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**Weekly E-Newsletter**

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**Bishop Bambera to return to Ghana  
next week for two important reasons**



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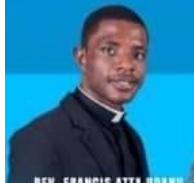
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**VENUE: CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL, SUNYANI**

**DATE: SATURDAY, 8TH JULY, 2023**  
**TIME: 10:00AM**

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Less than one year after making a pastoral visit to the Diocese of Sunyani in Ghana, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, is planning to return to the African nation.

This time, the trip came about simply by coincidence.

“It was not my expectation that I would be traveling back to Ghana in 12 months from my original trip there last August,” Bishop Bambera said. “As providence would have it, the Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue, which I’m very fortunate to co-chair, is being hosted this year by the Pentecostals. This year, the Pentecostals are inviting us to Accra, the capital of Ghana.”

The primary goal of the International Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue is to foster mutual respect and understanding between the Catholic Church and Classical Pentecostal leaders and churches in light of the prayer of Jesus that all may be one (Jn 17:21). Last year, the Dialogue, which was celebrating its 50th anniversary, was hosted by the Catholics in Rome.

Because Bishop Bambera will already be in Ghana to participate in the International Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue from July 13-19, 2023, the Bishop of the Diocese of Sunyani has invited him to return to their diocese one week earlier (July 5-12) for a very special reason.

“When it was made known to the priests of the Diocese of Sunyani that the Dialogue would take place in Ghana, their bishop, Bishop Matthew, asked me if I would honor them by celebrating the Ordination Rite for 14 men who are being ordained to the priesthood for their 50th anniversary year as a diocese,” Bishop Bambera explained.

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## **Rite of Candidacy celebrated for seminarian Thomas Dzwonczyk**



Seminarian Tom Dzwonczyk took an important step closer to becoming a priest on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, after receiving Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders from Bishop Bambera.

The Mass with the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders took place at Marywood University during the annual Quo Vadis Days summer camp.

The Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders is celebrated when a man has reached a maturity of purpose in his formation and demonstrated the necessary qualifications for ordination to the diaconate. In the presence of the bishop, Dzwonczyk publicly expresses his intention to complete his preparation for Holy Orders and also his resolve to fully invest himself to that end, so as to best serve Jesus Christ and his Holy Church.

Please continue to pray for Tom - and all of our seminarians - as they continue on their vocation journey!

[Watch a Video from the Rite of Candidacy Mass Held on June 28, 2023](#)



## **Hundreds attend Ordination Mass for Rev. Michael J. Boris**



Friends, family and clergy from the Diocese of Scranton came together at the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Saturday, June 24, 2023, to celebrate the Ordination Mass for Rev. Michael J. Boris.

After five years of seminary, pastoral work and summer assignments, the Dallas native became the newest priest who will serve the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton.

"I was moved and trying to reflect when the Bishop and then the other priests came and were laying their hands on my head. I was trying to picture how each and every one of them is Christ laying his hands on my head and trying to soothe my anxieties and soothe my heart," Father Boris said.

Looking out at the crowd during his Ordination Mass, Father Boris said he was so thankful to see so many people who helped him on his vocation journey.

"Everybody from my parishes, schools, King's College, seminary at St. Mary's in Baltimore, they've all been spectacular so I'm very grateful," he added.

[Click Here to Watch a Video Interview with Rev. Michael J. Boris  
Following His Ordination Mass](#)

## **World Refugee Day 2023 celebration held in Scranton**



Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton, along with several other community groups, including the Church of Saint Gregory in Clarks Green, came together for the 2023 World Refugee Day celebration at Nay Aug Park in Scranton on Saturday, June 24, 2023.

World Refugee Day is an annual international day designated by the United Nations.

This year's theme was "Hope Away from Home," which focused on the power of inclusion and solutions for refugees.

The event in Scranton featured music, food and fellowship.

