



The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Weekly E-Newsletter

November 6, 2025

**'Leave a Mark' Mass echoes
Pope Francis' call to transform
the world**



The Cathedral of Saint Peter was filled with youthful energy Nov. 2, 2025, as young adults from across the Diocese of Scranton gathered for the tenth annual Leave a Mark Mass.

This year's liturgy, celebrated by the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, also held special significance because it not only marked the beginning of National Vocation Awareness Week, but also coincided with the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day).

Launched in 2016 in response to Pope Francis' challenge at World Youth Day in Poland – urging young people not to “vegetate”

through life but to “leave a mark” on the world – the annual Mass has quickly become popular with teenagers as they think about how God is calling them to serve the Church.

“Open your hearts to the power and presence of God, to reflect upon the ways in which the Lord is calling you to serve the Church and to walk as His disciples,” Bishop Bambera said in his greeting at the beginning of Mass.

[Click Here to Watch a Video from CTV: Catholic Television on the Leave a Mark Mass](#)

Carbondale parish to hold 40 Hours Devotion next week

FORTY HOURS DEVOTIONS

November 10 - St. Rose of Lima Church

Prayers for Children and Families

Praise & Worship Music and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

November 11 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

Prayers for Veterans

Rosary for Branches of the Military

November 12- St. Rose of Lima Church

Prayers for Healing

and Anointing of the Sick

Adoration Begins Each Day After 8:00 am Mass.

Each Evening We Will Conclude with

Prayer and Benediction Beginning at 6:30 pm.

We invite you to come to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in
Carbondale to join us in spending time with our Lord in the Blessed
Sacrament as we gather in prayer for these special intentions.

All are welcome.



All faithful are invited to participate in a 40 Hours devotion at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Carbondale next week.

On Monday, Nov. 10, the ancient tradition will begin at Saint Rose of Lima Church with Mass at 8 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration will

begin directly following the Mass and will conclude with Prayer and Benediction at 6:30 p.m.

The following day, Tuesday, Nov. 11, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin following Mass at 8 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and will conclude in the same fashion as the day prior.

The final day of the 40 Hours devotion will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at Saint Rose of Lima Church.

40 Hours devotions have been a part of parish life in the Church for more than 500 years. The devotions flourished under the promotion of saints like St. Charles Borromeo, St. Anthony Maria Zaccaria, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis de Sales and many others.

[Click Here to Learn More about Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Carbondale by visiting its parish website](#)

Pike County parish dedicates Memorial for the Unborn lost to abortion



The Knights of Columbus John Paul II Council 13935 and Our Lady of Guadalupe Assembly 2605 held an unveiling ceremony for a memorial dedicated to the unborn victims of abortion on Sunday, October 27, at Saint Patrick Church in Milford.

The ceremony was officiated by Father Joseph Manarchuck, pastor, and a few words were made by Antonio Perito, the council Life Director.

In attendance were dignitaries from Pennsylvania's Central District along with the Pennsylvania State Council executive team.

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Students at Bradford County parish celebrate All Saints Day



On Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Wyalusing, Bradford County, had a number of special visitors to celebrate All Saints Day!

Children from the CCD program dressed up as various saints and were introduced to parishioners during the homily. The children also participated in Mass by serving as readers, altar servers, ushers and gift bearers.

**Pray for Vocations tonight during
Eucharistic Adoration at The
University of Scranton**

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
VOCATIONS



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION *for vocations*

7PM NOVEMBER 6TH
MADONNA DELLA STRADA CHAPEL

Live Music by
**Michael
Corsini &
University of
Scranton
Praise and
Worship**

*Sacrament of Reconciliation
will also be available.*

Searching for your purpose in life?
Longing to hear God's voice?
In need of community?
Join us!



National Vocation Awareness Week 2025 is currently underway and you are invited to join us in praying for vocations this evening at The University of Scranton!

Please plan to join the Diocese of Scranton Vocations Office and University of Scranton Campus Ministry for an evening of:

- Christ's love for you in Eucharistic Adoration,
- A sea of voices for live praise & worship led by Catholic artist, Michael Corsini, and the University of Scranton's very own Praise & Worship ensemble,
- And an epic opportunity to grow in community!

Eucharistic Adoration begins tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Madonna Della Strada Chapel (415 Monroe Ave - off Mulberry Street).

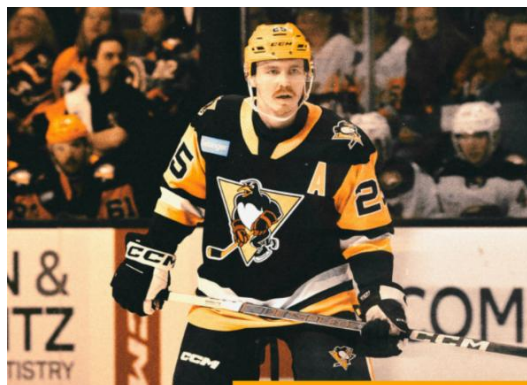
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available!

Fellowship with light refreshments will follow!

Please note that the Vocations Office regular monthly celebration of Eucharistic Adoration will not take place tonight at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Laflin. The Diocesan Vocations Office will resume XLT in Laflin on December 4.

