



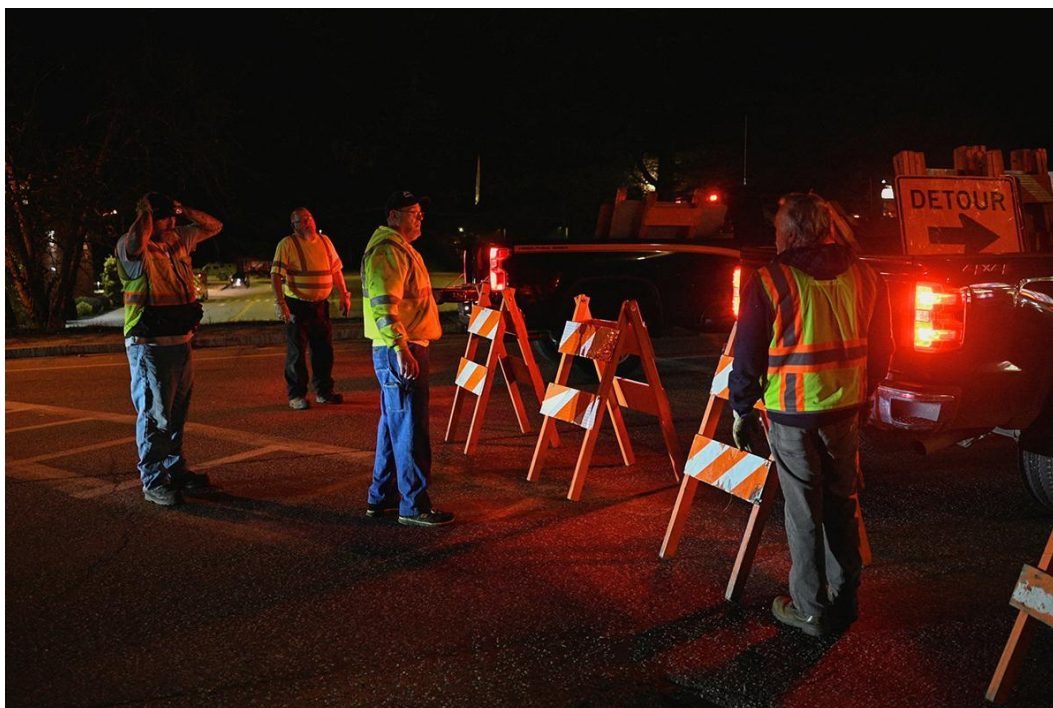
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'Three-Pronged Prayer' needed amid Maine mass shootings, says pastor



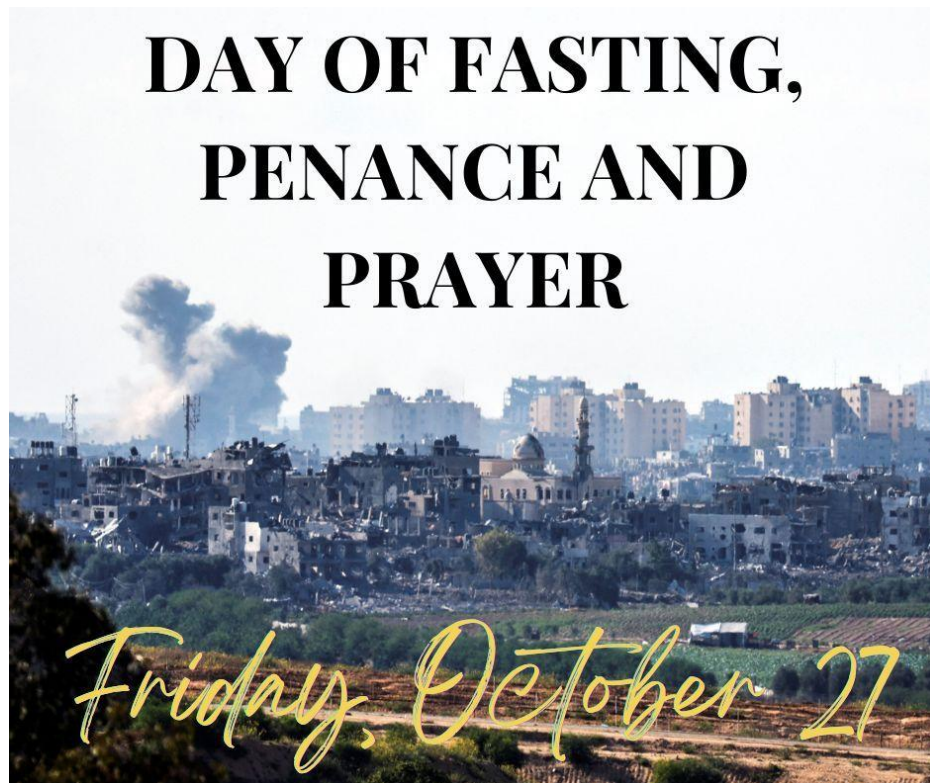
Amid a manhunt for a suspected mass shooter, a pastor in Maine is calling for “three-pronged prayer.”

