



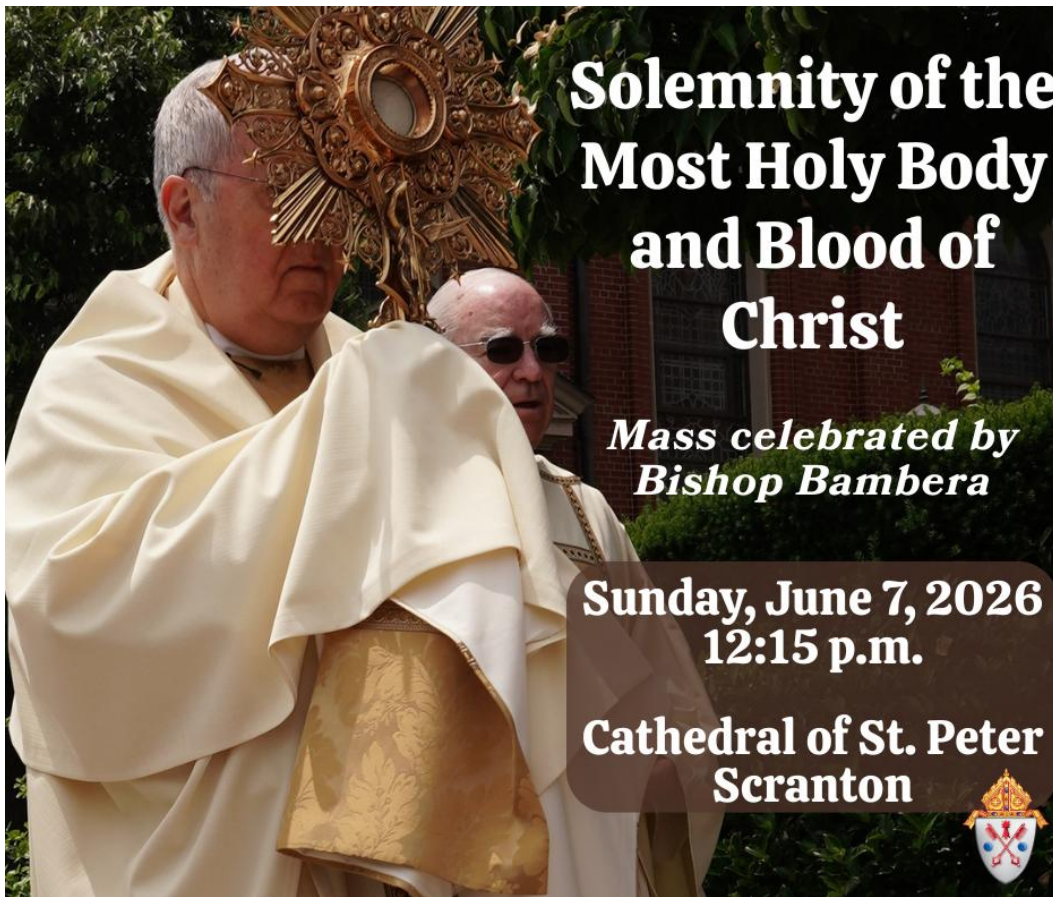
The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Weekly E-Newsletter

June 4, 2026

**Bishop Bambera to celebrate
Mass for the Solemnity of the
Most Holy Body and Blood of
Christ on Sunday at Cathedral**



Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

*Mass celebrated by
Bishop Bambera*

**Sunday, June 7, 2026
12:15 p.m.**

**Cathedral of St. Peter
Scranton**



As Catholics throughout the world celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – commonly known as Corpus Christi Sunday – the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, invites the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton to join him for a Pontifical Mass at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 7, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton.

Corpus Christi is one of the Church's most beloved feasts, inviting Catholics to reflect with gratitude and wonder upon the gift of the Holy Eucharist – the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ reminds us that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, nourishing us to become Christ's presence in the world and strengthening us for lives of discipleship and service.

This year's celebration comes as the fruits of the National Eucharistic Revival continue to be felt across our country.

For those unable to attend Sunday's Mass with Bishop Bambera in person, CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will provide a live broadcast. The Mass will also be livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website and YouTube channel, with links to the Mass made available on all Diocesan social media platforms.

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Pope Leo: Keep beautiful witness of Corpus Christi processions alive



Pope Leo XIV has encouraged the faithful to keep alive the public witness of faith made visible in Eucharistic processions, recalling

that this week the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi.

“In the Eucharist, we contemplate Jesus, the bread broken and given for each of us,” Pope Leo said in his greeting to Italian-speaking pilgrims at the end of his Wednesday general audience on June 3.

“Processions with the Blessed Sacrament, which take place in the streets of many towns, are an expression of popular Eucharistic devotion; in this regard, I encourage you to keep alive this beautiful public manifestation of faith,” Pope Leo said.

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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF THE
EPIPHANY IS HOSTING ITS ANNUAL

Corpus Christi Procession

Sunday June 7th, 2026
12:30pm - 2:30pm

(Rain date: June 14th, 2026)



All who are processing will assemble at Epiphany Church for exposition.