[Click Here to Learn More About Vocations-Related Events at the Diocese of Scranton's Vocations Facebook Page](#)

**Faith and Family Night with the
SWB Penguins next Friday**



GROUP NIGHT OUT WITH THE PENS!

November 14 | 7:05PM vs Bridgeport

Diocese of Scranton Group Offer!

Join the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins as they take on the Bridgeport Islanders! Special group pricing is offered to the Diocese of Scranton and their friends and family!

PRICING

Green Zone \$25

Blue Zone \$23

THEME NIGHT

Faith and Family Night!

Add-on's

Food Voucher \$4.25

Due date is 11/7

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For more info or to purchase tickets directly over the phone, please call
TYLER ROTHMANN at 570-208-5407 or e-mail trothmann@wbspenguins.com

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It is not too late to join us for a night of thrilling hockey at "Faith and Family Night" with the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Penguins.

The event will be held next Friday, Nov. 14, and please plan to come out and cheer on the Penguins as they take on the Islanders.

Gates open at 6:00 p.m. The puck drops at 7:05 p.m.

Students from Saint Nicholas-Saint Mary School in Wilkes-Barre have been invited to perform the National Anthem.

Special group pricing has been offered to the Diocese of Scranton - and you can choose one of two options: Green Zone (\$25+fees) or Blue Zone (\$23+fees).

[Click Here for More Information or to Order Tickets for Faith & Family Night on Nov. 14](#)

**After judge's order, Trump
administration to issue partial SNAP
payments with contingency funds**



The Trump administration has indicated that it will not appeal court orders directing it to pay SNAP benefits, but that it will only issue partial payments in November.

The Trump administration previously said funding for SNAP — the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, a major part of the nation's social safety net — was scheduled to lapse Nov. 1 due to the federal government shutdown.

But Judge Jack McConnell of the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island said Oct. 31 the Agriculture Department must distribute the contingency funds “timely, or as soon as possible, for the November 1 payments to be made.”

In a Nov. 3 brief, USDA’s lawyers wrote it “will fulfill its obligation to expend the full amount of SNAP contingency funds today.”

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**Mary, Mother of Jesus and all
believers, is not co-redeemer, Vatican
says**



While praising devotion to Mary, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith firmly rejected moves to formally proclaim Mary as “co-redemptrix” or “co-mediatrix.”

In a lengthy doctrinal note titled “Mater Populi Fidelis” (“Mother of the Faithful People of God”), the dicastery said the title co-

redemptrix or co-redeemer “carries the risk of eclipsing the exclusive role of Jesus Christ” in salvation.

And, regarding the title co-mediatrix or co-mediator, it said that Mary, “the first redeemed, could not have been the mediatrix of the grace that she herself received.”

However, it said, the title may be used when it does not cast doubt on “the unique mediation of Jesus Christ, true God and true man.”

Pope Leo XIV approved the text Oct. 7 and ordered its publication, said the note, which was released Nov. 4.

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**Bishop Barron: Administration
'assured' him detainees' access to
Sacraments 'under careful review'**



Amid concern about the ability of those detained by immigration enforcement authorities to receive Catholic sacraments, a key U.S. bishop said Trump administration officials have “assured” him the matter is “under careful review.”

His comments came shortly before Pope Leo XIV urged respect for “the spiritual rights” of migrants detained in the U.S. in comments to journalists Nov. 4 at Castel Gandolfo.

Bishop Robert E. Barron of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, who was appointed by President Donald Trump to the Department of Justice's Religious Liberty Commission, said in a Nov. 3 social media post that he and Father Alexei Woltornist, a Melkite Catholic priest and a member of the Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Advisory Council, "have been in touch with senior officials in both the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security and have brought forward the concerns of the Church regarding detainees' access to Sacraments."

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**Prayer for beloved dead is sign of
hope of being together again, Pope
says**



As Christians visit cemeteries on the feast of All Souls and remember their loved ones who have died, they do so with faith that at the end of this life they will be together again with the Lord, Pope Leo XIV said.

The pope celebrated Mass Nov. 2, the feast of All Souls, at Rome's largest cemetery, Verano, which covers more than 200 acres.

“The Lord awaits us, and when we finally meet him at the end of our earthly journey, we shall rejoice with him and with our loved ones who have gone before us,” the pope told about 2,000 people who had gathered on a road among the tombs for the Mass.

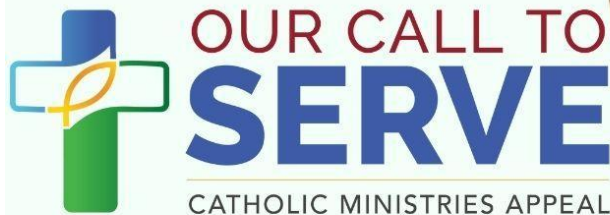
“May this promise sustain us, dry our tears and raise our gaze upward toward the hope for the future that never fades,” he said.

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“ *The Diocese of Scranton is one of the few dioceses in the country blessed to have a place like the Villa St. Joseph, where every need, care, and concern is met with compassion and genuine love.* ”

-Monsignor John J. Bendik
Retired, In Residence at Villa
Saint Joseph, Dunmore



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