



The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Weekly E-Newsletter

May 18, 2023

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

DIACONATE ORDINATION

OF WILLIAM A. ASINARI



**Saturday, May 27
10 a.m.**

Cathedral of Saint Peter

315 WYOMING AVENUE, SCRANTON

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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 will be ordained for service as a transitional deacon, the ordination serving as the last major step before ordination to the priesthood, which typically occurs a year later after additional pastoral, liturgical and educational preparation.

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Mothers help show us how to “love selflessly,” Bishop Bambera says



Mothers of all types were celebrated on Sunday, May 14, 2023, as the faithful came together for a special Mother's Day Adoption Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

During the Mass, the faithful prayed in an intentional way for all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers and all those who “mother” throughout their lives.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant and homilist.

As he reflected on the readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Bishop Bambera said our mothers and grandmothers give us a great example of how to love each other as Jesus loved.

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Foster Care is a pro-life issue the Church should fully support, parents say



“There are no unwanted children,” an anonymous inspiring quote declares, “just unfound families.”

But the reality, especially in post-Roe v. Wade America, presents a more complex and challenging scenario – one in which foster care must, Catholic experts urge, be viewed as a pro-life issue.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage connects Catholics across U.S. to 2024 Congress



He and his wife, Cindi, both 65-year-old retirees, plan to join the pilgrimage at its northern launch point in Minnesota in May 2024, and then walk for about a week, before rejoining the pilgrims seven weeks later in Indianapolis for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress.

The Wavras are among thousands of Catholics from across the United States anticipated to participate in next year's pilgrimage to the Congress, part of the U.S. bishops' three-year National Eucharistic Revival that began in 2021. The pilgrimage has four routes, with one beginning in the north, south, east and west of the country.

Pilgrims traveling in the "Eucharistic caravans" on all four routes will begin their journeys with Pentecost weekend celebrations May 17-18, 2024, leaving May 19. They will all converge on Indianapolis July 16, 2024, the day before the five-day Congress opens.

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

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

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, PA (**Free parking at CYC or nearby Holy Redeemer High School.**)

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!



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

Pope, Ukrainian Leader Talk About Humanitarian Situation Provoked By War



After literally hundreds of public prayers for peace in Ukraine and 443 days after Russia launched an all-out war on the Eastern European country, Pope Francis welcomed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to the Vatican.

The topics of the conversation May 13 included “the humanitarian and political situation in Ukraine caused by the ongoing war,” the Vatican press office said.

Pope Francis assured the president of “his constant prayers, evidenced by his many public appeals and continuous invocation to the Lord for peace since,” the statement continued.

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Join the young in fighting for the poor and the planet, Pope Francis says



While older people love to complain about “young people today,” they must admit that the younger generations are leading the way in opposing “an economic system that is unfair to the poor and an enemy of the environment,” Pope Francis wrote.

“They are not only asking us; they are doing it,” he said, pointing to a trend in choosing to consume less, to buy products “produced following strict rules of environmental and social respect” and to lower their carbon footprints with the means of transportation they use.

Pope Francis wrote about the connections between the dominate global economic system and climate change in a preface to the Italian book, “The Taste for Change: Ecological Transition as the Path to Happiness,” by the Jesuit economist Father Gaël Giraud and Carlo Petrini, the Italian founder of the International Slow Food Movement.

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Up & Over Middle School Retreat returns this June

A colorful poster for the 'Up & Over' Middle School Retreat. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds and a smiling yellow sun. The title 'UP & OVER' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the title, the dates 'June 2-3' and the location 'Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas, PA' are listed. A list of included items for the \$120 registration fee is provided. At the bottom, there is a yellow banner with the text 'We hope to see you there!'. On the right side, there is an illustration of three people helping each other climb a blue rectangular block. One person is on the ground, another is on the block, and a third is on top of the block, reaching down to help the second person.

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UP & OVER

June 2-3
Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas, PA

Registration Fee of \$120 Includes:

- Meals
- Lodging
- Retreat Materials
- T-shirt

To register and for more information visit:
Dioceseofscranton.org

We hope to see you there!

Students currently in 6th – 8th grade are welcome to join us on June 2-3 at Camp Orchard Hill for 24 hours of fun, faith, and new friends!

Up & Over is a peer-facilitated retreat that is designed to give participants the skills necessary to get “up and over” the challenges they may face.

Throughout the weekend students will spend time outdoors, meet new friends and learn how your God-given gifts can be used when you work with others as a team! Built into the weekend are opportunities for Mass and Reconciliation. There will also be a number of fun activities and events, including a movie, free time and an outdoor obstacle course.

Come and join us for an outstanding experience! You will have a great time, meet new friends and come closer to God who loves you!

Registration includes cabin lodging, delicious home cooked meals, a t-shirt and unforgettable memories!

[Click Here for More Information or to Register for Up & Over 2023](#)

**Today the Church celebrates the
Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord**



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

After Jesus' Resurrection from the dead, He continued to appear to His disciples for a period of 40 days.

After this time, with His Apostles gathered around Him on the Mount of Olives, Jesus was taken up bodily into heaven, as recorded in the Gospels.

To comfort them in His physical absence, He promised to send them a Consoler and Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be with them and to guide them into all truth until the end of the world.

The Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord is celebrated on the 40th day after Easter Sunday. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, and among the oldest and most solemn feasts on the liturgical calendar.

Support Vocations and Seminarians on July 10 by joining us for a round of golf!



Registration is Underway



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John Yourishen Memorial Tournament
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BLUE RIDGE TRAIL GOLF CLUB

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