



# ***The Catholic Light***

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

**Weekly E-Newsletter**

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## **Follow the journey of our World Youth Day pilgrims online**



For the last several days, twenty-one pilgrims from the Diocese of Scranton have been deepening their faith and exploring Portugal as part of World Youth Day 2023. This coming weekend, they will be amongst the estimated 1.5 million young Catholics who will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis.

After leaving on Friday evening, the pilgrims arrived early Saturday morning and began their pilgrimage by exploring Santarem, the site of a Eucharistic miracle and then visiting Fatima. The group celebrated Mass

with Cardinal Sean O'Malley from Boston at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima and attended the nightly candlelight prayer service and procession of Our Lady of Fatima.

As the delegation travelled to Lisbon, the site of World Youth Day itself, the Diocese of Scranton pilgrims met up with Bishop Jeff Walsh (a native of Scranton) who is leading 13 pilgrims from his new diocese, the Diocese of Gaylord, Mich., and spent time touring Old City Lisbon and visiting many of the churches.

On Wednesday, the pilgrims went to catechesis sessions, attended Taize prayer, explored more of Lisbon's historic churches and ended the night with the Holy Hour for U.S. pilgrims which was led by Bishop Robert Barron.

You can follow along with our local pilgrim's journey on the Diocese of Scranton website. Simply click the link below and the latest updates our pilgrims send will be posted on that page!

[Click Here to See Photos and Watch Videos of our Local Pilgrims at World Youth Day 2023 in Portugal](#)



## **Awaken The 'Weary' Church By Becoming 'Restless,' Pope Says In Portugal**

A Catholic Church that has grown weary in countries shaken by the clerical sexual abuse crisis and cultural trends toward secularism must look anew to Jesus to revive their "restless" enthusiasm for sharing the Gospel, Pope Francis said.

"Now is the God-given time of grace to sail boldly into the sea of evangelization and of mission," the pope told Portuguese bishops, priests, religious and pastoral workers after praying



vespers at the Jerónimos Monastery in Lisbon Aug. 2, the first day of his trip to Portugal.

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## Lisbon Basks In Joy As World Youth Day Opens

Joyful, singing crowds were walking through Lisbon long after the opening Mass of World Youth Day 2023 was over Aug. 1. The atmosphere surprised even those that lived in the Portuguese capital throughout their lives.

“All those people are now on the streets, it’s really exhilarating! I don’t think it will happen in my lifetime again that so many pilgrims come to my city!” Concha Sousa, a Portuguese volunteer of WYD 2023, told OSV News.







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## **Saint Francis Kitchen reopens after renovation project**



Nearly 40 years after Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen opened its doors in its current location, the facility recently underwent a “once in a generation renovation” to ensure its mission continues for decades to come.

After ten weeks of renovation, the kitchen officially reopened on Monday, July 31, 2023.

“This renovation will not only allow us to serve our brothers and sisters in need in a dignified way for another generation but will prepare us for future expansion,” Rob Williams, Executive Director of Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, said. “This organization is primed and ready to serve God and His people in ways that we cannot yet imagine. We were founded by and through God’s inspiration and we will continue to serve Him and His beloved people in every way possible.”

[Click Here to View a Facebook Photo Album of the 'Grand Reopening' of Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen on July 31, 2023](#)

## **Annual Convention Mass Challenges Knights Of Columbus To Be Eucharistic, Bring Christ To Others**



Amid the swirl of incense and the fanfare of brass orchestra and choir singing a triumphal “Te Deum,” several hundred clergy processed into the

opening Mass for the Knights of Columbus 2023 annual convention, escorted by uniformed fourth-degree Knights.

“I welcome all of you to this place and home of faith,” Bishop John G. Noonan of Orlando, the chief celebrant of the Aug. 1 Mass, welcoming the 2,300 Knights and family members in the temporary sanctuary where an icon of Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd looked out over the gathering.

The Knights of Columbus 141st Supreme Convention held Aug. 1-3 in Orlando gathered Knights, both lay and clergy, from all over the globe at the Orlando World Center Marriott, showing its international reach and “Catholic” nature of the brotherhood, encompassing men of diverse cultures, languages and continents all held together by the same faith in Jesus Christ.

