



The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Weekly E-Newsletter

August 10, 2023

**During National Eucharistic Revival,
faithful encouraged to participate in
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Training**

**Extraordinary Minister
of Communion**

TRAINING SESSION

August 19

9AM-3PM

Diocesan Pastoral Center



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**Ministro Extraordinario
de Sagrada Comunión
SESIÓN DE ENTRENAMIENTO**

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9AM-3PM
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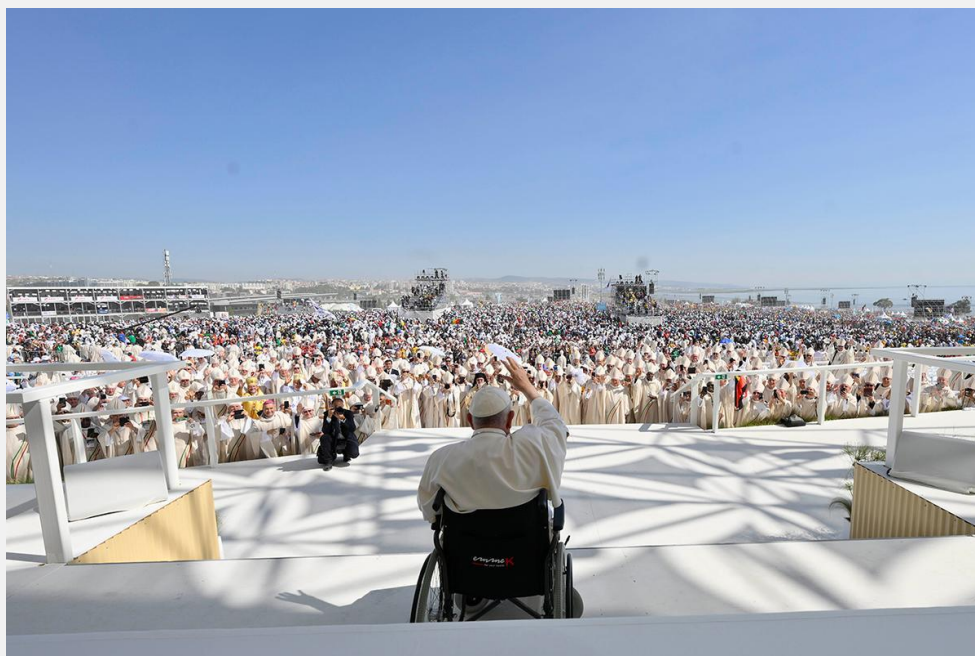


A training session for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be offered on Saturday, Aug. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton.

This all-day training session is based on the Liturgical Ministry Resource created by the Diocesan Office for Parish Life, and covers the theology of the Eucharist and the Mass, the history and spirituality of the ministry, as well as the particular functions of the Extraordinary Minister of Communion, and how to properly prepare and carry out this ministry.

Candidates for the training should have the approval of his or her pastor/parish life coordinator. There is no fee for the training, and lunch will be provided.

[Click Here to Register for the Eucharistic Minister Training Session on Aug. 19](#)



Don't Be Afraid To Change The World, Pope Tells Youths At WYD Closing Mass

To end “Catholic Woodstock” – as World Youth Day has been called by the Portuguese press – Pope Francis told 1.5 million weary-eyed and sleep-deprived young people in Lisbon not to let their “great dreams” of changing the world be “stopped by fear.”

In his homily for the closing Mass of World Youth Day Aug. 6, the pope asked for “a bit of silence” from the pilgrims who, after staying overnight in Lisbon’s Tejo Park following the previous night’s vigil, at 6 a.m. were already dancing to techno music mixed by a DJ priest before the pope’s arrival.

“Let’s all repeat this phrase in our hearts: ‘Don’t be afraid,’” he told the hushed crowd. “Jesus knows the hearts of each one of you, the successes and the failures, he knows your hearts,” Pope Francis said. “And today he tells you, here in Lisbon for this World Youth Day: ‘Don’t be afraid.’”

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

World Youth Day 2027 Will Be In Seoul, South Korea, Pope Announces

World Youth Day is returning to Asia in 2027 and will be hosted in Seoul, South Korea.

Pope Francis announced the location Aug. 6 to some 1.5 million pilgrims who attended the closing Mass of World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon.

“The next World Youth Day will take place in Asia. It will be in South Korea, in Seoul,” he said to cheers from the estimated 1,000 South Korean pilgrims, many of them proudly waving their country’s flag.



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National Day Of Remembrance For Aborted Children Program planned for Sept. 9

To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children **Saturday Sept. 9 2023**

On Saturday, September 9, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion

Date & Time
Saturday, September 9, noon

Location
Cathedral Cemetery
1708 Oram Street
Scranton, PA 18504

Special Details
Testimony by Geri Featherby
Music by Michael Corsini
Prayers & Rosary

Bring lawn chairs

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Copyright © 2023 National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, a joint project of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society and the Pro-Life Action League.

