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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic community of the Diocese of Scranton, are called through Baptism to imitate the servant leadership of Jesus Christ. In union with our Holy Father, the Pope, we proclaim the Gospel faithfully, celebrate the sacraments joyfully, and boldly promote life, justice and peace in northeastern and north central Pennsylvania.

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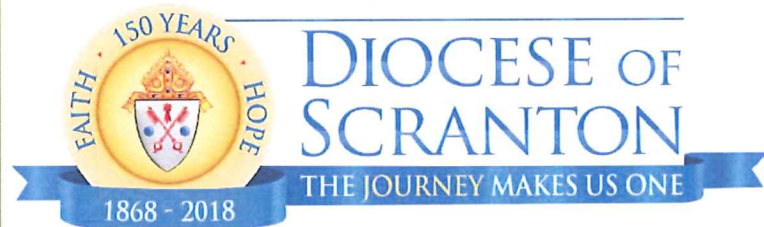
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Cathedral Celebrating Diocesan Anniversary in Song

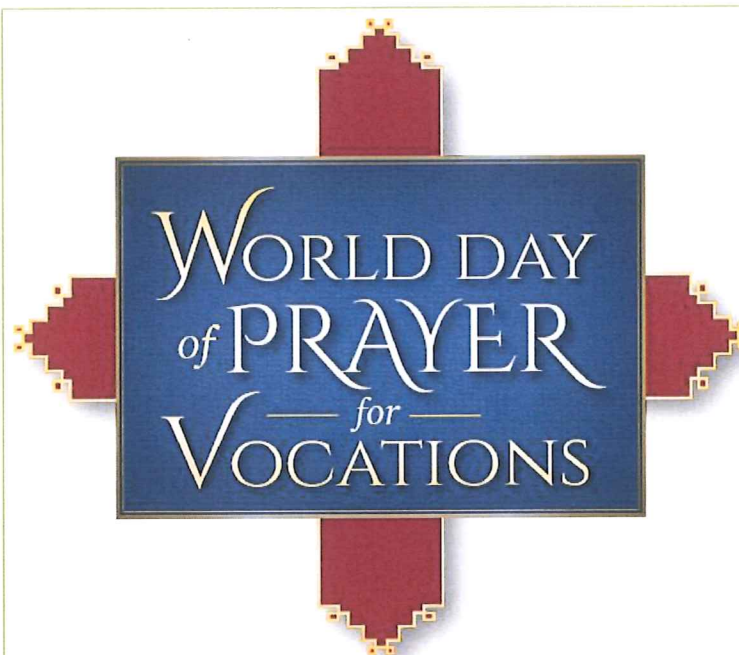
The Cathedral of Saint Peter will celebrate in song the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Scranton. A concert titled "*How Firm a Foundation: A Musical Celebration of Our First 150 Years*" will be presented on Friday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral.

The concert will feature the Choral Society of Northeast Pennsylvania. There is no charge for admission. A free will offering will be collected. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 570-344-7231, visit www.stpeterscathedral.org, or visit the Cathedral on Facebook @CSPSCRANTON.

Formed in 1999 through the merger of the former Singers' Guild of Scranton, Wyoming Valley Oratorio Society, and Wyoming Valley Children's Chorus, the Choral Society of Northeast Pennsylvania has quickly established itself as a regional force for choral performance and arts education. In 2001 the Society also formally recognized the many contributions being made by members of the former Hazleton Oratorio Society.

Guided by the twin mottos, "Artistry through Opportunity" and "Excellence through Education," the Society seeks to provide quality performances and choral music education to both singers and listeners of Northeast Pennsylvania; and to promote the choral arts as a vital element of contemporary society across the region.

The Cathedral of Saint Peter, the mother church of the Diocese of Scranton, has served the faithful of northeastern and north central Pennsylvania since 1853. The Cathedral strives to offer prayerful and inspiring worship to all who enter its doors and works to meet the spiritual, educational, and personal needs of those it serves.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The annual celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2018. This year will have special significance in the midst of our 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Scranton. We honor the legacy of the Bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful who so generously and faithfully have laid the foundation on which we continue to build our life as a local Church. We also look forward to the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops meeting in October 2018, discussing the crucial theme "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment."

All are welcome to participate in the Diocesan Celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on **Sunday, April 22, at 5:00 p.m.** at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, 702 West Fourth Street, Williamsport. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera followed by a social in the Fleming Center with representatives from various religious communities serving in the Diocese of Scranton. Families, youth groups, religious education and Catholic School

students, members of Young Adult Groups and parishioners from throughout the Diocese are all welcome! For more information, please call 570-207-1452.