Father Daniel Greenleaf, pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Lewiston, told OSV News that he is interceding for at least 18 people killed and 13 injured in an Oct. 25 attack in his town, as well as for their families and law enforcement.

The shootings, which began around 7 p.m. ET in Maine's second-largest city, took place in two locations: Schemengees Bar and Grille restaurant, and the Just-in-Time Recreation bowling alley, just over 4 miles apart from each other in Lewiston.

[Read More from Our Sunday Visitor](#)

Bishop Bambera Encourages Faithful To Participate In Day of Fasting, Penance and Prayer For Peace on Friday



At his General Audience in Saint Peter's Square last week, Pope Francis called for this Friday, October 27, 2023, to be a Day of Fasting, Penance and Prayer for the intention of peace in the world, especially in Israel and Palestine.

In making his announcement, the Holy Father said that “war does not solve any problems, it only sows death and destruction. It increases hatred, multiples revenge. War erases the future.”

Bishop Bambera is encouraging all clergy and lay faithful throughout the Diocese of Scranton to observe this Day of Fasting, Penance and Prayer for Peace.

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Pope Appeals For Unimpeded Aid Into Gaza, Release Of All Hostages



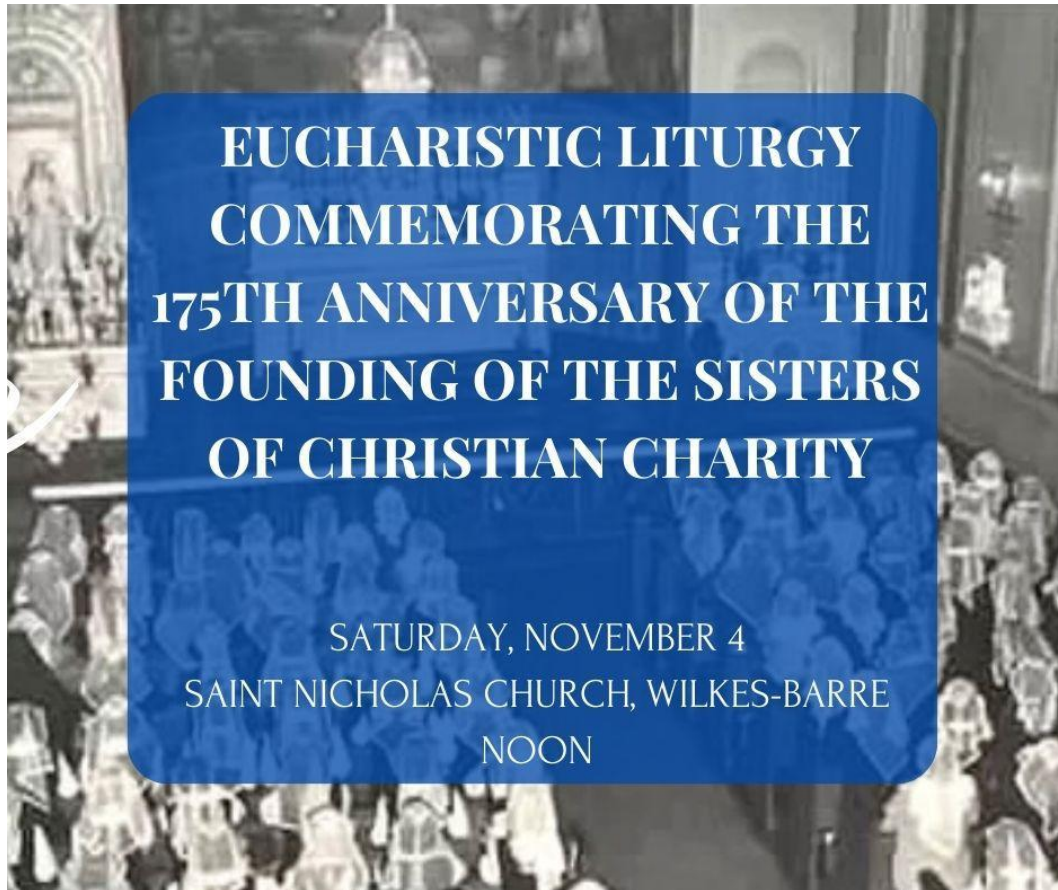
Pope Francis again called for the release of hostages taken from Israel by Hamas militants and for allowing humanitarian aid into Gaza.