For more information on this event, visit NationalDayOfRemembrance.org

A solemn memorial service will be held at the Cathedral Cemetery, 1708 Oram Street, Scranton, as part of the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on Sept. 9, 2023.

Special Guests include Geri Featherby and musician/artist Michael Corsini. There will be a special time of prayer and worship.

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Biden Administration Criticized Over Abortion Rule In Law Meant To Protect Pregnant Workers

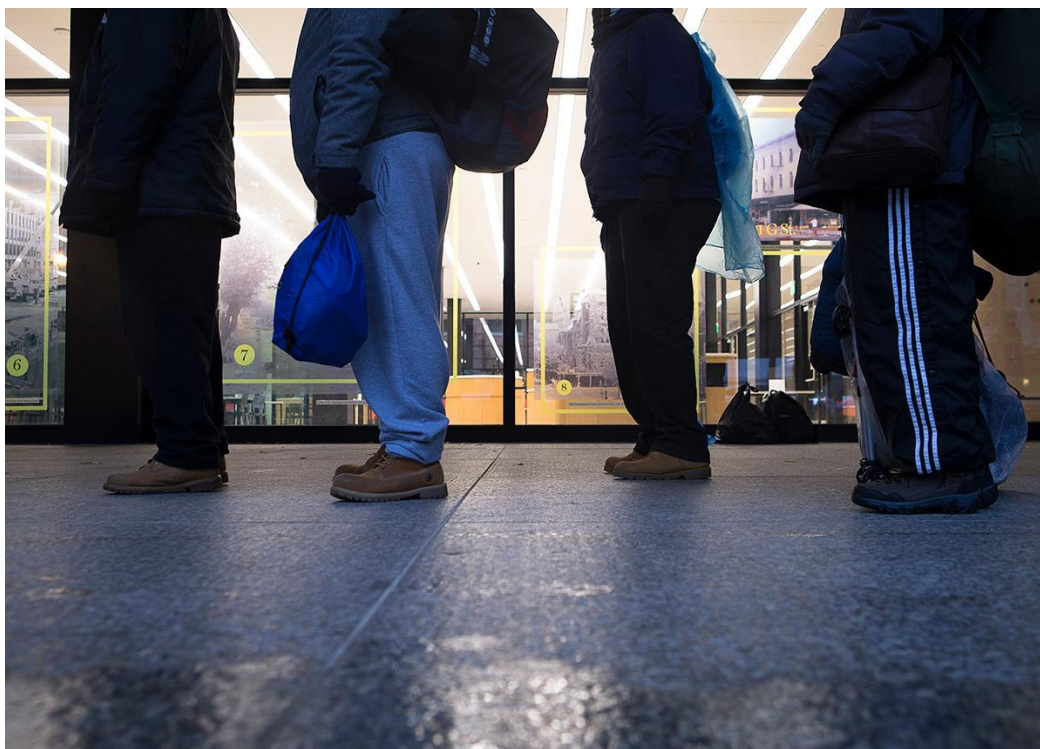


The Biden administration has drawn criticism for its inclusion of abortion in a proposed rule for a bipartisan law guaranteeing protections for pregnant workers that had the support of Catholic, pro-life and Republican leaders.

The bipartisan Pregnant Workers Fairness Act was passed by Congress Dec. 27, 2022, signed into law by President Joe Biden Dec. 29 and went into effect in June. The law prohibits employment practices that discriminate against making reasonable accommodations for qualified employees due to their pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions.

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U.S. Bishops' Chairman For International Justice And Peace Calls For Global Leaders To Ensure Food Security For All



In 2022, an estimated 258 million people in 58 countries experienced crisis-level acute hunger, according to the World Food Programme (WFP), the global humanitarian organization addressing food security. Russia's recent decision no longer to allow Ukraine to export tons of grain means more people are likely to go hungry. In response to the rising concern, Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on International Justice and Peace, calls on global leaders to do more to ensure food security for all. Bishop Malloy's full statement follows:

“Globally, food insecurity has risen in the last few years due to the impacts of the pandemic, natural disasters, economic downturns, but especially due to conflict. Ukraine, prior to the Russian invasion, was considered ‘Europe’s breadbasket,’ shipping significant amounts of wheat, corn and barley, and

almost half of the world's sunflower oil through ports on the Black Sea. When Russia invaded Ukraine, those ports were blocked.

“From July 2022, the Black Sea Grain Initiative (BSGI), the UN-brokered agreement between Russia and Ukraine, allowed Ukraine to export about 33 million tons of grain and other agricultural products. Russia's decision to withdraw from the BSGI and its bombing of grain storage facilities in Ukraine will greatly impact the availability of food supplies at a time when more people are in dire need of food. With the number of forcibly displaced people at a record high, the World Food Programme estimates 345 million people will face acute hunger this year, with 129,000 potentially facing famine in places like Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, the Horn of Africa, and Myanmar.

