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DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Weekly E-Newsletter

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Genesis Mission workshops to help all people confidently share the love of Christ



DO YOU WANT TO SHARE CHRIST WITH OTHERS?

ARE YOU NERVOUS OR UNSURE HOW TO DO IT?

GENESIS MISSION
training

9am-3pm

AUGUST 8 St. Lawrence Church, 800 W Central Ave, South Williamsport, PA

AUGUST 9 Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton PA

AUGUST 10 Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton PA



Register by August 5 at dioceseofscranton.org

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FR. JON BIELAWSKI

MICHELE THOMPSON

The Diocesan Office for Parish Life is excited to announce that Genesis Mission is coming to the Diocese of Scranton this month!

International Co-Founders Father Jon Bielawski and Michele Thompson will lead the workshops which will outline for participants how to confidently evangelize in their everyday lives through simple relational

methods of meaningful conversations. This area impacts adult formation in evangelization and growth in discipleship.

Through further experiential learning, participants will master simple, relational and loving methods of explicitly sharing the Gospel in ways that are sensitive and appropriate to the lifestyle and culture of those around them. They will become aware of opportunities for encounter, always seeking to shine the light of the Gospel into the darkness, bringing hope and meaning in the everyday situations of those whom they meet. The Genesis Mission will strengthen their daily commitment to know, live and share our Catholic faith through encounter with the person of Jesus Christ.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend, especially pastors/administrators/parish life coordinators, catechetical leaders, pastoral council members, ministry leaders and staff.

Dates/Locations of the workshops:

- Thursday, August 8 – Saint Lawrence Church, South Williamsport
- Friday, August 9 – Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton
- Saturday, August 10 – Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton

All workshops will be held 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., with an optional opportunity to attend Mass on Thursday/Friday and a Holy Hour/Confession on Saturday.

Registration is \$30 and includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Following these workshops, participants will have the opportunity to continue the Genesis Mission journey through a 6-week course of study that will equip them to use this practical down-to-earth approach.

[Click Here for More Information on the Genesis Mission or to Register for the Workshops on Aug. 8-10](#)

Saint Martha's Church in Fairmount Springs celebrates Centennial Mass



A large crowd gathered at Saint Martha's Church in Fairmount Springs on Sunday, July 28, 2024, as the faithful came to celebrate a century of faith and sharing the love of Christ.

"It was an awesome crowd here today and it just shows what faith there is that everyone is willing to come here. We have over 190 people joining us for dinner so it is a great celebration for everyone," parishioner Barbara Simmons said. "My grandparents were here. They became members of this church back in 1927 a few years after they had moved out here. It has been awesome to see it grow."

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, celebrated the Centennial Mass.

"This church has taught me what love and community is," parishioner Krista Zultevecz said. "Bishop Bambera talked a lot about what community looks like and he talked about growing your faith and how Jesus Christ opened that community for us."

Click the thumbnail above to watch a video from the Centennial Mass celebration.

[Click Here to Watch a Video from CTV: Catholic Television from the Centennial Mass Celebration](#)

Director of Saint Francis Kitchen to speak on service and love of the poor during Eucharistic Adoration

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Vocations Office



Thursday,
August 1st
7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

**SPEAKER, RECONCILIATION,
AND SOCIAL.**

LIVE MUSIC BY JOEL KANKIEWICZ



You are invited to participate in the Vocations Office monthly celebration of Eucharistic Adoration this evening in Laflin.

Adore our Eucharistic Lord and hear how Rob Williams, Director of the St. Francis Kitchen in Scranton, has answered the vocation to service and love of the poor when he shares his reflection with us!

This special evening of prayer will also feature live music by Joel Kankiewicz, the opportunity for Reconciliation, and a social with snacks and fellowship afterward.

Please plan to join us this evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Maria Goretti Church in Laflin.

Statement of the Diocese of Scranton on Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly being found guilty under canon law of sexual abuse of two minors

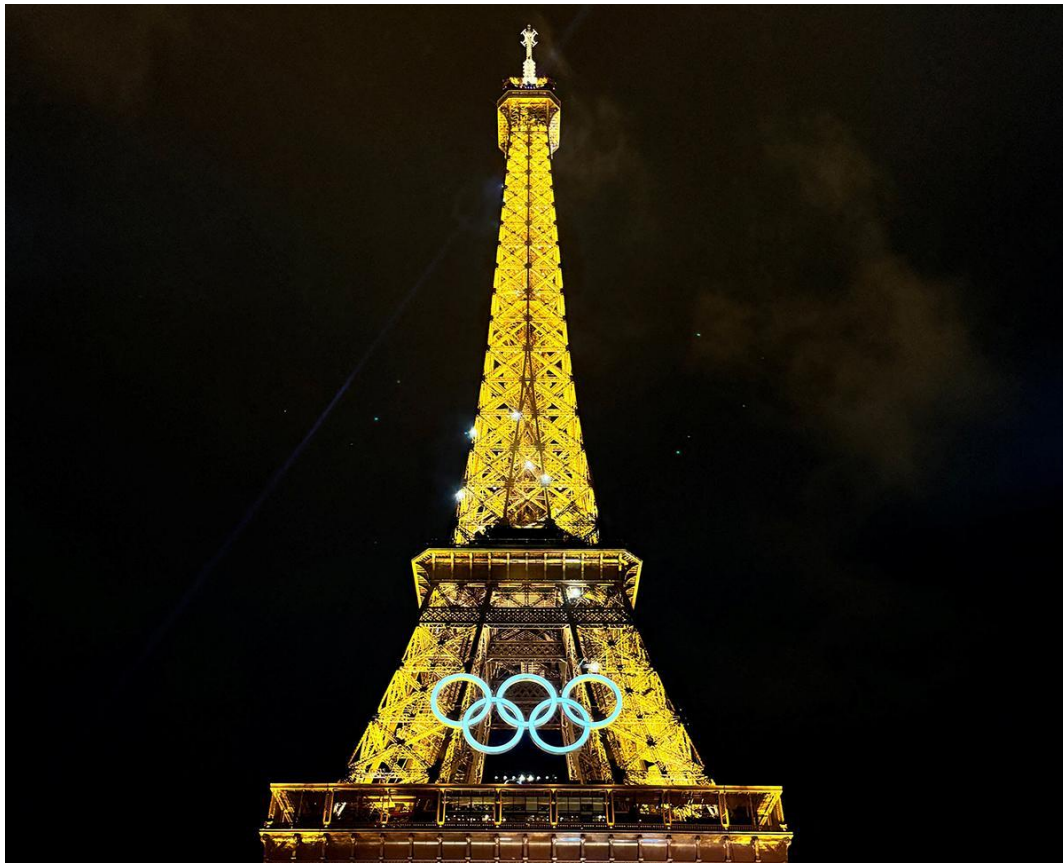
Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly, a priest of the Diocese of Scranton, has been found guilty under canon law of the sexual abuse of two minors at the conclusion of a disciplinary process authorized by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Holy See.

