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World Mission Sunday Mass to be held at Cathedral of Saint Peter on Oct. 22

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY MASS

Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 12:15 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton



Principal Celebrant: The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton

Homilist: Deacon Edward Kelly,
Interim Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies



CTV: CATHOLIC TELEVISION WILL PROVIDE LIVE COVERAGE OF THE MASS

A Pontifical Mass in celebration of World Mission Sunday will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Peter at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will be the principal celebrant. Deacon Edward Kelly, Interim Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, will be the homilist.

All people of goodwill are invited to attend the Mass.

CTV: Catholic Television will provide a live broadcast the Mass. The Mass will also be livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and across all Diocesan social media platforms.

[Read More About World Mission Sunday from The Catholic Light](#)

Bradford County resident chosen as 2023 Catholic Doctor of the Year



Thirty-five years after her first medical mission trip to Africa, a Bradford County woman will be recognized as the ‘Catholic Doctor of the Year’ this weekend by the Mission Doctors Association.

Dr. Cathy Schanzer, MD, FACS, will be presented with the ‘World of Difference Award’ on Oct. 22, 2023, at the Los Angeles Archdiocese’s Annual Mass for Healthcare Professionals at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

“I’m very proud of the award but I didn’t do this by myself,” Dr. Schanzer said.

Dr. Schanzer was first inspired to follow a call to missionary service in the third grade when she heard a Maryknoll priest speak about his mission work in Africa.

“I was just enamored with the work that he was doing for all these poor people that were living in underdeveloped countries and I decided as a kid it was something that needed to be a part of my life,” the Bradford County doctor said.

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Thousands gather in Harrisburg for third annual PA March for Life



An estimated 6,000 people filled the steps of the Pennsylvania State Capitol on Monday, Oct. 16, 2023, as the third annual PA March for Life stepped off shortly after noon.

Several bus loads of people from communities across the Diocese of Scranton made the trip to Harrisburg.

"It's a wonderful experience. We have a lovely turnout of people and you can feel the Spirit moving amongst the crowd and we need that reminder that it's not by our might but by His that things like this get done," Norbert Josten of Wellsboro, Tioga County, said.

"I think it's amazing how many people showed up to support life from the beginning of conception to the last heartbeat. It is really something that has been on my heart since I was a child," Kiera Leyden, a parishioner of Saint Matthew Parish in East Stroudsburg, said.

Prior to the PA March for Life, an hour-long rally with several speakers took place, in which many decried the loss of funding for Real Alternatives, which helps many pregnancy centers and Catholic Charities across the Commonwealth.

Both before and after the March, Masses were also held at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Harrisburg.

"What was so impressive to me was to see all of the high schools that were represented from throughout Pennsylvania, all across the state" Maryann Lawhon of Drums added.

[Click Here to Watch a Video from the Diocese of Scranton Communications Department on the PA March for Life](#)

Pittston parish begins hosting 66th Saint Jude Novena today



Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish will host its 66th Annual Novena to Saint Jude, patron saint of hopeless cases and things despaired of, at Saint Mary, Help of Christians Church, 535 North Main St., Pittston, beginning Thursday, Oct. 19, and concluding on the Feast of Saint Jude, Saturday, Oct. 28.

Mass, homily, Novena prayers and veneration of the relic of Saint Jude will be held Monday through Friday at noon & 7 p.m. Saturday devotions are offered at noon & 4 p.m., and the Sunday Novena is held at 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Recitation of the Rosary and Sacramental confessions (except Sunday) precede all Novena devotions.

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Leave a Mark Mass to take place on Nov. 5



A GATHERING OF YOUNG ADULTS
(18-40) WITH BISHOP BAMBERA

11/05/23

5:00 PM Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter

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Young adults of the Diocese of Scranton will kick off National Vocation Awareness Week at the eighth annual Leave a Mark Mass on Nov. 5, 2023.

The Mass, which will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton at 5:00 p.m., is an opportunity for young Catholics to worship together, enjoy delicious food from local food trucks, play some intense rounds of cornhole or card games, and meet new friends!

The name of the Mass comes from Pope Francis' address at World Youth Day in Poland in 2016. He said, "Dear young people, we didn't come into this world to 'vegetate,' to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on. No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark."

Leave a Mark provides young adults in the Diocese with the opportunity to think about the vocation God is calling them to and to create friendships with others who are doing the same. Together, these young adults can offer their gifts and talents for the Church and discover how they can leave their unique mark on the world.

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Pope calls for World Day of Prayer for Peace on Oct. 27 as catastrophe looms in Gaza



Warning against a humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and ongoing conflicts elsewhere, Pope Francis has called for a day of fasting, penance and prayer for peace in the world Oct. 27.

“War does not solve any problems, it only sows death and destruction. It increases hatred, multiplies revenge. War erases the future,” he said at the end of his general audience talk in St. Peter’s Square Oct. 18.

“Our thoughts go to Palestine and Israel,” he said to applause.

“Casualties are rising and the situation in Gaza is desperate,” he said. “Please, may everything possible be done to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe.”

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Jerusalem Cardinal offers himself in exchange for Israeli hostages



The Catholic Church’s highest ranking prelate in the Holy Land offered his “absolute availability” to be exchanged for Israeli children taken hostage by Hamas.

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, told reporters during an online meeting Oct. 16 that he is willing to do “anything” to “bring to freedom and bring home the children” taken into Gaza during Hamas’ Oct. 7 attack on Israel, in which more than 1,300

Israelis were killed. The Israeli military said Oct. 16 that some 200 people, including children and elderly persons, are being held hostage.

Returning the hostages held in Gaza is “absolutely necessary” to stopping the ongoing violence between Israel and Hamas, the cardinal said. He expressed the Vatican’s willingness to assist in de-escalation and mediation efforts but said they had not been able to speak with Hamas.

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Williamsport Deanery to hold 40 Hours celebration Oct. 24-26

OCTOBER 24 - 26

DAILY ADORATION
8:00 AM - 7:00PM

WILLIAMSPORT DEANERY 40 HOURS *Celebration*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
702 W. FOURTH ST.

8:00 AM - MASS & EXPOSITION
7:00 PM - EVENING PRAYER
& BENEDICTION
WITH DCN. JOHN BUBB



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
100 WALNUT ST.

8:00 AM - MASS & EXPOSITION
7:00 PM - EVENING PRAYER
& BENEDICTION
WITH FR. SEAN CARPENTER



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

ST. BONIFACE
326 WASHINGTON BLVD.

8:00 AM - MASS & EXPOSITION
7:00 PM - EVENING PRAYER
& BENEDICTION
WITH FR. BERT KOZEN



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Your financial gift to the 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal helps to support the Diocesan Office for Parish Life, which provides leadership formation, spiritual renewal and many other resources for all parishes.

Working in collaboration with clergy and lay leadership, the office aims to help all people live out their faith fully, share it freely with others and transform the world in Christ.

The Office for Parish Life also provides regional and Diocesan level events for ministry formation, youth and young adult engagement and pastoral planning. The office also handles marriage preparation classes, family life ministry and pro-life advocacy.

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