“Recognizing this critical need, Pope Francis has said, ‘The blocking of grain exports from Ukraine, on which the lives of millions of people depend, especially in the poorest countries, is of great concern. I make a heartfelt appeal that every effort be made to resolve this issue and to guarantee the universal human right to food. Please do not use wheat, a staple food, as a weapon of war!’

“The food crisis is intertwined with persistence of conflicts. I join with our Holy Father in calling on global leaders to look beyond narrow national interests, focus on the common good, and join in ensuring that critical food supplies can flow to those most in need. The most vulnerable are crying in hunger. With the compassion of Christ, we need to heed their cries and help.”

[Click Here to Read this Story on the Diocese of Scranton website](#)

Pope's Peace Day Message To Focus On Ethical Concerns Over AI



Signaling the Vatican's growing engagement in efforts to ensure the ethical development of new technologies, the Vatican has announced that "Artificial Intelligence and Peace" will be the theme for the next World Day of Peace, which is scheduled for Jan. 1, 2024.

"The remarkable advances made in the field of artificial intelligence are having a rapidly increasing impact on human activity, personal and social life, politics and the economy," the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development said in a statement released Aug. 8.

"Pope Francis calls for an open dialogue on the meaning of these new technologies, endowed with disruptive possibilities and ambivalent effects," the statement said.

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

**This Weekend is a Big Weekend for
Parish Festivals, Bazaars and Picnics!**

SUMMER FEST '23

The Parish Community of
Saint John the Evangelist, Pittston, PA

AUGUST 10 • 11 • 12, 2023

Thursday, Friday, Saturday • 5:00 to 10:00 PM

Parish Grounds and Pastoral Center on Church and Broad Streets - Rain or Shine



Entertainment Nightly

Thurs. - The Tax Men

Fri. - Sweet Pepper & The Long Hots

Sat. - Flaxy Morgan

Delicious Ethnic & American Foods • Variety Booths

Bingo • Children's Games • Raffles • Baked Goods



70TH ANNUAL ST. JUDE PARISH PICNIC IN THE GROVE



AUGUST 11, 12 & 13

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY ~ 4:00 PM-10:00 PM
SUNDAY ~ 12:00 NOON-8:00 PM**

MUSIC • FOOD • GAMES • THEME BASKETS

ENTERTAINMENT

**FRIDAY 6:00-9:00 PM ~ ROCKAHOLIX
SATURDAY 6:00-9:00 PM ~ DJ MIKE
SUNDAY 12:30-3:30 PM ~ JOHN STEVENS POLKA BAND**



**ST. JUDE PARISH GROVE ~ 420 S. MOUNTAIN BLVD,
MOUNTAIN TOP ~ RT. 309**



SS. Anthony & Rocco Italian Festival

ST. ROCCO'S CHURCH,
122 KURTZ ST. DUNMORE

AUGUST 11, 12, & 13, 2023

Food, Games and Live Entertainment!

FRIDAY:

6:00 P.M.: DUNMORE HIGH SCHOOL

MARCHING UNITS AND CHEERLEADERS

7:00 P.M.: "PICTURE PERFECT"

SATURDAY:

7:00 P.M.: "POPSTAR DRIVE"

SUNDAY:

FEAST DAY MASS — 12:00 NOON FOLLOWED
BY PROCESSION WITH STATUES AT 1:00 P.M.

2:30 P.M.: VINSKO ENTERTAINMENT

5:30 P.M.: SCRANTON PREP CHEERLEADERS

6:00 P.M.: "THE LUONGO BROTHERS BAND"

9:00 P.M.: FIREWORKS DISPLAY

9:30 P.M.: ALL RAFFLE DRAWINGS

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH BAZAAR

Friday: 6PM-10PM Saturday: 5PM-10PM
Sunday: 3PM-8PM

ON THE PARISH GROUNDS, NESBITT STREET, LARKSVILLE, PA

FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY
August 11 • 12 • 13



Live Music Nightly

Friday - John Stevens' Polka Band 7pm-10pm

Saturday - George Tarasek 7pm-10pm

Sunday - Late Arrival 5pm-8pm

REFRESHMENTS + AWARDS + GAMES

50+ THEME BASKETS

*Large Variety of Polish, Slovak &
American Foods, including Sausage,
Funnel Cakes & More!*

**We make our own Potato Pancake batter, Haluski Noodles,
Pierogies, Clam Chowder, Rice Pudding, Desserts & More.
We even peel and cut our own French Fries.**





This weekend is another big weekend for parish festivals!

The fun kicks off this evening at Saint John the Evangelist in Pittston with delicious ethnic and American foods, children's games, variety booths and more.

A number of other parishes will have their events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as well!

You and your family is invited to all of the upcoming events that parishes have submitted to the Diocese of Scranton Communications Office.

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

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