Altus for Women Groups Holding Spring Meetings

Altus for Women, a Catholic women's ministry in partnership with the Diocese of Scranton Office for Parish Life, is sponsoring a series of gatherings throughout the Diocese during the spring season for 16 Altus groups - 15 onsite meetings and one online.

The women's gatherings will begin during the week of April 16 and continue on a weekly basis for six sessions.

The small-group meetings are led by a reading of the book *Mary's Way* by Judy Landrieu Klein, which tells the heart-warming story of her empowerment through hopeful trust in God and the Blessed Mother in dealing with family members' struggles with drug addiction and emotional anxiety.

In addition to being the featured author for the spring Altus group gatherings, Ms. Klein will also serve as the keynote speaker for the Diocese's first Catholic Women's Conference, to be held on June 23 at the University of Scranton.

Registration fee for participation in the meetings is \$20 per person (plus the cost of the book). The cost also includes access to the online Altus Facebook group and admission to the ministry's Tea Party Finale on Wednesday, May 23, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton.

For a complete listing of Altus group gatherings, including times and locations, and to register, visit: www.altusforwomen.com.

First Annual Catholic Women's Conference June 23

The First Annual Catholic Women's Conference will be held Saturday, June 23, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the University of Scranton, Byron Complex.

The conference, intended to inspire women at all levels of faith, will include several noted speakers, uplifting music, the Sacrament of Penance, Eucharistic Adoration and a Mass with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Participants can also enjoy a continental breakfast, lunch and shopping at the Catholic Vendor Marketplace.

The keynote speakers are Judy Landrieu Klein, a speaker, theologian and author; and Father Richard McAlear of Ministry of Hope and Healing. Megan Murphy, a local speaker, teacher and evangelist, will serve as master of ceremonies.

The conference will also feature the Christian music group, "His Own," from Nashville, Tenn.

The cost is \$40 for an early-bird ticket, and \$50 after June 1. Student tickets are \$20. Women religious can attend at no charge.

For registration and information, go to www.dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womensconference

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up in the Diocese of Scranton the weekend of April 28-29.

This special collection, established by the U.S. bishops in 1998, primarily supports home mission dioceses - those dioceses in the United States that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other dioceses in the U.S. for particular projects, and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work.

The collection supports a wide range of pastoral services. However, it principally focuses on evangelization activities; religious education; ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and laypeople; and support of poor parishes across the country.

XLT (Exalt!)

XLT (Exalt!) will be held Friday, April 27, from 7-9 p.m. at Saint Matthew Parish, 78 Ridgeway Street, East Stroudsburg. The event, sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations, will consist of Eucharistic Adoration; praise & worship music by Francis Zelinka; a talk by Dori Hurley, youth minister, Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Brodheadsville; reconciliation, and a social. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Dominick Costantino at 570-780-2996.

Registration Open for Catholic Men's Conference

All Catholic men who want to grow in their faith are invited to the Diocese of Scranton Catholic Men's Conference scheduled for May 5 at King's College in Wilkes-Barre.

The conference will feature inspirational speakers, Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a concluding Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Many ministries will be represented and a variety of books, CDs and other material will be available.

The Catholic Men's Conference will bring together hundreds of Catholic men for good fellowship and a re-commitment to promoting and living out our Christian heritage in our homes, workplaces and society.

You can register on line at: www.beamanconference.com or call the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 570-207-2213. For more information or to volunteer, please call or email Michael Kilmer at 570-746-0100 or mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com.

Office for Parish Life

Techniques for Intuitive Ministry **Saturday, April 14 from 9:00AM-3:00PM at Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas**

Presented by Sr. Jane O'Donnell, RSM and Dr. John Lemoncelli

Ministers are often called to meet people where they are and help create an environment of trust, while being attuned to themselves and God. In the morning session, Sr. Jane will guide participants in skills for intentional listening, being present to others and to listen with the eyes, ears and the heart. In the afternoon, Dr. Lemoncelli will provide an introduction to mediation of relationships and boundaries within ministry, and offer resources and methods for addressing a variety of interpersonal encounters.

For more information, contact Kitty Scanlan at 570-207-2213, x 1157, or kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

Looking to learn more about your faith, or gain enrichment for your parish ministry during the Easter season? Members of the faithful across the Diocese of Scranton are invited to consider taking a course through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation! The next learning session runs from April 8, 2018- May 12, 2018 (Registration is open March 7 through April 4). A variety of courses are available in English and Spanish at <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/>.