The Procession leaves Epiphany and proceeds to Howard Elmer Park for prayer and reflection at three altars.

Following the procession in the park, we will return to Epiphany Church for Benediction and reflection.

**Bishop Bambera announces new
Clergy Appointments for July**



On Wednesday, June 3, 2026, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, announced a new round of clergy appointments that will take place on July 15, 2026.

To view the latest clergy appointments, please click the link below.

[Click Here to View Bishop Bambera's Clergy Appointments Released on June 3, 2026](#)

**Bishop Bambera to honor 2026
Priest Jubilarians at Cathedral Mass
today at 12:10 p.m.**



Twelve priests who are celebrating milestone anniversaries of their ordination year will be recognized today during the 2026 Mass for Priest Jubilarians at 12:10 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will serve as principal celebrant and homilist. During today's Mass, the Bishop will recognize a combine 600 years of service to the priesthood.

For generations, these faithful priests have baptized our children, celebrated our marriages, comforted us in times of loss and guided countless souls closer to Christ.

The faithful are encouraged to fill the Cathedral with gratitude and prayer as we honor the extraordinary witness and lifelong service of these dedicated shepherds.

Reverend Joseph J. Adonizio will be recognized for 70 years of priestly service. Father Adonizio was ordained a priest on May 29, 1956.

In addition to Rev. Adonizio, priests who are celebrating 65-, 50- and 25-year ordination anniversaries will be honored at the Mass.

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**Support our Catholic Schools
through NEPA Gives 2026 - and join
us tonight in West Scranton**



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JUNE 4-5

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For 24 hours only - as part of NEPA Gives 2026, set for 7 p.m. Thursday, June 4, until 7 p.m. Friday, June 5 – we are challenging our 19 Catholic schools to kick their fundraising up a notch in a World Cup–style showdown of school spirit and generosity.

Fueled by the witness of our first millennial saint, Carlo Acutis — who demonstrated how holiness can go viral — we are dedicating this year’s campaign to him and proving that faith, fervor, and friendly rivalry can change lives.

Soccer was not only St. Carlo’s game, but it is the world’s game. In the Catholic Church, “worldwide” means something. We are many schools but share ONE faith and are united in ONE mission. So rally your team, design your plays, and get ready to ask your fans to cheer you on!

SOCCER AND SAINTS: THE CARLO CUP GAMES!

Who: DoS Catholic Schools, with our parish life and social justice ministries, plus special guest, star crooner, and NEPA Gives faithful featured ambassador, Fr. Jim Paisley

What: A NEPA Gives 2026 kickoff picnic. Bring your own blankets and/or chairs, a picnic “basket,” and NEPA Gives rally-call yard signs. (We encourage creatively handmade!) Prizes awarded for **Best Theme-Friendly Picnic Display**. A small “concession stand” will be available for purchases to benefit the campaign.

When: 5:30 until 8 p.m. Thursday, June 4

Where: St. Ann’s Monastery & Shrine Basilica, 1233 St. Ann St., Scranton, a national shrine of the Catholic Church

Why: To rally support for your school and for Team DoS!

All are invited to join Fr. Paisley and fellow priests in a livestream performance of “When The Saints Go Marching In” and/or to offer a performance of their own. Guests also may sign up to play World Cup to attempt to **PUT ONE PAST THE PRINCIPAL** or **PUT ONE PAST THE PASTOR** for prizes!

The Diocese of Scranton is once again participating in NEPA Gives 2026. The 24-hour online giving extravaganza – held on the first Thursday of June – allows donors to make secure donations to their favorite nonprofit organization.

Donations can be enhanced with bonus funds provided by NEPA Gives sponsors – making donor dollars stretch even further! Nonprofits, like the Diocese of Scranton, will also be eligible for cash prizes.

NEPA Gives 2026 will take place from 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2026, to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2026.

We are excited to invite all of our supporters – especially our Catholic school families – to participate in the Diocese of Scranton’s official kickoff of NEPA Gives 2026 at the Soccer and Saints: The Carlo Cup Games!

This fun-filled community event will celebrate faith, school spirit, and generosity as the Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools launch the 24-hour NEPA Gives fundraising campaign.

Event Details

Thursday, June 4, 2026

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

St. Ann’s Monastery & Shrine Basilica
1233 St. Ann Street, Scranton

Families are encouraged to:

- Bring blankets and/or lawn chairs
- Pack a picnic basket
- Create and bring school spirit signs to cheer on our school
- Wear your school colors and show your pride!

The evening will feature:

- Friendly soccer-themed competitions and activities
- Special guest performances, including Fr. Jim Paisley
- Prizes for the best theme-friendly picnic display
- Opportunities to support our school during the NEPA Gives campaign

[Click Here for More Information on NEPA Gives 2026](#)

As World Cup approaches, Pope Leo's June Prayer Intention is for sport to foster peace and encounter



With the FIFA World Cup opening this month, Pope Leo XIV has dedicated his June prayer intention to the power of sport to build bridges between cultures and nations, releasing a video prayer calling on athletes, coaches and fans alike to embrace the field as a space of encounter rather than division.

