



# *The Catholic Light*

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

## Weekly E-Newsletter

**August 15, 2024**

### **Catholic Television broadcasting several Masses today for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

#### **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASSES ON CATHOLIC TELEVISION**

##### **4:00 a.m.**

International Mass on the Feast of the Assumption from Lourdes, France  
(Rebroadcast at 3:00 p.m.)

##### **8:00 a.m.**

Solemn Mass of the Assumption from EWTN

##### **Noon**

Solemn Mass of the Assumption from the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington D.C.

##### **1:30 p.m.**

Solemn Mass of the Assumption from the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton  
(Rebroadcast only at 7:00 p.m.)



Today, Thursday, August 15, is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Assumption celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heaven.

There will be several opportunities to participate in the celebration of Mass on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton.

Please note - the 12:10 p.m. Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be livestream from the *Cathedral of Saint Peter* on YouTube, social media and the Diocesan website - but the first television broadcast will be at 1:30 p.m. - after the conclusion of the Solemn Mass of the Assumption from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

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**Join us at the 2024 Pennsylvania March  
for Life in Harrisburg Sept. 23**



***High school youth ministries, college students, and families are welcome to join us as we head to Harrisburg to voice our support to life!***

This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the principles of effective lobbying, the specific and current issues Pennsylvania is facing, and what you can do right now to champion pro-life policies to your PA elected representatives. This rally and march are suited for all levels of experience and comfort with advocacy.

Cost for the trip is **\$15 per adult/\$10 per student** and includes charter bus & driver gratuity

Passenger pick up in Scranton at 8:30am  
& 9:15am in Wilkes-Barre

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### SCHEDULE

- 10:00am - Prayer & Praise Pre-Rally
- 11:00am - March for Life Rally
- 12:00 p.m. - March for Life
- 1:30pm - Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral
- 2:45pm - Depart for Scranton

### CONTACT INFO

To register, contact Shannon at [Skowalski@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Skowalski@dioceseofscranton.org) or (570) 207-2238.

Thousands of pro-life advocates are expected in Harrisburg next month for the 2024 Pennsylvania March for Life.

The event will take place on Monday, Sept. 23, directly outside the Pennsylvania State Capitol Complex.

The Diocese of Scranton is once again inviting all people of good will to participate in the Pennsylvania March for Life.

The Diocese will be sponsoring a bus that will have pick-up locations in Scranton at 8:30 a.m. and Wilkes-Barre at 9:15 a.m. on the morning of the rally.

The bus is expected to arrive in Harrisburg around 11 a.m., which is when the March for Life rally begins. The actual March for Life itself kicks off around noon.

The costs of the trip is \$15/adult; \$10/student. Space on the bus is limited.

Anyone interested in attending should contact Shannon Kowalski at (570) 207-2238 or email [SKowalski@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:SKowalski@dioceseofscranton.org) to reserve a spot.

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## Revitalizing Faith: Diocese launches Genesis Mission workshops





Faith is most powerful when it is shared.

That is why the Diocesan Office for Parish Life is working to equip parishioners with the skills and confidence to share the Good News of Jesus Christ more effectively.

Between Aug. 8-10, 2024, more than 80 people participated in Genesis Mission workshops aimed at helping participants confidently evangelize in their everyday lives.

"It was an honor that we were able to get this type of program in our Diocese," Enrique Olmedo, a parishioner at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish in South Scranton, said. "It was a very good opportunity that we got today."

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## Diocese hosts innovative workshop for international priests



With international priests now making up a fifth of its active clergy, the Diocese of Scranton recently held a groundbreaking initiative aimed at fostering better integration and communication.

From July 15-17, international priests serving throughout the Diocese of Scranton came together to participate in a specialized Acculturation and Accent workshop at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton.

The three-day workshop was led by Dr. Kevin Spence, who is associated with the Saint Meinrad Institute for Priests and Presbyterates. He held numerous hands-on sessions that included information on U.S. speech patterns, pronunciations, cultural differences and communication techniques.

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## **Historic appointments mark beginning chapter for Catholic Foundation**



In a significant step to provide lasting financial support for Diocesan ministries, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, has announced the inaugural officers of the newly established Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Scranton.

The executive committee appointments set the stage to help build endowment funds to secure long-term funding for Diocesan religious, educational, and charitable ministries.

The Catholic Foundation, announced publicly in March 2024, will work with donors to contribute cash donations, estate gifts, IRA contributions, and gifts to endowment funds that will provide long-term support for the work of the Catholic Church in our 11-county Diocese.

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## **Shavertown parish raises awareness about human trafficking**





In advance of the United Nations World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, which is held annually on July 30, Saint Therese Parish in Luzerne County raised awareness about the millions of victims of human trafficking around the world.



After each Mass on the weekend of July 27-28, the parish held a "Red Sand Project Ceremony."

As parishioners exited the church in silence, they were invited to pour red sand into the cracks of a "sidewalk" set-up on the church plaza. By doing so, they remembered those in our society who fall between the cracks.

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## Knights of Columbus provide donation towards new flooring at Honesdale parish



The Honesdale Knights of Columbus generously donated towards new flooring for the Saint John the Evangelist Parish Catholic Family Community Center.

Many events are held in this location including the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast, Honesdale Head Start, Saint Dominic's Academy, Saint John the Evangelist's Faith Formation Programs and the local boy scouts also will benefit from having this new flooring installed.

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## Monroe County Lay Carmelite Community celebrates 25th anniversary



A Lay Carmelite community that was founded in February 1999 in the Poconos by four parishioners of Saint Matthew Parish is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year.

Named 'Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Lay Carmelite Community,' the group has had enthusiastic and robust participation from the start.

Now number fifty members, more than forty of whom are active participants, the Community includes individuals from every parish in the Stroudsburg deanery.

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## Catholic Social Services spreads joy to 102 children with back-to-school giveaway



With the start of school just a few days away, Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton hosted a backpack and school supplies giveaway that benefited 102 children.

The event, held Aug. 9 in the basement of Saint Rose Lima Church, was filled with excitement as families arrived to find an array of backpacks filled with essential supplies. From crayons and notebooks to pencils and folders, every item will help students start their academic year with confidence.

“We always try to look to see what we can do to help the community. We love this community and we’re invested in this community,” Jolette Lyons, Director of Relief Services for Catholic Social Services, said. “Every kid should be excited to go back to school and sometimes families struggle with getting supplies to go back.”

This is the first year that Catholic Social Services organized the back-to-school giveaway in Carbondale.

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