LTP Virtual Workshops for Lectors

Liturgy Training Publications offers several different series of online workshops for cantors, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, liturgists, teachers and catechists throughout the year. These virtual workshops are different than other webinars in that they invite participants to engage with the presenter and one another in providing

feedback, reflections on the topic at hand, and discussion of best practices and strategies for enhancing engagement in their ministries. Workshops in April and May will be offered to help lectors enhance their ministry:

Techniques for Effective Proclaiming: Public Speaking Skills to Bring God's Word to Life -Tuesday, April 17 at 7:30PM or 9:30PM
The Word of the Lord at Mass: Understanding the Lectionary for Lectors-Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30PM or 9:30PM
Literary Genres in the Lectionary: Proclaiming the Different Forms of Scripture-Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30PM or 9:30PM

The cost for each session is \$10, or you can participate in all three lector sessions for \$25. For more information or to register for any of these sessions or to see what other sessions are available throughout the year, please visit www.ltp.org/virtualworkshops.

DRE Network Meetings
May/June 2018

As the Catechetical Year winds down, please plan to get together for another round of DRE Network Meetings. Meet other DREs in your region and share successes, new ideas and plans for next year. At these meetings, we will look forward to the week of Catechist Camp in August, brainstorming ideas for topics and locations.

All DRE Network Meetings will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Please choose a location convenient to you, and RSVP to Mary Anne Malone: Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org or (570) 207-2213, ext. 1100.

Thursday, May 24 (Eastern Region)

St. John Parish
5171 Milford Road
East Stroudsburg, PA 18302

Tuesday, May 29 (Western Region)

St. Ann Parish
1220 Northway Rd
Williamsport PA 17701

Tuesday, June 5 (Northern Region)

St. John Neumann Parish
633 Orchard Street
Scranton, PA 18505

Wednesday, June 6 (Southern Region)

Gate of Heaven Parish
40 Machell Avenue
Dallas, PA 18612

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Pope Francis recently added a Memorial for "The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church" to the General Roman Calendar. It will be celebrated each year on the Monday after Pentecost. This year that will fall on **May 21**.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Divine Worship has now posted information on the [USCCB website](http://USCCB.org) about the readings and orations for Mass. It also provides information about the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours on this new Memorial.

The new Memorial supersedes the rubric at the end of the Pentecost Mass that suggests that a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost.

Please note that the readings will be proper to the day, not optional. They are slightly different than what is in the *Lectionary for Mass* (Lectionary Number 1002- I). The Secretariat has produced a PDF of the readings which may be found at the above link.

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral

Bishop Bambera will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. If your parish has any adult baptized Catholics who need to complete their Sacraments of Initiation by attending this Mass, the proper forms must be returned to the Office for Parish Life by Friday, April 27. All information concerning the Adult Confirmation has been updated on the Diocesan website: [Parish Life and Mass Times/Christian Initiation Resources/Confirmation](#).

Misal Romano, Tercera Edición

Publishers are now printing ritual editions of the U.S. *Misal Romano, Tercera Edición* available on May 1, 2018. This new edition may be used beginning on the weekend of Pentecost (May 20, 2018), and usage is mandatory as of the First Sunday of Advent (December 2, 2018). Publication information, as of mid-February 2018, is as follows:

¢ **Catholic Book Publishing Co.** ([CatholicBookPublishing.com](#) 877-228-2665)-Altar and Chapel editions

¢ **Liturgical Press** ([LitPress.org](#) 800-858-5450)-Altar and Chapel editions

¢ **Magnificat** ([Magnificat.net](#) 970-416-6670)-Altar edition

Please visit the USCCB website ([USCCB.org/cultodivino](#)) for articles and other resources on the new *Misal*.

Roman Missal "Book of the Chair"

Upon the request of pastors to provide a lighter book for altar servers to hold, the Holy See has authorized a "Book of the Chair" edition of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition* entitled, *Excerpts from the Roman Missal*, and is now available from the following publishers:

¢ **Catholic Book Publishing Co.** ([CatholicBookPublishing.com](#) 877-228-2665)

¢ **Liturgical Press** ([LitPress.org](#) 800-858-5450)

¢ **World Library Publications** (<http://www.wlp.jspaluch.com/> 800-566-6150)

¢ **Magnificat** ([Magnificat.net](#), 970-416-6670)

Misal Romano Workshops

The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) will host a series of workshops on the *Misal Romano* for clergy, music ministers, and lay leaders. The schedule features a three-hour afternoon session for clergy and lay leaders, and a separate evening session for music ministers, and all sessions will be bilingual. The nearest workshops will be held on June 11 in Baltimore, Md. and June 27 in Trenton, N.J. For more information, please visit <https://fdlc.org/misalworkshops>

Youth Retreat

Junior High - Up & Over

June 1-3 at Camp Orchard Hill, Dallas

September 28-30 at Camp Orchard Hill, Dallas

A weekend retreat for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Team-building exercises, problem solving skills and small group processing helps students discover their strengths and inherent goodness. The skills learned during this retreat will help students get "up and over" their challenges. Contact Shannon Kowalski at the Office for Parish Life, 570-207-2213.