“I am always thinking about the serious situation in Palestine and Israel,” the pope said during his weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square Oct. 25.

“I encourage the release of hostages and the entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza,” he said, and “I continue to pray for those who suffer, to hope for avenues toward peace in the Middle East and martyred Ukraine and in other regions wounded by war.”

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

Bishop to celebrate Mass on Nov. 4 marking milestone anniversaries of Sisters of Christian Charity



The Diocese of Scranton will fittingly share in the yearlong commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Christian Charity (SCC) when the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of

Scranton, will celebrate a jubilee Eucharistic liturgy next month in Wilkes-Barre, where the religious Sisters began their venerable ministry in America.

Bishop Bambera will serve as principal celebrant of a Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, Nov. 4, at noon at Saint Nicholas Church, Wilkes-Barre.

In addition to marking 175 years since the SCC congregation was established in Germany, the liturgy will also celebrate the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Christian Charity Sisters in the Scranton Diocese and, thus, the United States.

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**Jubilee Mass for Women & Men Religious
to be held at Cathedral of Saint Peter Nov. 5**



JUBILEE MASS FOR WOMEN AND MEN RELIGIOUS

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
12:15 P.M.
CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER, SCRANTON**

More than 20 men and women religious, who are celebrating milestone Ordination anniversaries this year, will be celebrated at the 2023 Jubilee Mass for Women and Men Religious on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will be the principal celebrant for the celebration at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton at 12:15 p.m.

The Mass will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and livestream links provided on all Diocesan social media platforms.

All people are welcome and encouraged to attend the Cathedral Mass on Nov. 5!

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

Social to follow: Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 WYoming Ave. Scranton, PA. 18503

**FOOD TRUCKS, MUSIC,
CORN HOLE, AND MORE!**

For more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452



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.

[Read the Full Story from The Catholic Light](#)

Social Justice Grant from Diocesan Annual Appeal helps parishes provide Mental Health First Aid Training session

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

The Mental Health Ministry of The Church of St. Gregory and St. John Vianney Parish will offer Mental Health First Aid training, cost-free to learners



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 11, 2023
8:30AM TO 3:30PM**

This is an in-person training, with an additional two-hour online prework component. The in-person training will be held at the Corpus Christi Parish Center (704 Montdale Road, Scott Township). A light breakfast and lunch will be included.

Registration deadline is November 9.

Mental Health First Aid for Adults teaches people how to recognize signs of mental health or substance use challenges in adults ages 18 and older, how to offer and provide initial help, and how to guide a person toward appropriate care if necessary.



Registration is limited. To learn more,
or to register for this training, visit:
<https://catholicmhm.org/csdeanery-mhm>



Several Lackawanna County parishes, with the help of a social justice grant from the Diocesan Annual Appeal, are offering a Mental Health First Aid training session to the community at no cost.

The parishes of Saint John Vianney, Montdale, and Saint Gregory, Clarks Green, have formed an interparish mental health ministry program.

On Nov. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the parishes will host an in-person training session for adults which will help to recognize signs of mental health or substance abuse challenges in adults age 18 and older, how to offer and provide initial help, and how to guide a person toward appropriate care, if necessary.

[Click Here for More Information on the Mental Health First Aid Training Session on Nov. 11](#)

**Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen 40th
Anniversary Celebration to be held Nov. 18**



A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

For the last 40 years, Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre has provided a safe place for people in need to get a hot meal to keep them healthy, clothes to keep them warm, and love and companionship to nourish their souls.

St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen operates every day of the year and meals are served each day at 11 a.m. (including weekends and holidays). In addition to staff, the Kitchen relies on many dedicated volunteers to fulfill its mission.

You are invited to participate in our 40th anniversary celebration, which will be held Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, at the Westmoreland Club in Wilkes-Barre.

For more information on the event, sponsorship opportunities, and to purchase raffle tickets for a \$5,000 grand prize (even if you are not able to attend the event), please click on the link below.

[Click Here for More Information on the 40th Anniversary Celebration for Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre](#)

**Registration for 'Christmas Gifts for Kids'
Program in Carbondale to be held week of
Nov. 6-Nov. 10**



Christmas Gifts Registration

Beginning Monday 11/06 to Friday 11/10

Please call 570 282-0460 ahead of time to reserve
your registration time!

At Catholic Social Services
34 River St. Carbondale, PA



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Your gifts also provide care for retired priests who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church. Retired priests continue their ministry by supporting the needs of parishes throughout the Diocese, celebrating many daily and Sunday Masses.

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