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## **Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference begins tomorrow**

# SCRANTON CCR CONFERENCE 2023 AUGUST 4,5,6



*Are you in need of **Renewal ?**  
**Refreshment** for your spirit? There  
is **new life** and **healing** available to  
everyone in the Holy Spirit!*



Catholic Charismatic Renewal Diocese of Scranton  
University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania

## Conference 2023

*“Heal me, O Lord,  
And I shall be healed” Jer 17:14*



Sr. Lukaszewicz



Deborah DeRosia



Bob Valiante



Bob Canton

**August 4, 5, & 6, 2023**

**All are Welcome!**

Full weekend Pre-Registration \$60.

Daily Registration available during the event at the U of S!

**For more information, go to [ccrscranton.org/conference](https://ccrscranton.org/conference)**

Come join in this  
celebration and  
renewal of faith  
with Praise, Worship,  
Daily Mass,  
Adoration,  
Inspired Teaching by  
An International  
group  
of Speakers!

There is still time to register for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal's 2023 Conference which will take place Aug 4-6 at The University of Scranton.

All are welcome to join together for a weekend of worship, teaching and prayer focused on healing!



Among those scheduled to speak include: Mother Lucy Lukasiewicz, Deborah DeRosia, Bob Valiante and Bob Canton.

Please plan to join us as the Scranton Conference celebrates 41 years serving the Church!

[Click Here to Learn More about the Speakers, Schedule or to Register Online](#)

## **As Record Heat Scorches The Globe, Climate Advocates Urge Catholics To Take Action**



When the temperature outside is so high that even Texans joke about baking bread in their mailbox – as one Houston-area grandmother recently pretended to do, quickly going viral – it's fair to say there's perhaps more to the widespread and ongoing heat wave than typical summer doldrums.

More than 80 million Americans are currently under dangerous heat advisories. Temperatures in California's Death Valley hover around 120



degrees Fahrenheit at midnight. Setting a city record, Phoenix as of July 31 had seen 31 straight days of heat over 110 F, the cause of 25 deaths, as confirmed by health officials July 22.

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

## **Pope To Russia: Destroying Grain, Creating Hunger Is 'Grave Offense To God'**



Destroying grain is a “grave offense to God,” Pope Francis said, appealing to authorities in Russia as “my brothers” and urging them to resume cooperating with a United Nations’ initiative to guarantee the safe transport of grain out of Ukraine.

“Let us not cease to pray for beleaguered Ukraine, where the war is destroying everything, even grain,” he said after praying the Angelus with people gathered in St. Peter’s Square July 30, 2023.

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## Human Trafficking Is Modern-Day Slavery That Can Happen Just Around The Corner, Say Advocates For Victims



Human trafficking doesn't happen only in far away places where human rights are neglected. It happens around the corner.

It's modern-day slavery, say those working to stop it around the world.

“Slavery didn’t end in the United States with the Civil War and the 13th Amendment in 1865. Legal slavery ended,” said Greg Burke, a former Vatican spokesman who develops strategic partnerships for the anti-slavery charity Arise, which has offices in London and the U.S. “What continues to this day is people — most of them young women — being enslaved in massage parlors, nail salons and prostitution rings, working to pay off massive debts they owe to the people who have tricked and trafficked them.”

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## **Kerry Alys Robinson Named As Next Catholic Charities USA President And CEO**



Kerry Alys Robinson has been named as the next president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, the organization representing the interests of its 167 member organizations dedicated to carrying out the domestic humanitarian work of the Catholic Church in the United States.

When Robinson, currently an executive partner of Leadership Roundtable, begins her tenure Aug. 23, she becomes the second layperson and second woman ever to lead CCUSA, the group said.

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## **Parish picnics, festivals and bazaars continue in August**

# ST. AL'S

CHURCH



# BAZAAR

## AUGUST 3, 4 & 5

**THURS 6-10**

MUSIC BY

**TRIPLE FRET**

**FRI 6-10**

MUSIC BY

**FLAXY MORGAN**

**SATURDAY 5-11**

MUSIC BY

**STRAWBERRY JAM**

**St. Aloysius Church, 143 W. Division St. Wilkes-Barre**  
(corner of Barney & Division) • [facebook.com/bellarmino.aloysius](https://facebook.com/bellarmino.aloysius)

Even though the calendar has turned to August, there are still plenty of parish festivals, picnics and bazaars to take place before the end of the summer.



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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