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## Faithful return to West Scranton for Solemn Novena to Saint Ann



Born and raised just one street over from the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Ann, Kathy Dennebaum feels a deep connection to the annual Solemn Novena. She makes it a priority to attend services each year.

“I’ve had three major intentions that I’ve brought to the Novena and all three of them came to fruition so I’m a firm believer,” she explained.

Each year, an estimated 8,000 to 12,000 people attend the Novena each day.

“This has been a very sacred place since I was a little kid. My grandmother and grandfather had nine children that came here and were all members of this parish until they died,” Dennebaum added. “I just like to come and listen to the priests when they speak. A lot of times it’s very meaningful.”

The West Scranton native, who has been married to her husband Mark for 45 years, now bring their own grandson to experience the peace that comes from the prayerful place.

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## Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Hunlock Creek to celebrate 100th anniversary

*Join Bishop Bambera*

*for the*

**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS**

*of*

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish  
in Hunlock Creek**



**Saturday, July 22, 2023 • 4:00 p.m.**

**RECEPTION FOLLOWING IN  
THE PAVILION AFTERWARD**

The faithful of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Hunlock Creek will gather this weekend to celebrate the 100th anniversary of their parish.

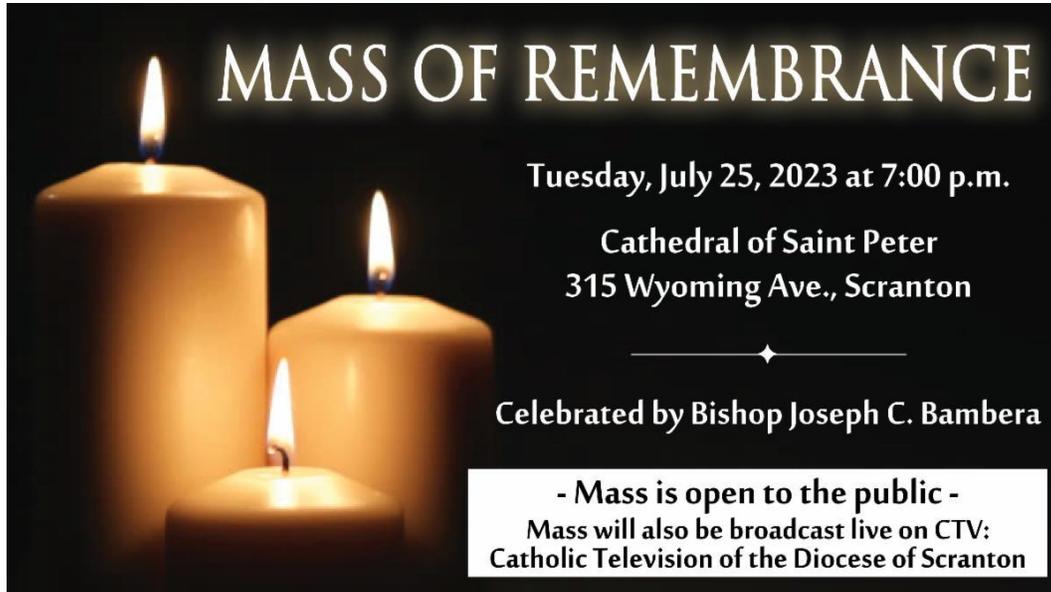
The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate a special Mass on Saturday, July 22 at 4 p.m. with a reception following in the pavilion.

The Mass will serve as a kick-off event to celebrate the coming year, in which the spiritual theme will be "Echoing Mary's Magnificat for over 100 Years."

Doors for the centennial Mass celebration will open around 2 p.m. on Saturday and preludes will begin at 3:15 p.m.

[Click Here for More Information on Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish](#)

## **All are invited to the Diocese of Scranton's annual Mass of Remembrance on Tuesday**



**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.

[Find This Information on the Mass of Remembrance on the Diocese of Scranton website](#)

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**Abuse allegations down, but challenges remain, says U.S. Bishops in report**

# 2022

## ANNUAL REPORT

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



SECRETARIAT  
OF CHILD  
AND YOUTH  
PROTECTION

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CATHOLIC BISHOPS

JULY 2023

Report on the Implementation of the  
**CHARTER FOR THE  
PROTECTION OF  
CHILDREN AND  
YOUNG PEOPLE**

Abuse allegations against Catholic clergy and religious in the U.S. declined last year, but challenges remain regarding protecting vulnerable adults and ensuring online safety, according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

On July 14, the USCCB’s Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection released the “2022 Annual Report – Findings and Recommendations on the Implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.”