[Watch a Video from the 2023 World Refugee Day Celebration in Scranton](#)



## **U.S. Bishops, other Catholics criticize 'Statement of Principles' on abortion by House Democrats**



After more than two dozen Catholic Democratic House lawmakers signed a “statement of principles” advocating for abortion access that cited tenets of their faith as their rationale, the U.S. bishops and other Catholics pushed back, arguing their position was contrary to church teaching.

The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the chairmen of the USCCB’s pro-life and doctrine committees said in a joint statement issued late June 28 that invoking “teachings of the Catholic faith itself as justifying abortion or supporting a supposed right to abortion grievously distort the faith.”

The Second Vatican Council “called abortion an ‘unspeakable crime,’” Stephen White, executive director of The Catholic Project at The Catholic University of America, told OSV News the same day. Kristen Day, executive director of Democrats for Life, said that “as Catholics, it is our duty to live and advance our faith, not excuse or walk away from the faith when faced with political pressure.”



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## Pro-lifers call for action at 'National Celebrate Life Day' rally on Dobbs anniversary



Sheila and David Porter left their home in Newport News, Virginia, at 5 a.m. to celebrate the first anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* in Washington June 24.

Together, the couple attended the 2023 National Celebrate Life Day rally held by national pro-life groups on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. The event commemorated the court's ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* that overturned *Roe*, which legalized abortion nationwide in 1973, and freed states to decide abortion policy.

"I hope next year, this time, that we have much more to celebrate," 64-year-old David told OSV News. "In order to do that, I and the rest of the people that are pro-life have much work to do."

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## Papal peace envoy meets Putin's foreign policy adviser in Moscow



Italian Cardinal Matteo Zuppi met with a Kremlin foreign policy adviser during the peace mission he is making to Moscow on Pope Francis's behalf.

Archbishop Giovanni d'Aniello, the apostolic nuncio to Russia, told reporters June 29 that the mission Pope Francis entrusted to Cardinal Zuppi "is to identify and encourage humanitarian initiatives that will make it possible to begin a journey that, we hope, will lead to the much-desired peace."

Such humanitarian initiatives, he said, were the topic of the cardinal's meeting June 28 with Yuri Ushakov, a foreign policy adviser to Russian President Vladimir Putin and former Russian ambassador to the United States.

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## **With doctor's OK, pope says he is ready for World Youth Day in Lisbon**



With a green light from his doctor, Pope Francis has assured young people that he will be with them in Portugal for World Youth Day despite his recent surgery.

“Some think that because of the illness I won’t go, but the doctor told me that I can go, so I will be with you,” the pope said in a video message released June 22 for pilgrims traveling to Lisbon, Portugal, for World Youth Day Aug. 1-6.

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**As July begins, summer festivals, picnics and  
bazaars kick into high gear!**

*All ages are welcome! Come celebrate the 4th!*

IHM Parish, Dushore

# ANNUAL PICNIC

**July 2nd • Noon til 5**

Under the tent in Dushore above St Basil's Church on the Hill  
Shuttle service to & from church parking lot

**Chicken Dinner \$12 with all the fixins & homemade pies**  
— EAT IN OR TAKEOUT —

## **Finger and Ethnic Foods • Refreshments**

*Cash & Whiskey Raffles, Theme Baskets Galore, Big 6, Instant Bingo, Plush Toy Raffle, Children's Book Bingo - Preschool through 6th grade (1p.m. to 2p.m.)*

*Don't feel like cooking?*

KOC Chicken Barbecue, Friday, June 23rd - 11am til sold out - at the Red light in Dushore, Pa

The Diocese of Scranton has once again solicited information from parishes all around its 11 counties regarding summer festivals, picnics and bazaars that are being planned.

The webpage, which was visited by more than 15,000 people last year, provides a month-by-month listing of events that will be taking place.

The website is continually updated as parishes send in information.

[Click Here for the Summer Festivals, Picnics and Bazaars Webpage](#)

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