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DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Weekly E-Newsletter

July 13, 2023

For 99th year, Solemn Novena to Saint Ann to open in Scranton



On the cusp of its centennial-year celebration in 2024, the 99th annual Solemn Novena to Saint Ann at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Ann in West Scranton, in honor the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will open on Monday, July 17. It will continue with nine days of Eucharistic worship, devotional prayer and preaching, culminating with the celebration of the Feast of Saint Ann on Wednesday, July 26.

Very Rev. Passionist Father Richard Burke, rector of the Saint Ann Passionist Monastery and director of the Saint Ann National Shrine Basilica, announces the guest preachers for this year's Solemn Novena will be Passionist Father Melvin Shorter and Passionist Brother Andre Mathieu.

The clerical speakers will focus their messages of devotion and inspiration on the 2023 Novena theme: "Intimacy with Jesus."

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New parish linkages take effect in Scranton and Dunmore as part of Vision 2030 process



Four parishes in Lackawanna County officially entered into two new linkages this week after two of them said goodbye to their longtime leaders.

The Cathedral of Saint Peter in downtown Scranton and Immaculate Conception Parish in the city's Hill Section came together in a new linkage on Tuesday, July 11, 2023. Father Jeffrey D. Tudgay, J.V., V.E., J.C.L., is now the pastor of both parish communities after the retirement of Father Pat McLaughlin.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish, both in Dunmore, also linked as of the same date. Father David Cappelloni, V.F., is now the pastor of both parishes after the retirement of Father John Doris.

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On second trip to Ghana, Bishop Bambera ordains 14 men to the priesthood



During a four and a-half hour Ordination Mass, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, ordained 14 men to the priesthood in the African nation of Ghana on July 8, 2023.

The Mass, which was celebrated on the lawn of Christ the King Cathedral in Sunyani, was filled with joyful music, singing, dancing and devotion to Jesus Christ.

At the beginning of the Eucharistic celebration, the Most Rev. Matthew Kwasi Gyamfi, Bishop of Sunyani, welcomed Bishop Bambera, noting this year is the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Sunyani.

“For us to celebrate this, I invited a brother bishop, a friend bishop, a bishop who loves this Diocese, a bishop who is already helping many of our priests who have gone to his diocese to study and come back to help us,” Bishop Gyamfi said.

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Vocations Golf Classic tees off for 13th year to support seminarians



The weather could not have been better July 10 as 184 golfers hit the links for the 13th Vocations Golf Classic at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club.

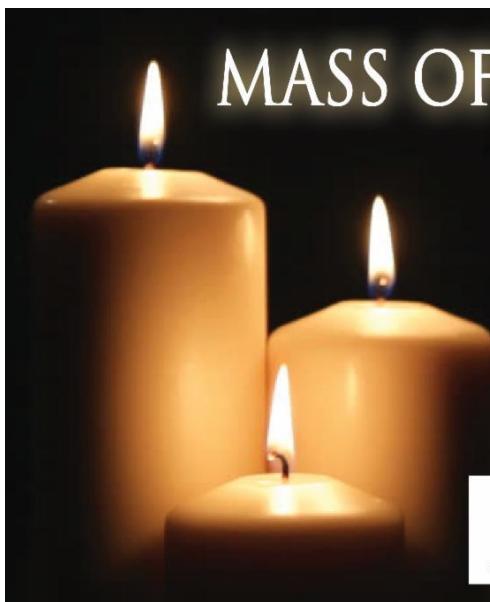
The tournament, held in memory of John A. Yourishen Jr., brought together men and women from every corner of the Diocese of Scranton.

“This tournament is a great way to bring people from East Stroudsburg, Williamsport, the Northern Tier, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre together to recognize that we’re one church,” Rev. Alex Roche, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, explained.

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[Click Here to Watch a Video Featuring this Year's Golf Classic](#)

Register names for Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent/Tragic Death



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter
315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton

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Celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera

- Mass is open to the public -
Mass will also be broadcast live on CTV:
Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident.

The Mass is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming, Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy.

The Mass will be televised on Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton.

[Click Here to Register a Name for the 2023 Mass of Remembrance](#)

**Support Catholic education by turning your
taxes into scholarships**



When Bob and Josie Brown first heard that they could turn their Pennsylvania taxes into Catholic education scholarships, they admitted being a little skeptical.

