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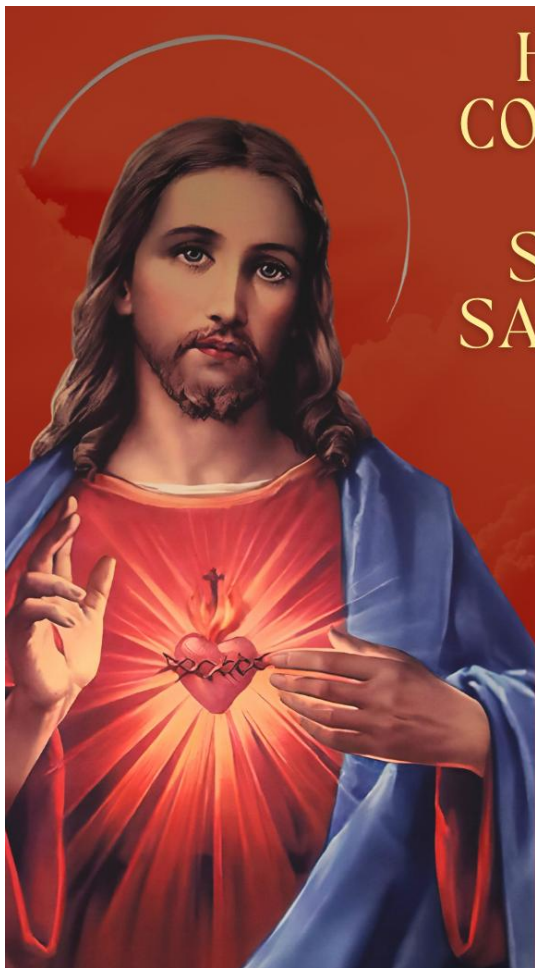
DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

**Weekly E-Newsletter**

**June 11, 2026**

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**U.S. Bishops to consecrate  
America to Sacred Heart of Jesus  
this afternoon**



## HOLY MASS OF CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**Live from the Basilica of  
the National Shrine of  
Mary, Queen of the  
Universe in Orlando, FL**

**Thursday, June 11  
4:00 p.m.  
Live on CTV: Catholic  
Television & EWTN**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) began its 2026 Spring Plenary Assembly in Orlando on Wednesday.

As part of their assembly, the Bishops will concelebrate Mass and consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The act of consecration will take place this afternoon (Thursday, June 11) and the Bishops will hear reflections on the Sacred Heart ahead of the Mass.

The consecration comes as the United States celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4.

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton, along with EWTN, will provide a live broadcast of the Mass that will feature the consecration beginning at 4:00 p.m. from the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe.

For those who are not near a television, a livestream is also available on the USCCB YouTube channel, which can be found by clicking the link below.

[Click Here to Visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops YouTube Channel](#)

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## **Bishop Bambera to celebrate local Pontifical Masses for Sacred Heart Solemnity tonight and tomorrow**



CONSECRATION  
TO THE SACRED HEART  
OF JESUS



**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST  
SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11**

Vigil Mass with Bishop Bambera  
7:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish  
1101 Willow Street, Peckville

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12**

Mass with Bishop Bambera  
5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish  
215 Lackawanna Avenue, Dupont



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For the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate Masses at the Diocese's two parishes dedicated to the Sacred Heart – located in Peckville and Dupont – as Catholics

throughout the country unite in prayer for healing, renewal, and hope.

Because Bishop Bambera is unable to attend this year's USCCB meeting in Orlando due to a previously scheduled commitment connected to ecumenical dialogue in Rome, his absence from the gathering has created an opportunity for Catholics in northeastern Pennsylvania to celebrate the Solemnity with him close to home.

“I am very excited,” Father Andy Kurovsky, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Peckville, said. “I hope people get as excited about it as I am, because it really is a great thing.”

Bishop Bambera will celebrate a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity tonight in Peckville.

During the liturgy, Father Kurovsky said the parish itself will be formally consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

All are invited to attend either Mass in Peckville or Dupont.

