join us for a **FREE** night of fun and games, music and merriment, arts and sciences, tailgate food (both wacky and traditional), adult and all-ages beverages and more.

**Who:** Two-time Rectory, Set, Cook! champion and Cathedral Capers all-star alumnus Fr. Jim Paisley, the evening's emcee, will sing Sinatra et al while also challenging anyone to cornhole!

**When:** 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2023

**Where:** The Catholic Youth Center (celebrating its 75th anniversary!), 36 S. Washington St, Wilkes-Barre (**Free parking at CYC, on N. Pennsylvania Avenue side of building or at nearby Holy Redeemer High.**)

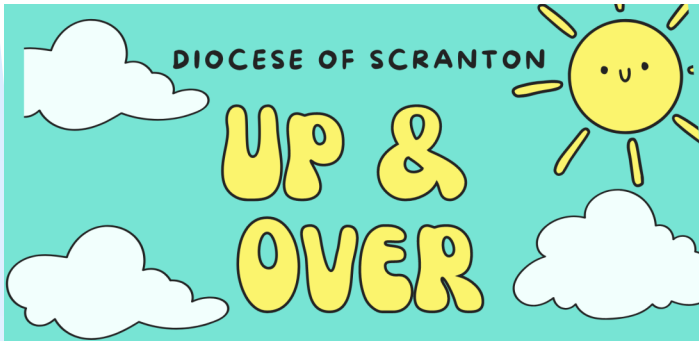
**Why:** To move the Diocese of Scranton and its many ministries up the leaderboards in the annual 24-hours-only **2023 NEPA Gives charitable challenge! DONATIONS WELCOME!**





"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



## Up and Over Middle School Retreat

The Up and Over Middle School Retreat will be held **June 2-3 at Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas**. This 24-hour retreat is centered around how students can use their God given talents in order to work together with others and overcome obstacles in their lives. The weekend involves fun group activities, mass, free time, a movie, and an outdoor obstacle course! It is a great opportunity for students currently in **grades 6, 7, & 8**, to meet new friends and grow in their faith! The registration fee is \$120, and includes all meals, lodging, a t-shirt, and other retreat materials. Registration is now open on the [Diocese of Scranton's website](#).

# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations*



**Thursday, June 1st**  
**7:00 PM**

St. Maria Goretti Church  
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

**SPEAKER, RECONCILIATION, AND SOCIAL.**

LIVE MUSIC BY JOEL KANKIEWICZ




## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

*A Peer-Facilitated Leadership Retreat for High School Students*

**JUNE 20-23, 2023**

@ Marywood University, Scranton

### For More Information:

Further details and applications are available online at [Dioceseofscranton.org](http://Dioceseofscranton.org)

or call (570)207-2213 x1155 for more info.

- ◆ Support
- ◆ Awareness
- ◆ Self-Confidence
- ◆ Positive Thinking
- ◆ Values

**MAY 20, 2023**

# MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY RETREAT

ST ANN MONASTERY BASILICA PARISH



**20 MAY, 2023**  
9:00AM - 3:00PM

1250 St. Ann St., Scranton

Join us for a day of prayer, formation and reflection. Mass will be included, as will a light breakfast and lunch. To learn more, contact: [deaconed@stpeterscathedral.org](mailto:deaconed@stpeterscathedral.org)

MARKING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE FEAST DAY OF ST DYPHNA AND MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

# OPL Month-At-A-Glance

## May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training 9AM-2:30PM Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton
7 Fifth Sunday of Easter	8	9	10	11 Theology on Tap, 7PM Sabatini's Bottleshop, Exeter	12	13
14 Sixth Sunday of Easter  Mother's Day Adoption Mass 10AM, Cathedral	15	16	17  <i>Last Day to Register for VLCFF Cycle 4</i>	18 Ascension Thursday <i>(Holy Day of Obligation)</i>	19	20
21 Seventh Sunday of Easter	22  <i>VLCFF Cycle 4 begins</i>	23	24	25	26	27 Transitional Diaconate Ordination 10AM, Cathedral CCR Pentecost Celebration, 8:30AM-3PM Oblates of St. Joseph, Pittston
28 Pentecost Sunday	29 Memorial Day <i>(Diocesan Offices closed)</i>	30	31	June 1— NEPA Gives  Eucharistic Adoration 7PM St. Maria Goretti, Laffin		

### OPL TEAM MEMBERS

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