It almost sounded too good to be true.

"The application process was very easy. I had a few concerns at first and made some phone calls to confirm that our donation would be distributed as intended," Josie said.

Pennsylvania allows qualifying individuals and businesses to use their tax obligations as need-based scholarships for Catholic school students through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program. In many cases, individuals and businesses can receive up to a 90-percent tax credit!

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Fond Farewell: Two longtime Catholic school principals retire



After dedicating 94 years to Catholic school students in the Diocese of Scranton, two long-time principals retired at the end of June.

Jeffrey Lyons, principal of Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg and Ellen Murphy, principal of La Salle Academy in Jessup, each ended a distinguished career in education on June 30, 2023.

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Parishes collect 16,024 diapers and 35,930 wipes to help newborn babies



After learning that Catholic Social Services faced a critical need of diapers and wipes for its Pregnancy and Maternal Health Program, parishioners throughout the Diocese of Scranton responded in an overwhelming way.

Twelve parishes held special collections between Mother's Day (May 14) and Father's Day (June 18) collecting a total of 16,024 diapers and 35,930 wipes to help mothers and families who are struggling to afford one of a child's most basic necessities.

"We have great parishioners. They are so generous. Anytime you ask them to do anything, they are right there," Elayne Totten, a member of the Social Concerns Committee at Saint John Vianney Parish in Montdale, said. "The Catholic Church is always there to help. We've done so many things and this is one of the most important for mothers and babies."

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**Ten parishes will hold
picnics/festivals/bazaars this weekend and
they all begin TONIGHT!**



**FEAST
OF
OUR LADY OF
MOUNT CARMEL
2023**

- . HOMEMADE ITALIAN
FAVORITES**
- . NIGHTLY
ENTERTAINMENT**
- . FIREWORKS* & MORE!**

THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY
JULY 13 JULY 14* JULY 15

BEGINS NIGHTLY AT 5 PM

A CARBONDALE WEST SIDE TRADITION FOR OVER 50 YEARS!



Saint Joseph Marello Parish

237 William Street ~ Pittston, PA

Annual Summer Picnic

July 13, 14, 15 from 5pm to 10pm

Live Entertainment

Thursday - The Taxmen

Friday - The Luongo Bros.

Saturday - Flaxy Morgan

Picnic Favorites

Ethnic Foods, Pizza Fritta,

Potato Pancakes, Indoor Flea

Market, Basket Raffles, Kid Games

and more!

**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
PARISH**

FESTIVAL

**THURSDAY • FRIDAY • SATURDAY
5 PM 'til 11 PM NIGHTLY**

JULY 13-14-15

**116 HUGHES ST. SWOYERSVILLE
GAMES — PRIZES — REFRESHMENTS
DELICIOUS HOMEMADE FOOD**

Thurs. — JOHN STEVENS POLKA BAND
Fri. — SWEET PEPPER AND THE LONG HOTS
Sat. — PICTURE PERFECT

Everyone Welcome!!

SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH

226 S. WASHINGTON ST., WILKES-BARRE (570-823-7736)

Fr. Joseph Verespy, Fr. Fidel Ticona, Fr. Mark DeCelles,
Deacon Michael Golubiewski, Deacon Joseph Sudano, & the Parishioners
Invite Everyone to their

PARISH BAZAAR



Thursday, Friday, Saturday
JULY 13, 14, 15

Opens 6PM Thursday & Friday • Opens after 5PM Mass on Saturday

Live Music 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM: Thursday: Flaxy Morgan
Friday: Kartune • Saturday: Strawberry Jam

Games • Bingo • Fun for All Ages • Giant Flea Market (Opens at 1 PM Thurs.)

Ethnic Food* • Bountiful Baskets • Raffle (1st prize 50-50) + 49 prizes

*Bratwurst, Haluski, Pierogies, Potato Pancakes, Piggies, Pizza, Chicken Wings,
Mexican/Caribbean Food, Fried Dough, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries



This upcoming weekend is a popular time for our parish picnics and bazaars. A total of ten parishes throughout the diocese have festivities planned this weekend!

Four of them actually begin TONIGHT! When you're thinking about dinner this evening - or over the next few days - St. Joseph Marella Parish, St. Nicholas Parish, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish all invite everyone to visit them!

For a fulling listing of all the other parishes hosting picnics/festivals this weekend, click the link below.

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