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## **Consecration 101: What the Bishops' consecration of the U.S. to the Sacred Heart means**



In anticipation of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this afternoon during their spring plenary assembly in Orlando, Florida.

The act of consecration is a significant matter. But what does it really mean to consecrate a place – such as an entire country?

For Timothy O'Malley, explaining what a consecration is includes making clear what it is not.

“It is not some sort of magic,” said O'Malley, a theology professor at the University of Notre Dame, where he is also associate director for research at its McGrath Institute for Church Life. “A consecration is actually to make something sacred, quite literally, to bring it to God. And typically there are periods of preparation for various consecrations, to order something toward God.”

R. Jared Staudt, a Catholic educator, also said consecration “orders something to God, to help it to realize its purpose.”

“The purpose of everything is to give God glory. We see that Adam is actually given a priestly mission in the garden (of Eden), when

he is meant to cultivate and protect. And those are words that were later drawn into the Israelite priesthood: ‘abad’ and ‘shamar,” he said, using Hebrew words that mean “to serve, and protect and defend.”

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## 6 Things to know about the Sacred Heart devotion



As the U.S. Bishops prepare to consecrate the United States to Jesus' Sacred Heart this afternoon during their spring meeting in Orlando, Florida, here are six things to know about devotion to the Sacred Heart.

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## Catholic Charities 'People of Hope Museum' stops in Scranton



On Wednesday, June 10, 2026, the traveling 'People of Hope Museum' made a stop in the city of Scranton.

The 53-foot museum, housed in a tractor trailer, began visiting communities across the country in March and tells the story of the work of Catholic Charities USA and other local Catholic agencies, including Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton.

The free interactive museum experience was open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in front of the Everhart Museum. It featured immersive exhibits, storytelling opportunities and reflections focused on poverty, compassion, and community service.

Visitors to the museum had the ability to watch video testimonies from people serving vulnerable populations in communities across the nation, hear stories of individuals whose lives have been transformed through acts of kindness, and participate in an interactive poverty simulation designed to foster empathy and understanding.

The traveling exhibit also featured an audio learning library featuring reflections and insights from nationally known voices discussing poverty, social isolation, and community engagement.

[Click Here to Watch a Video from CTV: Catholic Television from the 'People of Hope Museum' Visit to Scranton](#)

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**Today is registration deadline for  
Quo Vadis and Fiat Days 2026**



# QUO VADIS DAYS


• HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP •

**JUNE 29 – JULY 1**



- **LOCATION: MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY**
- **OPEN TO RISING SOPHOMORES THROUGH GRADUATING SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL**
- **ADVENTURE, PRAYER, TALKS, MASS, ADORATION, FELLOWSHIP, AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**
- **LEARN ABOUT VOCATIONS & GET TO KNOW PRIESTS, SEMINARIANS, & FELLOW DISCERNERS**
- **COST: \$100**

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# FIAT DAYS

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Today (June 11) is the final day for high school students to register for Quo Vadis or Fiat Days that will take place later this month.

The high school summer camps are open to high school students (rising sophomores through graduating seniors) and are designed to teach the young men and women about vocations and enrich their faith through prayer, fellowship, speakers and other activities.

Participants will have the opportunity to connect with other faithful young people through games, sports, music and small group discussions. Talks will also be given on priesthood/religious life, marriage and dating, prayer and more.

The summer camps will each take place at Marywood University from June 29-July 1.

[Click Here for More Information or to Register for Quo Vadis and Fiat Days 2026](#)

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**Ahead of World Cup, Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and other advocates raise awareness of human trafficking**



As the U.S. prepares to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup, faith leaders and others working to prevent human trafficking are seeking to raise awareness to prevent such abuse during the international soccer tournament.

During a June 9 webinar, “Human Trafficking and Major Sporting Events,” hosted by the New Jersey Catholic Conference in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, panelists noted that venues for the upcoming matches include MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, and Philadelphia Stadium, also known as Lincoln Financial Field, in Philadelphia.

