



# ***The Catholic Light***

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

## **Weekly E-Newsletter**

**June 8, 2023**

### **Nearly 150 couples celebrate milestone anniversaries at Wedding Anniversary Mass**



When Cindy Korus looked into her husband John's eyes while renewing her wedding vows, tears of joy started to form after being together 50 years.

"I had tears in my eyes, saying what the wife is supposed to say, that 'I take you, John, to be my husband,' because it has been a long time," the Larksville woman explained. "You think 50 years is never going to come but it doesn't take long to get here."

John and Cindy Korus, parishioners of All Saints Parish in Plymouth, were one of 148 couples that participated in the Diocese of Scranton's annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter on June 4, 2023.

The Mass recognizes married couples who are celebrating their 25th and 50th anniversaries this year. In all, the couples participating in the Mass have been married a total of 6,528 years combine.

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**Community invited to participate in  
World Refugee Day celebration June  
24 in Scranton**

# WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2023

*HOPE AWAY FROM HOME*

A WORLD WHERE REFUGEES ARE ALWAYS INCLUDED



**SATURDAY**

**JUNE 24, 2023**

**2:00-4:00PM**

**Location:**

**Nay Aug Park**

(Mulberry Street entrance, across from GCMC Hospital  
and Everhart Museum)

## COME CELEBRATE

World Refugee Day honors the strength, resilience, and courage of millions of refugees throughout the world. Everyone is welcome to come to this free event to share in the rich cultural heritage of the refugee communities in Northeast Pennsylvania.

**Free Family Event - Cultural Music & Dance - Giveaways  
Games & Activities for Kids - Light Refreshments**

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The public is invited to celebrate and honor World Refugee Day!

On Saturday, June 24, 2023, everyone is invited to join local Scranton refugee communities for a time of sharing, learning, fellowship and celebration that honors global refugees. This year's theme is 'Hope Away from Home,' which focuses on the power of inclusion and solutions for refugees.

The event will be held from 2-4 p.m. at Nay Aug Park in Scranton (on the Greenhouse side of Nay Aug Park). The celebration will include cultural songs and music, refreshments, games and activities for kids.

"World Refugee Day is an opportunity to recognize the resilience and courage of refugees around the world. As a community, we must promote empathy and compassion towards those who have been forced to leave their homes and seek safety in a new country," Fikile Ryder, Director of Community for Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton said. "We acknowledge the challenges that refugees face and recognize the need for support and solidarity towards their integration and well-being. It's crucial that we come together to ensure that refugees have access to the resources and support they need to rebuild their lives and contribute to our society."

[For More Information on World Refugee Day](#)

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**Pope doing well after abdominal surgery, asks  
for continued prayers**



Pope Francis had a restful, peaceful first night at Rome's Gemelli hospital after a successful three-hour operation June 7 for a hernia.

He has been informed of the many messages of "closeness and affection" from well-wishers and he "expresses his gratitude, while asking for continued prayers," said Matteo Bruni, director of the Vatican press office, in a written statement June 8.

The medical staff in charge of monitoring the 86-year-old pope's post-operative recovery said that "Pope Francis had a peaceful night, managing to rest extensively," Bruni said.

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**Registration deadline quickly approaching for  
ISLI 2023**





The registration deadline for this month's ISLI (International Student Leadership Institute) is now just days away!

ISLI is a peer-facilitated, faith-based leadership retreat. The retreat is designed to help high school students gain the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in both the leadership and membership roles of task-oriented groups.

It is believed that leadership can be learned and will enhance a student's education and life by improving his or her interpersonal relationships.

ISLI is open to high school students who wish to learn about leadership and improve their already existing decision making and problem-solving skills through the teachings of the Catholic faith.

During the weekend, the students participate in activities that help them learn about positive communication, develop self-motivational skills, learn problem solving and decision making skills, practice leadership behavior, and examine different leadership styles. The students also celebrate Mass together and participate in Eucharistic Adoration.

[HURRY! Click Here to Register Now for ISLI on June 20-23](#)

**Mission work needs funding but isn't about money, pope says**



The pontifical mission societies are called to inspire all Catholics to share the Gospel, a work that requires funding but can never be about money, Pope Francis said.

“Please do not reduce the societies to money,” the pope told the Vatican-based officers and national directors of the societies June 3 during their annual meeting.

The four societies, which operate under and cooperate with the Dicastery for Evangelization, are the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Society of St. Peter Apostle, Holy Childhood Association and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious.

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**Pro-life activists mark Dobbs' first anniversary, advocate for more pregnancy support**



Prior to the first anniversary of a landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn its prior abortion precedent, pro-life activists lauded legislation passed in multiple states while advocating for additional support services for women and families facing unplanned pregnancies.

The Supreme Court issued its historic decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* June 24, 2022, little more than a month after Politico leaked an earlier draft of Justice Samuel Alito's opinion. The leak caused a public firestorm before the court issued its official ruling and is seen as the most significant breach of the court's confidentiality in its history.

The *Dobbs* case involved a Mississippi law banning abortion after 15 weeks, in which the state directly challenged the high court's previous abortion-related precedents in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. The Supreme Court ultimately overturned its own prior rulings, undoing nearly a half-century of its own precedent on the issue.

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**Pope: Quick change of course necessary to  
beat climate change**





A faster change of course away from today's throwaway culture and toward greater care for the common good is necessary to ensure the planet's livability for future generations, Pope Francis said on World Environment Day.

The pope called on people "to move away from the throwaway culture toward ways of living marked by a culture of respect and care; care of creation and care of our neighbors, whether they be near or far from us either geographically or through time.

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**Pope plans to write document dedicated to St. Therese of Lisieux**



Individuals become Christian because they have been touched by Christ's love, not because they have been convinced or coerced by someone else, Pope Francis said.

The Catholic Church needs missionary disciples who have hearts like St. Thérèse of Lisieux and who "draw people to love and bring people closer to God," he told people at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square June 7.

"Let us ask this saint for the grace to overcome our selfishness and for the passion to intercede that Jesus might be known and loved," he said.

The pope continued his series of talks about "zeal" for evangelization by focusing on St. Thérèse, the 19th-century French Carmelite nun who is patron saint of missions and a doctor of the church.

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**Summer Festivals, Picnics and Bazaars page  
has returned to the Diocesan website**

Mary, Mother of God Parish

*Block Party*

**HOLY ROSARY CENTER**

*Ethnic Foods ♦ Games ♦ Raffle Baskets ♦ Wine & Spirits*

★ Friday & Saturday • June 16 & 17 ★

★ Fri. 6 pm–11pm • Sat. 5pm–11pm ★

★ Fri: 6-7pm Veterans Ceremony; 7-11pm Music by Picture Perfect ★

Sat: 5-6:30pm Music by Jim Cerminaro; 7-10pm Music by The Luongo Brothers

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*Rev. Cyril D. Edwards Invites All To Attend!*

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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