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DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

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Brodheadsville pastor builds LEGO replica of Notre Dame's Golden Dome



Eight years after grabbing headlines around the world for building a model Vatican out of 500,000 Lego bricks, Father Bob Simon is back at it.

This time, the pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Brodheadsville just completed a replica of the University of Notre Dame's iconic Main Building and Golden Dome on April 26, 2023.

"To be invited by the University and by the Notre Dame family to do this is something that my heart is really all in on and was a delight to work on," Father Simon said.

Father Simon initially received the request from the University in January 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic curtailed his ability to get the project done quickly but still estimates spending roughly eight months working on it overall.

While Father Simon admits he didn't keep an exact count, he estimates using around 300,000 Lego bricks this time.

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**William A. Asinari to be ordained as
Transitional Deacon May 27**



William A. Asinari, a native of Honesdale, will be ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Scranton by the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. The ordination Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m.

The public is invited to attend the Ordination Mass, which is a very important event in the life of the Diocese. The Mass will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website and across Diocesan social media platforms.

Asinari, 24, is the son of Robert and Cathleen Asinari and is a parishioner of Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Honesdale.

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Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen undergoing 'once in a generation renovation'



Nearly 40 years after Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen opened its doors in its current location, the facility is getting a “once in a generation renovation” to ensure its mission continues for decades to come.

The work, which is already underway, will be completed over a ten-week period. It should be finished by the end of July.

“This renovation will not only allow us to serve our brothers and sisters in need in a dignified way for another generation but will prepare us for future expansion,” Rob Williams, Executive Director of Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, said. “This organization is primed and ready to serve God and His people in ways that we cannot yet imagine. We were founded by and through God’s inspiration and we will continue to serve Him and His beloved people in every way possible.”

The Kitchen currently serves ten meals to the community each week and that service will continue uninterrupted – but the meals will be prepared and served in different locations while renovations are underway.

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Diocesan website page features First Holy Communion Photos submitted by parishes



Parishes around the Diocese of Scranton are in the middle of celebrating First Holy Communions and we are proud to celebrate our young people!

To help showcase those receiving First Holy Communion, all parishes were invited to send photos of their young people to be posted on a dedicated landing page on the Diocese of Scranton website.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist is the source and summit and life of the Catholic Church, as well as the sacrament of unity among Christ, its head, and his members. Through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and Christ's words of Institution, bread and wine become the sacramental Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

[Click Here to View Photos from First Holy Communions Around the Diocese of Scranton](#)

Join us for food, music and fun at the Catholic Youth Center in Wilkes-Barre to kick off NEPA Gives Day on June 1

A graphic for the NEPA Gives Rally. It features the text "COME FLY WITH US!" in large, bold, blue letters, with a yellow trumpet icon. To the right, a green banner says "NEPA GIVES" with a white heart. Below this, it says "ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR 2nd ANNUAL NEPA GIVES RALLY!". To the right of the text is a photo of Fr. Jim Paisley, a man with glasses and a microphone, wearing a suit and tie. Below the main text, there is a list of details: "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." followed by "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, PA (Free parking at CYC or nearby Holy Redeemer High School.)", and "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!". At the bottom right of the graphic is a small photo of a person in a red shirt and blue cap holding a yellow ball.

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[Click Here for More Information on NEPA Gives and the Catholic Youth Center in Wilkes-Barre](#)

U.S. Religious Freedom Panel finds conditions 'worsening' around the globe



Conditions for religious freedom are “worsening” around the globe, a U.S. government body monitoring international religious freedom said in a recent report.

In its 2023 report, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom identified “regression” last year in countries including Afghanistan, China, Cuba, Iran, Nicaragua and Russia. The annual report by the independent, bipartisan commission makes recommendations to the U.S. government for the promotion and protection of religious freedom abroad.

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

**Quo Vadis Days to take place June 26-28 at
Marywood University**



QUO VADIS DAYS

RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN TO TEACH THEM ABOUT
VOCATIONS AND ENRICH THEIR FAITH

JUNE 26-28, 2023

MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY

High school men are invited to join the Diocesan Vocations Office for our annual Quo Vadis Days which will take place from June 26-28 at Marywood University!

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, fellowship, speakers, and activities. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with other faithful young men in the Diocese through games, sports, music, and small group discussion.

The event also includes a visit from Bishop Bambera and the seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton.

[Click Here to Register or for More Information on Quo Vadis Days](#)

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

Registration is Underway

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Diocese of Scranton
VOCATIONS
John Yourishen Memorial Tournament
GOLF CLASSIC

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023
BLUE RIDGE TRAIL GOLF CLUB

REGISTER NOW AT [DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG](https://www.dioceaseofscranton.org)

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.

[Click Here to Register for the Vocations Golf Classic or Learn More about Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal to hold
Pentecost Celebration on May 27**

PENTECOST CELEBRATION

of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the
Diocese of Scranton

May 27, 2023
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Oblates of St. Joseph: 1880 Highway 315
Pittston, Pennsylvania, 18640



REGISTRATION AT 9:00 A.M. — PROGRAM STARTS AT 9:30 A.M.
Doors Open at 8:30 A.M. Coffee and Donuts available at 9:00 A.M.

FREE REGISTRATION ... FREE LIGHT LUNCH (Hoagie & Beverage)

***YOU MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED FOR LUNCH ***

Cut-off date for ordering lunch is Wednesday 5-24-23

Choice of Tuna, Turkey, Italian or Veggie hoagie

For registration and Hoagie selection—

Go to: <https://www.ccrscranton.org/pentecost-2023>



SCAN HERE FOR
REGISTRATION AND
HOAGIE SELECTION

HIGHLIGHTS



Presentation by Monsignor
Vincent J. Grimalia,
Diocesan Coordinator for
Ecumenical and Interfaith
Relations



Presentation by Reverend
David W. Cramer, Pastor
of Saint Eulalia Parish



Presentation by Bob
Valiante,
a frequent speaker at
conferences, retreats,
parish missions, and
regional gatherings

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SPIRIT-FILLED PRAYER AND PRAISE
INSPIRING MUSIC AND ANOINTED WORSHIP
CHALLENGING TEACHING
PRAYERS FOR HEALING

CONTACTS

Please help us with registration by registering online at the
link below: <https://www.ccrscranton.org/pentecost-2023>

Questions? Unable to register online? Please use a phone number
shown below or the email at bottom:

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To Lead
To Unify
To Serve

Registration is now open for ISLI 2023 at
Marywood University



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

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- ◆ Self-Confidence
- ◆ Positive Thinking
- ◆ Values

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