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Procession of Saint Lucy statue following Mass in Italian likely to become new *La Festa* tradition



As the 48th annual Italian Mass concluded on Sept. 1, 2024, a new tradition was born.

For the first time, a procession of faithful led a statue of Saint Lucy from the Cathedral of Saint Peter about a block away to Courthouse Square in downtown Scranton, to kick off the third day of *La Festa Italiana*.

“We’re all about tradition,” Chris DiMattio, *La Festa* Committee President, explained as the Mass concluded.

The procession was a way to publicly introduce the Scranton area to the ‘Italian Colony of Saint Lucy,’ a newly formed non-profit organization. Last year, members of Saint Lucy’s Church in Scranton came together to form the new group.

“We wanted to keep the name of Saint Lucy alive and well and strong, so we started this group to raise money for various charities that we want to give to,” Joe Guido, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Italian Colony of Saint Lucy, explained. “We hope to make it an annual tradition of carrying the statue of Saint Lucy from the Mass over to the festival.”

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**Leave a Mark Mass to be held Nov. 3 to
kick off National Vocation Awareness
Week**

YOUNG ADULTS

KICK-OFF NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

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Young adults are invited to join the Diocesan Vocations Office at the ninth annual Leave a Mark Mass on Nov. 3 to kick off National Vocation Awareness Week.

The Mass, which will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton at 5p.m., is an opportunity for young Catholics to worship the Lord, listen a bit more intentionally to his voice, and discern how they can leave a mark on the world.

Young adults discerning their vocation are encouraged to reflect upon Pope Francis's words spoken at the 2016 World Youth Day in Poland, "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. It is very sad to pass through life without leaving a mark."

[Click Here for More Information on the Leave a Mark 2024 Mass](#)

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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Atlanta bishops say 'hearts ache' for lives 'cruelly cut short' by latest high school shooting



The Catholic bishops of Atlanta prayed “for healing and strength” for those injured during a Sept. 4 mass shooting at Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia, where the alleged shooter as 14-year-old Colt Gray, who is alive and in custody. According to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, at least four people were killed and at least nine injured requiring hospitalization.

In a joint statement late Sept. 4, Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv., of Atlanta, joined by the diocese’s auxiliary bishops, said, “Our hearts ache for the lives that have been so cruelly cut short by this devastating tragedy.”

“We grieve and pray with those who lost children and loved ones. We ask God for healing and strength for those who have been injured,” they said. “And we invoke God’s blessing on our first responders and medical personnel, especially during this traumatic time.”

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Pope in Indonesia: Praises 'tunnel of friendship' linking Jakarta mosque, Cathedral



While members of every religion must be free to profess and practice their faith, they also should recognize that members of other religions have that right, too, and they all are searching for God, Pope Francis said.

Nasaruddin Umar, the grand imam of the Istiqlal Mosque, welcomed the pope to the mosque compound Sept. 5 and led him directly to the “tunnel of friendship,” a wide underground walkway that connects the mosque and the Catholic cathedral across the busy street.

Like the pope, the imam was dressed in white from head to toe and greeted Pope Francis with a kiss on the cheek. At the end of the meeting, Umar put an arm around the pope's shoulder and kissed him on the top of the head. Pope Francis, who was seated in his wheelchair, took the imam's hand and kissed it.

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National Eucharistic Congress Inc. launches Society of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus to support its efforts



The organization that coordinates efforts related to the National Eucharistic Revival announced Sept. 3 the launch of the Society of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus to boost revival efforts.

In an email to supporters, Jason Shanks, CEO of National Eucharistic Congress Inc., described the society as a way people “can help and remain closely connected to the many ongoing efforts of charity and

evangelization, of pilgrimage and procession – of mission – to bring Christ to every corner of our nation.”

