



The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Weekly E-Newsletter

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Diocese of Scranton to celebrate annual Mother's Day Adoption Mass May 14



*Mother's Day
Adoption Mass*



Sunday, May 14, 2023
10 a.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter,
Scranton

The Diocese of Scranton will celebrate its annual Mother's Day Adoption Mass on Sunday, May 14, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in

Scranton. This liturgy prayerfully recognizes all mothers, with a special emphasis on adoptive and foster mothers. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

The Mother's Day Adoption Mass is open to the public and all faithful are invited to attend.

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast the Mass live. A livestream will also be provided on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and across all Diocesan social media platforms.

"A life without challenges doesn't exist," and that is one reason a child needs a mother, Pope Francis suggested in a recent speech.

Mothers fulfill a vital role by helping children "look realistically at life's problems," without getting "lost in them," the pope said. A mother helps her children "to tackle" problems courageously and to become strong enough to overcome the problems they inevitably confront.

[Click Here for More Information on the Mother's Day Adoption Mass](#)

Hazleton community honors Neil Oberto as compassionate and caring leader



Compassionate. Loving. Caring.

Those are just a few of the adjectives used to describe Neil Oberto as the Hazleton community came together to honor and celebrate the long-time director of Catholic Social Services' Hazleton Office last month.

Hundreds of family, friends and people who have been touched by Oberto's dedication gathered April 29 at the Hazleton Art League for a "Celebration of Service." Oberto worked for Catholic Social Services for nearly 35 years, including 28 years as Hazleton office director, before retiring at the end of January.

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Catholic School students create 'birthday bags' for local children in need



For many young people, their birthday is cause for celebration. Due to high inflation and financial challenges, however, not every family is able to afford the 'extras' associated with a big bash.

Catholic school students from five elementary schools in Lackawanna County recently came together to make sure no local child will be without a proper celebration for their big day.

During different retreat days held in Lent, students at each school brought in items to create 188 "birthday bags" filled with boxed cake mix, icing, sprinkles, candles, balloons and a disposable cake pan.

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month ***Peckville parish to hold special Mass May 16***



Let There Be Light!

Hope and grace amidst mental health challenges

Tuesday, May 16
7:00pm

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
1101 Willow St., Peckville

All are welcome!

ALL ARE INVITED for this special mass bringing to God the prayers, needs, and hopes of anyone experiencing mental health challenges and mental illness, as well as those who care for them.

We also gather in thanks for God's healing presence and for the goodness found in the care and support of those who accompany people living with these challenges.

This event is offered in collaboration with the Northeast and Central PA Chapter of the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers.

For more info, contact Ann O'Brien 570-383-3244 or email outreach@shjpeck.org.

Diocese of Erie to host relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel later this month

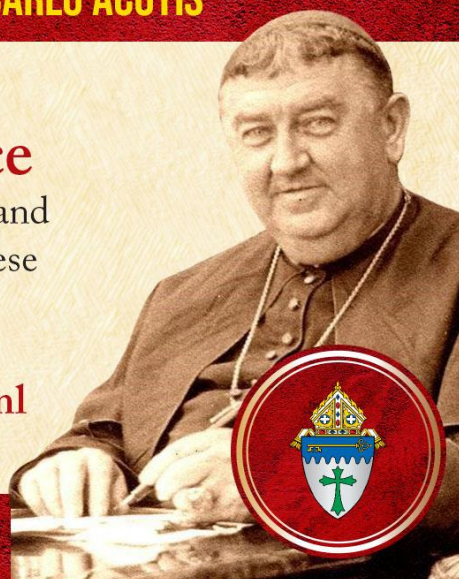


The Diocese of Erie is one of 39 American dioceses with the privilege of hosting the relics of **Blessed Carlo Acutis** *the first millennial to be beatified* and **St. Manuel González García** *the Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle*

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

A Moment of Grace

Visit our site for May tour dates and locations of the relics in the diocese and more information about Blessed Carlo and St. Manuel.
www.ErieRCD.org/relics.html



ST. MANUEL GONZÁLEZ GARCÍA

A relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis — author of the Eucharistic Miracle website as well as the first millennial to be beatified — will be available for veneration at several locations in the Diocese of Erie beginning May 23.

In addition, a relic of St. Manuel González García, known as the Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle, will be included in this event offered as part of the national Eucharistic Revival.

All are invited to take advantage of this inspirational opportunity before the relics leave the United States to continue their global tour in the coming weeks.

[Click Here for a Schedule of When the Relics will be Available for Public Veneration in the Diocese of Erie](#)

True faith is open to others, pope repeatedly says in Hungary



Praising the piety and charity of Hungarian Christians and their commitment to supporting traditional family life, Pope Francis said Christ also calls them to open their hearts — and perhaps their borders — to others in need.

When it comes to the church or to society, isolationism is not Christian, the pope said in a variety of ways during his visit to Budapest, Hungary, April 28-30.

Because of the 86-year-old pope's mobility issues, the trip was confined to the capital and the official schedule was lighter than usual. But, as is normal for the pope, he used part of his long midday breaks and early evenings for private meetings, including with Russian Orthodox Metropolitan Hilarion of Budapest and Hungary.

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

Britain's Catholics prepare for King's upcoming coronation



When King Charles III is crowned May 6 in the gothic splendor of London's ancient Westminster Abbey, it will be one of the year's most watched events.

The coronation has attracted controversy – not the least over its \$125 million price tag during a cost-of-living crisis – even as opinion polls show

dwindling public interest in the monarchy. But despite controversies, it will still be an opportunity to project the soft-power of British royal pageantry and reaffirm Christianity's place in public affairs, including the presence of Britain's small but significant Catholic minority.

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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.

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

Join us for the next Theology on Tap May 11

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THEOLOGY ON TAP

A Young Adult Speaker Series for 21-40 year olds

"We're All In This Together"

EXPLORING THE GIFT OF FAITH IN COMMUNITY

Guest Speakers: Cecilia, Deirdre, &
Kylie - Scranton Echo 18 Apprentices

7PM | MAY 11TH | \$5 COVER
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