As a result, Monsignor Kelly is immediately and permanently prohibited from the exercise of priestly ministry and permanently prohibited from wearing clerical attire or presenting himself as a priest. The Vatican authorized the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, to impose a permanent penalty on Monsignor Kelly, short of authorizing his dismissal from the clerical state, given his advanced age.

These penalties conclude a canonical process that began nearly four years ago....

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Criticism of Last Supper parody at Olympics continues; Bishop Robert Barron says apology 'was anything but'



Organizers of the Paris Olympic Games apologized during the Games' daily news conference July 28 to those offended by a drag performance during the opening ceremony that the French bishops said "included scenes of mockery and derision of Christianity."

In what was supposed to be a feast of unity and joy for the world, France put itself in the eye of the storm July 26 as television cameras shown LGBTQ+ performers, one of whom wore a crown, seated at a table. The shape of the crown brought to mind a monstrance or halo.

The scene was immediately interpreted as a parody of Leonardo da Vinci's iconic wall painting in Milan's Dominican convent of the Last Supper.

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Pope urges political leaders to be at service of the people, not power



Pope Francis has called on political leaders to be at the service of the poor, the unemployed and the common good.

The world cannot promote “universal fraternity” without good politics, the pope said in a video message released July 30 by the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network.

The network posts a short video of the pope offering his specific prayer intention each month. For the month of August, the pope dedicated his prayer intention to political leaders.

“Today, politics doesn’t have a very good reputation: corruption, scandals, distant from people’s day-to-day lives,” Pope Francis said.

“But, can we move ahead toward universal fraternity without good politics? No,” he said.

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Story of big monstrance used during the National Eucharistic Congress starts in L.A.



Jesus Christ may have been the main protagonist at the National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21, but the golden, unusually large monstrance used to carry him each night before thousands at Indianapolis' Lucas Oil Stadium caught people's attention, too.

Where did they get such a big, beautiful monstrance from? And as one reporter jokingly asked, had Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of Crookston, Minnesota, board chairman of the National Eucharistic Congress Inc., been lifting weights to be able to carry it through the stadium?

The monstrance, Bishop Cozzens told journalists at the congress, was actually the same model that organizers had seen images of Los Angeles Archbishop José H. Gomez use in a Eucharistic procession through the streets of San Gabriel in March 2023.

Almost immediately after the event, congress organizers at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops asked Archbishop Gomez's office, "Where can we get one of those?"

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USCCB urging faithful to contact their legislative leaders to strengthen the Child Tax Credit



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Families need a Child Tax Credit that helps all kids thrive.

This week, the Senate will vote on a tax package that includes a strengthened Child Tax Credit. Please urge your Senators to advance an improved Child Tax Credit that prioritizes the poorest children, so its benefits can be targeted to those who need them most.

Every year, the Child Tax Credit (CTC) lifts millions of American families out of poverty and helps them live according to their dignity and with greater economic security.

While the USCCB has long supported the CTC, the current credit must be improved because it excludes many of the poorest children.

Earlier this year, the House of Representatives acted with strong bipartisan support to pass a tax package that included a strengthened Child Tax Credit. Although this represented a compromise, the strengthened Child Tax Credit would take meaningful steps to support the well-being of families in need and is the best opportunity to improve the credit now, when it is urgently needed. Now is the time for the Senate to act.

Please reach out to your Senators and encourage them to pass a strengthened Child Tax Credit. The benefits of the CTC help foster the welcoming of new life and the building of the family. The Senate must act to ensure these benefits are reaching the families who need them most.

[Click Here for More Information on the Child Tax Credit and for a Link to Send a Message to Your Senator](#)

Parish picnic, bazaar and festival season continues this weekend with events in Wilkes-Barre, Tannersville and Dupont



The parish festival season is still going strong as we move into the month of August.

Events will take place this coming weekend at St. Aloysius Church (St. Robert Bellarmine Parish) in Wilkes-Barre; Our Lady of Victory Church in Tannersville; and Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Dupont.

For several years, the Diocese of Scranton's Communications Office has maintained a webpage for all of the summer festivals for parishioners to enjoy.

Parishes are invited to send information regarding their events to info@dioceseofscranton.org and the list will continue to be updated throughout the summer.

[Click Here to See the Full Listing of 2024 Parish Summer Picnics, Festivals and Bazaars that have been submitted to The Catholic Light](#)

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