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**Mass in Italian to be celebrated this Sunday
in conjunction with *La Festa Italiana***

Mass in Italian

La Festa Italiana Liturgy

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
10:00 a.m.

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER
315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton

The annual Mass in Italian will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the Cathedral of Saint Peter. All are welcome to attend.

The liturgy is celebrated in conjunction with *La Festa Italiana*, which occurs over the Labor Day weekend, Friday through Monday, Aug. 30 – Sept. 2, on Courthouse Square, one block away.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will preside and be the homilist.

Father David P. Cappelloni, V.F., La Festa Chaplain and pastor of Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish in Dunmore and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Dunmore, will be the principal celebrant.

Concelebrants will include Monsignor Constantine V. Siconolfi, La Festa Chaplain Emeritus, and priests from the Diocese of Scranton. Deacons from the Diocese will also participate.

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Oblates to honor Saint Joseph the Worker with Labor Day weekend Mass devotions



The Congregation of the Oblates of Saint Joseph, located at 1880 Route 315, Laflin, will host their annual Triduum and Labor Day Mass celebrations honoring Saint Joseph the Worker.

A three-day preparation of Masses over the Labor Day Weekend will be offered on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 30-Sept. 1, with liturgies celebrated daily at noon in the Oblates seminary chapel.

Devotions to Saint Joseph, with special intentions for all workers and the unemployed, will follow each Mass. A blessing with the first-class relic of Saint Joseph Marelli, founder of the Oblate religious order, will conclude the devotions.

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Pray, work and advocate for protection of
all laborers and a just economy for all



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
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“Our faith calls us to pray, work, and advocate for protections that allow all laborers to thrive,” said Archbishop Borys Gudziak and Bishop Mark J. Seitz in a joint reflection for Labor Day (Sept. 2).

The bishop chairmen called for a more just economy that honors the human dignity of all who labor, inclusive of those who have newly arrived in the country, as well as those whose families have been here for generations.

The bishops also addressed affronts to the dignity of children, who have been identified by some as supplemental sources of labor amid widespread worker shortages.

“The Church offers a vision for the future that does not require our society to choose between a thriving economy, economic justice, dignified conditions for all workers, and safeguarding the most vulnerable among us,” the bishops state, calling attention to the plight of those who work in industries without protections due to their immigration status.

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**Mass for Suicide Healing and
Remembrance to be held Sept. 15**

Mass for Suicide Healing & Remembrance

Sunday, September 15, 12:15PM

**Cathedral of St. Peter
315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton**

**Every year, around
50,000 people in the U.S.
will take their own life.**

To remember those lost to suicide and healing for those who grieve their passing

**This Mass is open to the public.
All are welcome!**



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The Mass will be broadcast on CTV: Catholic Television and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube, and Facebook.

Visit catholicmhm.org/suicide

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and to offer healing and to increase awareness about the Church's mercy and care for those who have died by suicide, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate a Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, at 12:15 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The Mass will serve to remember loved ones lost to suicide, and to promote healing for those who grieve their passing.

During the Mass, those attending will be invited to bring forward a flower in remembrance of those lost to suicide. If you, your family, or someone you know has been affected by suicide, please share this information and encourage them to participate.

All are welcome to attend the Mass.

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Gate of Heaven Parish holds summer music camp



Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, recently held its annual Summer Music Camp. The theme of this year's camp was "On Pilgrimage with Jesus."

During the week, campers participated in a mock pilgrimage to sites of Eucharistic Miracles in honor of the current Eucharistic Revival and in solidarity with the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, which took place this past May-July.

Other camp activities included choir rehearsals, games, crafts, daily teachings, and snacks.

The camp concluded with a youth liturgy in which music campers participated.

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**Adoring, receiving Eucharist makes
Christians into missionaries, Pope Francis
says**



When Christians spend time with Jesus in adoration or receive him in the Eucharist, they cannot help but spread his love with others, Pope Francis said.

“When you have met Christ in adoration, when you have touched him and received him in the Eucharistic celebration, you can no longer keep him to yourself, but you become a missionary of his love to others,” the pope wrote in a letter to Bishop Marie Fabien Raharilamboniaina, president of bishops’ conference of Madagascar.

In the letter published Aug. 23, Pope Francis praised the country’s Eucharistic congress, which, he said, “aims to bring the sons and daughters of your Christian communities back to basics, helping them to

rediscover the meaning of Eucharistic adoration and their appetite for spending time with Christ.”

