



The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Weekly E-Newsletter

September 7, 2023

'Be An Original' Diocesan Youth Rally to be held Oct. 7 in Scranton

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON YOUTH RALLY

BE AN ORIGINAL



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2023 | 10AM - 7:00PM

Diocese of Scranton Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton PA 18503

OPEN TO YOUTH IN 7TH-12TH GRADE



Sessions for Youth & Adults | Opportunities for Praise & Worship

Lunch & Dinner Provided | Adoration & Closing Mass

Music from Thomas Muglia | Keynote from Steve Angrisano

Closing Mass 5:30 PM | St. Peter's Cathedral

On Saturday, Oct. 7, the Diocese of Scranton is hosting the 'Be An Original' Diocesan Youth Rally at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton.

Inspired by Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first Millennial saint, the theme for the day is 'Be An Original' - calling to mind our giftedness and our identity in Christ.

The one-day event will feature live music, breakout sessions, interactive exhibits and prayer experiences as well as a keynote address from Steve Angrisano, a nationally known speaker.

The event is open to students in 7th - 12th grade and adult chaperones. The cost of the day is just \$20 per student/\$25 per adult.

[Click Here for More Information or to Register for the Diocesan Youth Rally](#)

'Be a Catholic Man Conference' to take place Oct. 7 in Wilkes-Barre



Catholic men from around the Diocese of Scranton are invited to the eighth annual "Be A Catholic Man Conference" on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at Holy Redeemer High School.

The daylong conference will begin at 8 a.m. and run until 3 p.m.

All men are encouraged to join together in fortitude and strength in professing our Catholic Faith. As the world becomes increasingly hostile to Catholic teaching, Saint Polycarp reminds us to “Follow the example of the Lord, being firm and unchangeable in the Faith.” Furthermore, Saint Paul advises us to “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day, having done everything, to hold your ground.”

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate Mass at 1:45 p.m. before the conference officially closes. There will also be opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction.

The conference will feature a dynamic line-up of speakers. They include Mark Houck, Fr. John Anthony Boughton, C.F.R., and Sam Blair.

[Click Here for More Information or to Register for the "Be A Catholic Man Conference"](#)

Across the nation, aborted children will be remembered and mourned this weekend



A coast-to-coast observance this month commemorates the souls of children lost to abortion.


The National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children takes place Sept. 9, with services and gatherings at some 225 locations across the country. About 56 of those locations are gravesites for the remains of aborted children, while the majority are memorials.

Now in its 15th year, the event — annually held on the second Saturday of September — is jointly sponsored by two Midwestern-based organizations, Citizens for a Pro-life Society in Michigan and the Pro-Life Action League in Illinois.

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Local services on Sept. 9 to commemorate Remembrance Day for abortion victims

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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For more information on this event, visit NationalDayOfRemembrance.org

The Diocese of Scranton will participate in the 11th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on Saturday, Sept. 9, when pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the nearly 65 million unborn victims of abortion since its legalization in 1973.

Diocesan observances on Sept. 9 will include a Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion at noon at Cathedral Cemetery, 1708 Oram St., Scranton. For more information, contact Theresa Baux (570) 687-5329.

Later in the day, at 1:30 p.m., a remembrance service will be held at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 612 Mount Olivet Road, Carverton.

The pro-life gathering will take place at Mount Olivet's Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb for the Unborn," located at the top of the hill on the cemetery grounds. The Rosary will be recited in remembrance of all aborted babies.

All faithful are welcome to attend both events.

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: "For People Living On the Margins"



Society has slipped into a culture of indifference so pervasive that "our necks are going to get stiff" from constantly turning away from the suffering of marginalized people, Pope Francis said.

The pope's prayer intention for the month of September is dedicated to "people living on the margins," and in his video message, he lamented the "throwaway culture" of today's world which prioritizes economic growth over the wellbeing of people.

"How is it that we allow throwaway culture — in which millions of men and women are worth nothing compared to economic goods — how is it that we allow this culture to dominate our lives, our cities, our way of life?" the pope asked.

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Pope recounts the joy, goodness, humility he saw in Mongolia



Pope Francis said he knows people wonder why he traveled close to 6,000 miles to Mongolia to visit a Catholic community of only 1,450 people.

"Because it is precisely there, far from the spotlight, that we often find the signs of the presence of God, who does not look at appearances, but at the

heart,” he told thousands of people gathered in St. Peter’s Square for his weekly general audience Sept. 6.

Following his usual practice of speaking about a trip at the first audience after his return, the pope said that during his Sept. 1-4 stay the country’s capital, Ulaanbaatar, he encountered “a humble and joyful church, which is in the heart of God,” but one that was excited to find itself at the center of the universal church’s attention for a few days.

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Excitement about 2024's National Eucharistic Congress is growing, official says



Local and national organizers of the National Eucharistic Congress – which will take place in Indianapolis July 17-21, 2024 – have been meeting virtually for some time.

But for the first time, scores of them met in person in Indianapolis Aug. 30 at Lucas Oil Stadium, where in less than a year tens of thousands Catholics will gather for the closing Mass of the historic event — the first such event in 83 years. The congress will launch the third year of a three-year National Eucharistic Revival, an initiative of the U.S. Catholic bishops to renew devotion to the Eucharist.

“The Holy Spirit is inviting the United States to find unity and renewal through a grassroots National Eucharistic Revival,” Jaime Reyna, event lead for the National Eucharistic Congress, said, quoting remarks from a letter written by executive director Tim Glemkowski. “This movement — discerned and approved by the bishops of the U.S. — is critical to rekindling a living faith in the hearts of Catholics across America, unleashing a new missionary chapter at this pivotal moment in church history. ... The goal is to start a fire, not a program.”

More than 25,000 have already registered for the event, said Reyna.

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**Parishes in Dalton and Williamsport
holding fundraisers this weekend**

St Boniface Activities Committee
PRESENTS
The 55th Annual

ST BONIFACE CHURCH

CARNIVAL

Nightly Sit-Down Dinners in Gym 4-7pm

Take Outs Available Every Night

**White Elephant Sale inside school gym
4-8pm**

***Annual Raffle Drawing Final Night @10pm
need not be present to win***

SEPTEMBER 7 - 8 - 9

FOOD - GAMES - RIDES - BINGO - PIEROGIES

Beef, Meatball, Hot Sausage Sandwiches, Hot dog, Ham & Cheese
Pretzel Roll, Pizza, French Fries, Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream
& our homemade Pierogies

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SAT. SEP 9	SUN. SEP 10
5 - 10 PM PORK BAR-B-CUE ~ LIVE MUSIC ~	Noon - 6 PM Chicken BAR-B-CUE ~ LIVE MUSIC ~
THE JOHN QUINN TRIO	THE QUIET MEN
RAFFLES, LOTS OF BASKETS! PLENTY OF FOOD...FUN FOR ALL!	

With the month of September now upon us, the season of summer picnics is quickly turning into fall festivals.

Saint Boniface Parish in Williamsport will hold its 55th annual Church Carnival beginning tonight on the grounds of Saint Boniface, 326 Washington Blvd., Williamsport.

Our Lady of the Abingtons Parish in Dalton will hold its annual Fall Festival on Saturday and Sunday on the church grounds located off Seminary Road.

[Click Here for the Listing of Fall Festivals For the Month of September](#)

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