



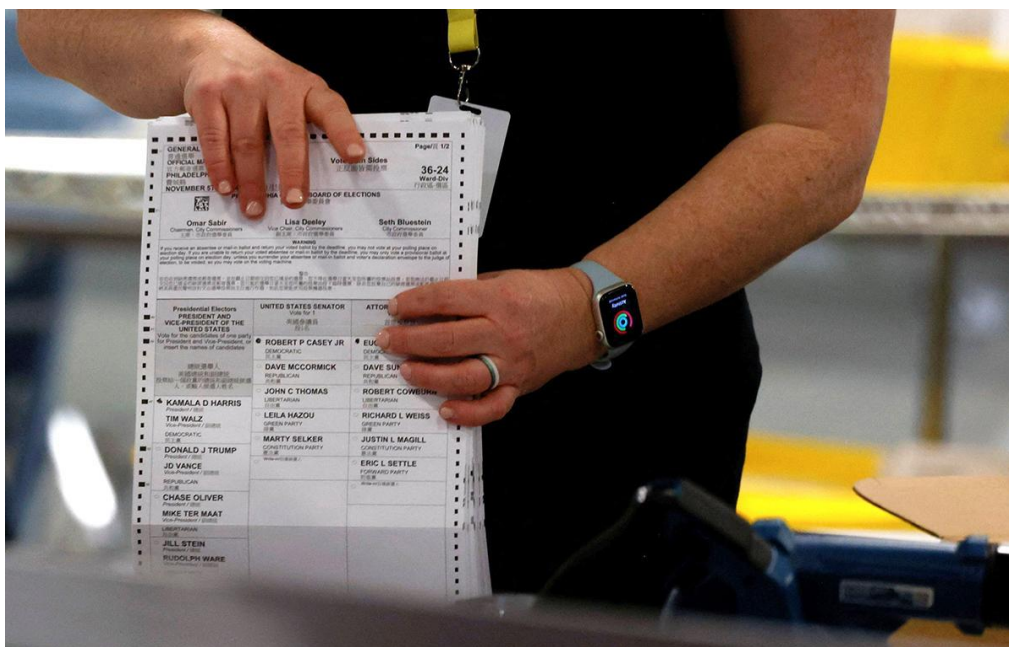
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U.S. Bishops' Conference President calls for prayer, unity following 2024 election



The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is calling for prayer and unity, following the nation's general election that saw Republican candidate and former president Donald Trump defeat Democratic nominee and current Vice President Kamala Harris to win another term as president.

In a Nov. 6 statement, USCCB president Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services said, “I congratulate President-elect Trump, as well as the national, state and local officials who campaigned to represent the people. Now, we move from campaigning to governing.”

The archbishop said that Americans are “fortunate to live in a democracy,” and that “we rejoice in our ability to transition peacefully from one government to the next.”

He stressed that “the Catholic Church is not aligned with any political party, and neither is the bishops’ conference.

“No matter who occupies the White House or holds the majority on Capitol Hill, the Church’s teachings remain unchanged, and we bishops look forward to working with the people’s elected representatives to advance the common good of all,” said Archbishop Broglio. “As Christians, and as Americans, we have the duty to treat each other with charity, respect, and civility, even if we may disagree on how to carry out matters of public policy.”

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Young adults encouraged to 'leave a mark' as National Vocation Awareness Week begins



National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton began Nov. 3 with the annual Leave a Mark Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Students and young adults from parishes and colleges across the region participated in the celebration of the Eucharist, followed by a social at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

"I look forward to it every year," Gina Morgese, a young adult from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Carbondale, said. "It gives me so much hope that the Church is alive and God is present."

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant for the Mass. Father Alex Roche, Diocesan Secretary of Clergy Formation, served as the homilist.

Read more about this year's Leave a Mark Mass in the Nov. 14th edition of *The Catholic Light*.

[Click Here to View a Photo Album from the 2024 Leave a Mark Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter](#)

Catholic Social Services launches 'Parents as Teachers' program to support families



Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton has announced the launch of a new program, 'Parents as Teachers,' designed to empower families in Luzerne County by providing resources and support for early childhood development.

The agency began serving its first nine families in September and is planning a large kick-off event on Nov. 9 to help spread the word about the new program.

"Research has shown that the first three years of a child's life are the most formative," Montie Ford, lead caseworker for the 'Parents as Teachers' program, said. "A lot of times moms don't understand that the time during their pregnancy is important too."

The 'Parents as Teachers' program aims to equip parents with the knowledge and skills necessary to foster their children's growth and learning from conception up to one year before entering kindergarten (typically around the age of five).

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Community event on Saturday to help launch
new 'Parents as Teachers' program in Luzerne
County



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"THANKS FOR GIVING"
COMMUNITY EVENT



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

10:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

17 S. PENNSYLVANIA AVE

SALVATION ARMY GYMNASIUM

FREE HAIRCUTS BY "THE REPAIR SHOP"

FREE ADMISSION

DOOR PRIZES

Information tables

FREE eye screenings for children by Plains Lions Club

CRAFT VENDORS

FREE FACE PAINTING

Entertainment by Reminisce Music

**BRING A NEW BLANKET OR NEW TOY AND GET 2
EXTRA DOOR PRIZE ENTRIES!**

To help spread the word about the launch of the new 'Parents as Teachers' program, Catholic Social Services is organizing a 'Thanks for Giving' community event on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024.

"Everything will be family friendly," Montie Ford, lead caseworker for the 'Parents as Teachers' program, said.