“As we prepare for the start of the 2026 World Cup that will draw millions of visitors, athletes, media representatives, and support personnel to our region. It’s important to understand both the opportunities and challenges these events can bring,” James King, NJCC executive director, said during the discussion.

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## **Child protection, sainthood causes, World Youth Day take center stage on Day 1 of U.S. Bishops' Spring Meeting**



Headlining the June 10 public session of the U.S. bishops' spring plenary in Orlando were addresses by the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the new apostolic nuncio to the United States, along with a preliminary presentation on proposed updates to the bishops' landmark document on protection policies for children and minors.

A highlight in the afternoon was a report on World Youth Day 2027, accompanied by a gift of traditional Asian paper fans for each bishop from South Korea — whose capital, Seoul, will host the international event.

In a morning presentation, Bishop Barry C. Knestout of Richmond, Virginia, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People, said the bishops are reviewing proposed updates to the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," seeking to define key terms while balancing care for victim-survivors with accused clergy's right to a presumption of innocence until proven otherwise.

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## **Pope Leo's Corpus Christi Mass and procession in Madrid draws 1.2 million**



More than 1.2 million people filled the streets of Madrid as Pope Leo XIV celebrated Mass and led a Eucharistic procession

through the heart of the Spanish capital June 7 for the solemnity of Corpus Christi, the liturgical feast celebrating the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

“We are gathered around the Eucharist, the gift of Christ’s living presence among us. He who wished to offer us his life so that we might enter into communion with the Father and become his children, is here as the living Bread come down from heaven, to nourish us with the very life of God, with a love stronger than death,” Pope Leo said in his homily.

“Just as Christ gives himself as food in the Eucharistic celebration, the procession shows that he is not confined to the church, but comes out to meet us,” he added. “Jesus travels the streets, crosses the squares and visits our neighborhoods, dwelling in the settings of our daily lives.”

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**Newly renovated center brings 'The  
Rosary Priest' message to a new  
generation**



The simple, rhyming words – both concise and memorable, and first heard in 1947 on the nationwide “Family Theater” radio program – became something of a spiritual mantra for post-World War II Catholics: “The family that prays together, stays together.”

The phrase is forever associated with Venerable Patrick Peyton (1909-1992), the unassuming and humble Irish-born priest in the Congregation of Holy Cross who called himself “Mary’s Donkey.” But Father Peyton was better known to his admirers – from housewives to Hollywood stars – as “The Rosary Priest.”

And with the June 6 grand reopening of the newly renovated Father Peyton Center in North Easton, Massachusetts, the faithful have a revitalized opportunity to again encounter – or meet for the first time – the dynamic Holy Cross Father on track to sainthood who once promised, “If families give Our Lady 15 minutes a day by reciting the rosary, I assure them that their homes will become, by God’s grace, peaceful places.”

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## Summer festival, picnic and bazaar season kicks off this weekend



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

*Block Party*

**HOLY ROSARY CENTER**

*Games ♦ Raffle Baskets ♦ Wine & Spirits*

✦ **Friday & Saturday - June 12 & 13** ✦  
✦ **Fri. 6pm-11pm - Sat. 5pm-10pm** ✦

*Fri: 6pm - Holy Cross Cheerleaders - Sat: 6:30pm - Scranton High School Cheerleaders*

**FRI: 7-11PM • MUSIC BY PICTURE PERFECT**  
**SAT: 5PM • MUSIC BY JIM CERMINARO; 7-10PM • MUSIC BY THE 335**

**CORNER OF WAYNE & WEST MARKET STS., NORTH SCRANTON**

*Rev. Cyril D. Edwards Invites All To Attend!*

The 2026 summer festival, picnic and bazaar season kicks off this weekend as Mary, Mother of God Parish in North Scranton holds its annual Block Party at Holy Rosary Center.

Featuring food, games, raffle baskets, music and other activities - the celebration is one of the first across the region.

All parishes are invited to send their picnic information to the Diocese of Scranton Communications Department for promotion.

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