The Vatican released the monthly “Pray with the Pope” video on June 2 in which the pope prayed that “sport may always be a school of fraternity, not of empty rivalry, a space of encounter, not exclusion, a path of peace, not violence.”

The pope’s official prayer intention for the month reads, “For the values of sport: Let us pray that sport may be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue between cultures and peoples, and

may promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.”

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Pope Leo XIV heads to Spain this weekend - a missionary country he knows by heart



Spain has been, and hopefully will continue to be, a very missionary nation.”

Pope Leo XIV spoke these words during a brief encounter with Father José María Calderón, national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Spain. For Father Calderón, they reflected

something more than a passing compliment from a pontiff preparing to visit the country June 6-12.

“They touched my heart,” Father Calderón told OSV News. “They strengthened my desire to continue promoting missionary awareness.”

As the first pope in modern history to have spent much of his priestly ministry as a missionary, Pope Leo arrives in Spain June 6 with a unique familiarity not only with the country itself — which he has visited almost 50 times — but also with the missionary tradition that helped shape Catholicism across much of the world.

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EWTN's Montse Alvarado named Prefect of Vatican Dicastery for Communication



Pope Leo XIV appointed Maria Montserrat “Montse” Alvarado, president and chief operating officer of EWTN News, as prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Communication on June 2.

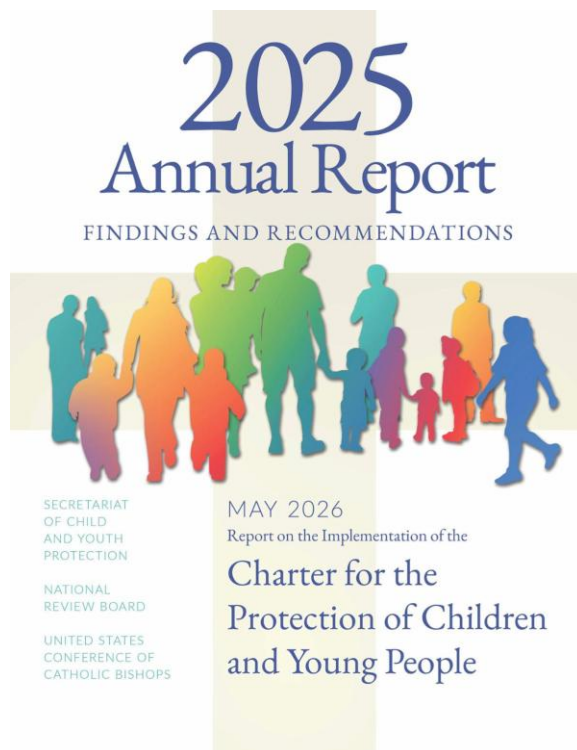
Alvarado, a Mexican-American Catholic who grew up in Miami, will succeed Paolo Ruffini, whom Pope Francis appointed in 2018 as the first lay prefect of a dicastery. She will assume the post Nov. 1.

She will be the first laywoman who is not a religious sister to lead a dicastery, and, at age 39, will be by far the youngest prefect in the Roman Curia.

The first woman to head a Vatican dicastery was an Italian Consolata Missionary, Sister Simona Brambilla, who was 59 when Pope Francis appointed her in January 2025 as prefect of the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

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U.S. Bishops' Child Protection Report shows 'historic milestone,' but flags warning signs



An annual report from the nation's Catholic bishops shows that more than 1,000 allegations of child sexual abuse were reported in U.S. dioceses during the 2025 fiscal year, with just over 2% involving individuals who were minors in that period.

In addition, on-site auditors found weaknesses in several dioceses' review boards and records management, as well as burnout and turnover among safe environment and victim assistance staff.

Based on costs included in the report, U.S. Catholic dioceses have, according to OSV News' calculations, paid some \$5 billion in abuse settlements and related costs from 2004 to June 2025 – a

total that to date likely exceeds \$6 billion when factoring in more recent settlements, such as one for \$800 million reached by the Archdiocese of New York.

On May 27, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection and its National Review Board released the "2025 Annual Report — Findings and Recommendations on the Implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People."

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Relics of Sister to whom Jesus appeared, showing His Sacred Heart, arrive in United States



The relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, the French Visitation sister who experienced visions of Jesus revealing his Sacred Heart, will be present with the U.S. bishops in Orlando, Florida,

when they consecrate the United States to Jesus' Sacred Heart
June 11.

The relics were flown from Paris to New York June 2 and will remain in the U.S. until September. As part of their plenary assembly in Orlando June 10-12, the U.S. bishops will concelebrate Mass and pray the act of consecration. The bishops also will hear reflections on the Sacred Heart ahead of the Mass.

Arnaud Bouthéon, the lay leader of the Knights of Columbus in France, will be in charge of the unusual transatlantic trip with the reliquary.

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