Between 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., everyone is invited to the Salvation Army Gymnasium, 17 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre. The event will feature door prizes, information tables, craft vendors, free face painting and entertainment. Free haircuts will also be provided by the Repair Shop and the Plains Lions Club will offer free eye screenings for children.

“We want parents to see what ‘Parents as Teachers’ offers, but even if they don’t engage with P.A.T., we hope they leave with something to better themselves,” Montolio stated.

As part of its mission to serve those in need, Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton has been working with Luzerne County Children & Youth Services to develop initiatives that support family well-being and community cohesion. The launch of the ‘Parents as Teachers’ program is a testament to the organization’s commitment to enhancing the lives of families and ensuring that every child has a strong foundation for future success.

Jubilee Mass for Women & Men Religious recognizes 1,390 years of service



On Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024, the Diocese of Scranton held its annual Jubilee Mass for Women and Men Religious at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

More than 20 religious, who are celebrating milestone anniversary years of their ordination, were recognized for their service and commitment to the Church.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, was principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass. In all, a total of 1,390 years of religious life were celebrated amongst this year's jubilarians.

Click the thumbnail above, or the link below, to watch a short video from Catholic Television featuring interviews of several of the jubilarians.

[Click Here to Watch a Short Video from CTV Featuring Interviews with Several of the 2024 Jubilarians](#)

Families encouraged to attend events in connection with Nov. 16 Rosary Rally in Scranton

ROSARY RALLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS November 16, 2024



Make a day of it! Lots of **FREE** activities to choose from!

FREE parking - all events within walking distance of the Cathedral

Visit ScrantonPrays.com for map and details



10:30AM - 4:30PM

Fall refreshments ALL DAY
Diocesan Pastoral Center



10:30AM - 4:30PM

Visit the Cathedral Prayer Garden
& Fr. Peyton Memorial Statue **ALL DAY**
Cathedral of St. Peter



10:30AM - 12:30PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Cathedral of St. Peter



10:30AM - 1:15PM

1949 Rosary Rally Display
Diocesan Pastoral Center



11:30AM - 12:45PM

Movie screening
PRAY: The Story of Patrick Peyton
Diocesan Pastoral Center



11:30AM - 1:30PM

Book signing with Fr. Willy Raymond, CSC
The Family that Prays Together Stays Together
Heaven & Earth Gift Shop & Cafe



12:30PM - 1:00PM

Mary Knew No Sin talk with Fr. Tudgay
The Immaculate Conception & Artwork
Cathedral of St. Peter



1:30PM - 3:30PM

ROSARY RALLY
Cathedral of St. Peter

- Recitation of the Rosary
- Music
- Inspiring talks
- Adoration



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HOLY CROSS
FAMILY MINISTRIES



ORDER OF MALTA
SCRANTON



HEAVEN & EARTH
GIFT SHOP • CAFE

Parishes throughout the Diocese of Scranton have been encouraged to invite families to participate in a large Rosary Rally on Nov. 16 in Scranton.

Besides the main event, the 1:30 p.m. Rosary Rally at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, there will be several other activities taking place in the area of Wyoming Avenue that day.

The events include a screening of the movie "PRAY: The Story of Patrick Peyton" at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, a book signing at Heaven & Earth Gift Shop and Cafe, and interactive lesson with Fr. Jeff Tudgay using the Immaculate Conception and Artwork of the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

[Click Here for More Information on the Nov. 16 Rosary Rally in Scranton](#)

Dispensation in the Diocese of Scranton regarding the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation



With the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary quickly approaching, this week, Bishop Bambera sent a notice to all priests and parishes clarifying the obligation regarding this year's celebration.

Because this year's Solemnity falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, the celebration of the Solemnity is transferred to the following Monday in 2024.

[Click Here to Read Bishop Bambera's Letter on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception for 2024](#)

Everyone can be a saint by following the Beatitudes, Pope Francis says



God wants everyone to be a saint, and the clearest path to achieving that goal is loving service to others, Pope Francis said.

Celebrating the feast of All Saints, the pope led the midday recitation of the Angelus prayer Nov. 1 with thousands of visitors in St. Peter's Square. Hundreds of them had just finished the annual Race of the Saints, a 10-km run that begins and ends at the square.

The runners remind everyone that “the Christian life is a race, but not the way the world races, no! It is the race of a heart that loves,” the pope said, adding thanks to the runners for supporting a Salesian Missions’ project in Ukraine.

God calls everyone to holiness, the pope said, and he gives all the baptized what they need to become saints, “but he does not impose it.”

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Vatican opens information point for pilgrims visiting St. Peter's



Approximately 40,000 visitors enter St. Peter’s Basilica each day, and now they can gain deeper insights into what they are seeing inside the world’s largest church.

In the leadup to the Holy Year 2025, the Vatican inaugurated the “Official Area” for St. Peter’s Basilica. Located at the start of the long avenue

leading to the basilica, the center aims to enhance pilgrims' experiences and serve as a information point.

Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, archpriest of the basilica, blessed the information point during its inauguration Oct. 31, stating that enhancing the visitor experience for the basilica “fosters spaces of freedom in each person’s heart to return to a deep awareness of oneself, but also of the other.”

Inside, visitors will find informative books, guides, memorabilia from the basilica, and they can buy tickets to visit the dome — the only part of the basilica that requires a paid ticket. Above all they can encounter a multilingual staff that can answer their questions.

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Your gifts help Catholic Social Services operate two housing facilities for homeless veterans - Saint Francis Commons in Scranton and Saint Hedwig's Veterans Village in Kingston.



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