USCCB President Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of Military Services said in his preface the report was “a milestone accounting of the continued efforts in the ministry of protection, healing, and accompaniment.”

The document – covering the period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022 – consists of a progress report from the secretariat; an audit report

conducted by the Rochester, New York-based consultants StoneBridge Business Partners; and a survey of abuse allegations and costs by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University.

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## **Papal envoy gives Biden letter from Pope Francis, urges U.S. leaders to support peace**



Cardinal Matteo Zuppi hand-delivered a letter from Pope Francis to U.S. President Joe Biden as part of his three-day papal mission to help promote humanitarian efforts and open avenues of peace in Ukraine.

The pope had sent the cardinal, who is archbishop of Bologna and president of the Italian bishops' conference, to Washington July 17-19 for meetings with top church and government leaders, including members of the U.S. Helsinki Commission and the Senate Prayer Breakfast.

Cardinal Zuppi and other members of a Vatican delegation went to the White House July 18 “where they were received by President Joseph R. Biden, to whom Cardinal Zuppi delivered a letter from the Holy Father, emphasizing the pope’s sorrow for the suffering caused by the war,” said a Vatican communique published July 19.

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## **Global status of religious liberty 'dire,' House lawmakers warn**



U.S. House lawmakers called the global status of religious liberty “dire” during a hearing July 18, citing concerns across the globe from China to Nicaragua.

At a hearing of the Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations titled, “The Dire State of Religious Freedom Around the World,” lawmakers identified several countries where religious freedom is “under serious assault,” subcommittee chairman Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., said.

“Tragically, billions of people around the world – half of the world’s population – are not able to practice their faith freely,” Smith said at the hearing. “Many

are persecuted by oppressive governments or extremist groups – brutally attacked, tortured, jailed, and even slaughtered for their beliefs.”

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## **Federal death penalty ban reintroduced in Congress**



A bill to ban the use of capital punishment by the federal government was reintroduced in Congress, where it faces steep odds for passage.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., who is also Senate majority whip and chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee; and Rep. Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass., reintroduced July 13 their bill, the Federal Death Penalty Prohibition Act, bicameral legislation that would prohibit the use of the death penalty at the federal level and require re-sentencing for those individuals currently on death row.

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## Pope visits summer camp for kids of Vatican employees



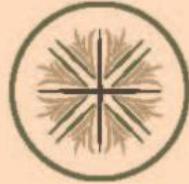
Treated to songs, gifts and a paper medallion designating him “hero,” Pope Francis visited children attending a summer camp at the Vatican.

About 250 children of Vatican employees welcomed the pope, who greeted the children and counselors, and posed for pictures July 18. He spoke to the kids, who ranged in age from 5 to 13, and answered their questions, according to a report by Vatican News.

“What message can we bring to our heroes, our parents?” a young boy named Edoardo asked. Pope Francis invited them to show gratitude and always tell their parents, “Thank you,” for all they do to raise them.

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## Lackawanna County parish holding summer festival this weekend



Saint Eulalia  
— PARISH —

# SUMMER FESTIVAL

**JULY 21-22**  
**5-10 p.m.**

*Homemade Food, Grandma's Attic, & more...*

### WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT:

**FRI., JULY 21**

**6-7 PM**

» Electric City Steel  
Drum Project

**7-10 PM**

» Between the Velvet Lies  
(classic rock)

**SAT., JULY 22**

**5-6:30 PM**

» Alex the Crooner

**7-10 PM**

» Electric Rewind  
(classic rock)

**214 Blue Shutters Road, Roaring Brook Township**  
**sainteulalias.com**

Saint Eulalia Parish will hold its Summer Festival July 21 & 22, from 5 to 10 p.m., on the church picnic grounds at 214 Blue Shutters Road in Roaring Brook Township.

The two-day event will feature homemade ethnic foods, beer pavilion, Grandma's Attic flea market, tricky tray basket raffles, bake sale, arts & crafts boutique, summer cash raffle and small games of chance. Children's games & attractions include face painting and pony rides.

Friday musical entertainment features the Electric City Steel Drum Project from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by the classic rock band Beneath the Velvet Lies from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday's music will be provided by Alex "The Crooner" Nebraski, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., and Electric Rewind (classic rock), 7 to 10 p.m.

The festival's 13th Annual Jerry Mahon 5K event through the Roaring Brook/Elmhurst area begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Registration is online only at [sainteulalias.com/festival-and-5k](http://sainteulalias.com/festival-and-5k). For more information, call the parish office (570) 842-7656.

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

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