Joining the society requires a minimum \$10 monthly donation to National Eucharistic Congress Inc. Members will receive a copy of “For the Life of the World: Invited to Eucharistic Mission” by Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of Crookston, Minnesota, who serves as board chairman of the National Eucharistic Congress Inc., and Tim Glemkowski, the founding CEO of National Eucharistic Congress Inc., who served in that role until Aug. 1.

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The Earth is 'sick,' in need of prayers and action, pope says

For the cry of the Earth

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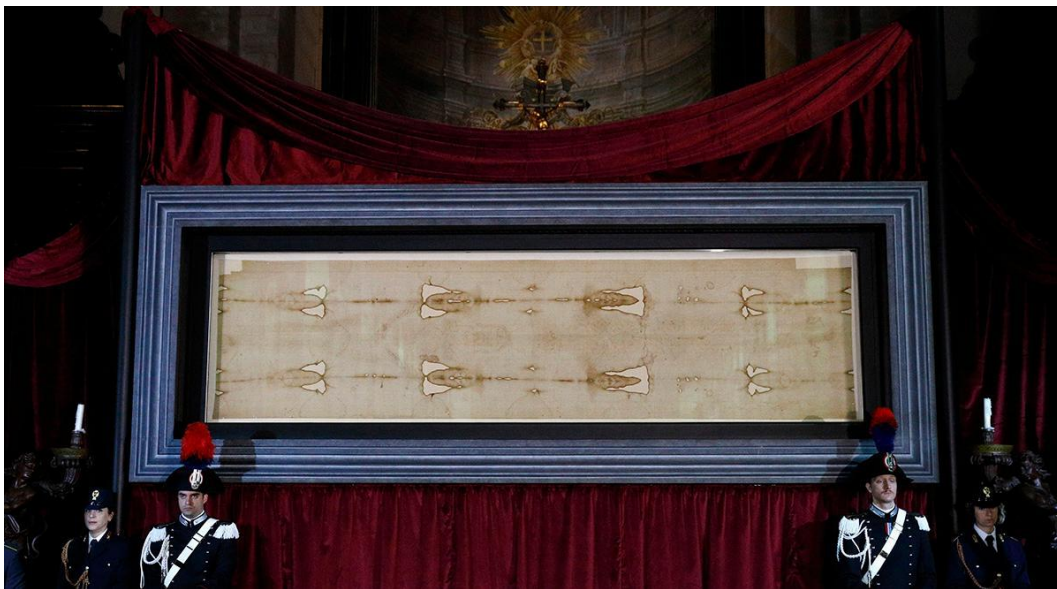
The Earth is ailing, and it needs the prayers of Catholics as well as their personal commitment to caring for creation, Pope Francis said.

“Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and climate change, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit,” the pope said in a video message released Aug. 30 by the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network.

The network posts a short video of the pope offering his specific prayer intention each month, and members of the network pray for that intention each day. Pope Francis' intention for September is: "For the cry of the Earth," which coincides with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Sept. 1 and its inauguration of the monthlong "Season of Creation."

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New study says Shroud of Turin bloodstains are 'consistent with Jesus Christ's tortures'



A study published in July revealed that a new analysis of the Shroud of Turin, including the composition and a microscopic analysis of bloodstains, shows that the marks are consistent with the tortures endured by Christ as described in the Gospels.

The study, titled "New Insights on Blood Evidence from the Turin Shroud Consistent with Jesus Christ's Tortures," stated that the presence of creatinine particles with ferritin, which are often a by-product of muscle contractions, "confirms, at a microscopic level, the very heavy torture suffered by Jesus of the HST," or Holy Shroud of Turin.

Furthermore, “numerous bloodstains scattered throughout the double body image of the HST show evidence that Jesus of the HST was tortured,” it stated.

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Saint Boniface Church in Williamsport holding three-day carnival this weekend



Even though the back to school season is now upon us, there are still several parishes that are planning festivals and carnivals in the weeks ahead.

That includes Saint Boniface Church in Williamsport, which is holding its Parish Carnival Sept. 5-7, 2024.

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

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