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Shrine Mass marks Centennial of first priestly ordinations at 'Mary's House' in Washington



As part of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception's continuing celebration marking 100 years of worship at "Mary's House," as it's often called, Washington Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory offered a Mass of thanksgiving for all the priests who were ordained or otherwise connected to the church.

"You have come to the location where you launched your ritual journey to become Christ's priest," Cardinal Gregory told the several dozen priests who participated in the late afternoon liturgy Aug. 22. "This is the place where a life-giving grace was bestowed upon you for the sanctification of God's people. This is the place where you received ordination and where you handed over your life to the church's ministry."

The cardinal added that "for 100 years, this shrine has been the place where youthful dreams have come true, where the mission of the Lord has

gained new collaborators, where the church has been strengthened by the promises that you and countless others have made to continue the ministry of Christ.”

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Clergy abuse survivor on National Review Board seeks 'paradigm shift' on healing



Scott Surette, a devout Catholic and longtime owner of a home inspection firm, is on a mission to help renew the church.

Yet for all his four decades of experience with construction and code compliance, he's not looking to renovate buildings — instead, Surette is seeking to repair what Scripture calls the “living stones” that comprise the spiritual house of Jesus Christ.

And now, as one of several recent appointees to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Review Board, a lay-led advisory group on child and youth protection, Surette is “under contract,” so to speak, to make that happen.

The board is mandated by the USCCB “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People,” established in 2002 amid a torrent of emerging clerical abuse scandals. Commonly called the Dallas Charter, the document lays out a comprehensive set of procedures for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy, and includes

guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability and prevention of abuse.

The 55-year-old Surette — an Indiana native, husband and father of five — would be the first to admit that being part of a national corporate governance organization is a bit out of his comfort zone.

“I’m better off with a hammer than I am with a committee,” he told OSV News. “Give me something to do; that’s just kind of in my nature.”

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U.S. Bishops' Diocesan Survey sets new baseline for Hispanic Ministry in parishes nationwide



The U.S. bishops' Subcommittee on Hispanic Affairs conducted a survey of dioceses and archdioceses in the country's 14 episcopal regions and released its results Aug. 21. The survey shows how Hispanic ministry has taken off across the country and that in most dioceses, there is a parish-based pastoral response to Hispanic Catholics.

Alejandro Aguilera-Titus, assistant director of Hispanic Affairs under the Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, explained that the subcommittee sought to determine a baseline about the state of Hispanic ministry at the parish level.

He told OSV News that it was important to observe the implementation of the National Pastoral Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry, a 10-year plan that was approved by the U.S. bishops in June 2023, and "to see how that parish ministry will develop in the years ahead."

The survey, which was conducted from last April through mid-August, included questions on the number of parishes in each diocese, the number of parishes offering Mass in Spanish, and the number of parishes with a Hispanic/Latino presence or ministry without a Mass celebrated in Spanish.

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Parishes in Bastress, Fairmount Springs and Mocanaqua holding fundraisers over the Labor Day Weekend

FR. BERT KOZEN AND THE PARISHIONERS OF
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
5973 JACKS HOLLOW ROAD, BASTRESS, PA.

Invite You To Attend Their Annual

LABOR DAY PICNIC
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

TURKEY & HAM DINNER
ALL YOU CAN EAT-SERVING NOON TO 6 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL

Adults \$13.00 • Children 12 - 4 years \$5.00
Children 3 and under FREE

REFRESHMENTS • GAMES • SUMMER KITCHEN
DIR: From Route 15 in South Williamsport, take Route 654 West to Bastress. (10 miles)

Several churches in Luzerne and Lycoming counties are holding events over the Labor Day weekend.

Two of the three churches of Holy Spirit Parish will be holding festivals. Saint Martha's Church in Fairmount Springs will hold its annual Festival and Chicken Dinner on Saturday, Aug. 31, from 5-11 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 1, from noon until 11 p.m.

Saint Mary's Church in Mocanaqua will also hold its annual Homecoming Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 31, from 5-9:30 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 1, from 1-9:30 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Parish in Bastress is also inviting the community to attend its Labor Day Picnic on Monday, Sept. 2, which features a turkey and ham dinner.

For more information on these three events, and others coming up in the month of September, click the link below.

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