World Youth Day 2019

World Youth Day will be held in Panama City, Panama from January 22 - 27, 2019. World Youth Day is an initiative from St. John Paul II to gather Young Catholics of the world every two to three years in a celebration of faith and culture. The World Youth Day events gather millions, including Pope Francis, young Catholics, clergy, and religious brothers and sisters.

The Diocese of Scranton is sponsoring two separate pilgrimage packages for young adults ages 18 -35. If you, or a young adult you may know, are interested in learning more about the World Youth Day Pilgrimage, contact Shannon Kowalski, Coordinator for Youth & Young Adult Ministry at (570) 207-2213 x1155 or email Shannon-Kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org.

NPM National Convention Bus Trip

The Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will be sponsoring a bus trip to the NPM National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, July 9-13. The NPM National Convention features keynote presentations and concerts from renowned speakers and liturgical musicians, and offers clinics, exhibits, vendors and workshops for choir members, cantors, organists, keyboardists and other parish musicians and liturgical coordinators. To see all that the NPM National Convention has to offer, please visit the [NPM Convention website](#).

The bus will leave on Sunday, July 8 at 3:00PM from the Scranton area and stop in the Wilkes-Barre area for additional passengers before heading to Baltimore. The bus will leave the NPM Convention on Friday, July 13 around 1:00PM and return to our area around 5:00PM. Cost for the bus is \$85 per person, and does not include convention registration or hotel costs. Deadline for bus reservations is Thursday, May 31, and seating is limited.

To make your reservation, [click here](#) or visit the Scranton NPM website at ScrantonNPM.com, or contact David Baloga, Scranton NPM Program Director, at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158.

Parish Sponsor Couple Program for Marriage Preparation Available

Pairing engaged couples with sponsor couples is an effective way to prepare engaged couples for marriage, because it gives them personal attention, builds a bridge into your parish community and gives them mentors to rely on through the early years of marriage. A parish sponsor couple program also helps the married couple strengthen their own marriage. The Office for Parish Life now offers a program for parish use. In four sessions, couples will explore and discuss the same topics currently covered in the popular Diocesan Pre-Cana Days of Reflection, with video content featuring John Regula and Bernadette Rudolph. Contact Jennifer Housel, Coordinator for Marriage and Family Life, to discuss starting this in your parish. (jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, 570-207-2213 x 1104)

Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22, 2018. Please consider starting an Environmental Ministry at your parish to celebrate and protect God's Creation. Visit www.catholicclimatecovenant.org to get started.

Looking to Have a Workshop for Your Liturgical Ministers?

Are your cantors or choir members in need of training on the basics of the ministry? Could your lectors or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion use a "refresher" course or a day of reflection? Board Members of the Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians are here to help and are willing to travel to provide a workshop or session for your parish ministers. Please contact David Baloga at 570-207-2213 or at David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org for more information.

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

Are you uplifted by the sound of organ music? Have you ever wondered how this instrument is played and what makes it work? The Pennsylvania Northeast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) is conducting its ninth "Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza" program for children and adults on **Sunday, April 15, at 1:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 97 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre**. Come and learn about the many different types of sounds the organ can make, and listen to some music! Those who play the piano are encouraged to bring some music to play on the organ. Pizza will be served at the end of the day's activities. The event is informal, free of charge, and open to all. Please register online at www.agopane.org or call 570-301-9253.

Allentown Marriage Conference

Registration is now open for the Diocese of Allentown Marriage Conference on Saturday, April 14, 2018. The conference will be held at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Sinking Spring. Sign up soon for the discount! Child care is available. Visit the website www.togetherinholiness.org or call 610-289-8900, ext 2028 for more information.

Harrisburg Beginning Experience Weekend

The ecumenical Beginning Experience weekends are an approved program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. The weekend is led by persons who have experienced the loss of a spouse and are trained in facilitating a weekend. Each Beginning Experience Team is certified by the International Beginning Experience Organization. Beginning Experience is your Church at work to provide help, healing and spiritual restoration.

A Beginning Experience weekend sponsored by the Diocese of Harrisburg will be held May 4-6, 2018 at Camp Hebron located at 957 Camp Hebron Rd, Halifax, PA 17032. See the Harrisburg Diocesan website: <http://www.hbgdiocese.org/> and go to marriage and family or check www.beginningexperience.org. Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team, Julie, at 717-379-0800 or Eva, at 717-495-9586.

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton

¢ **A liturgical resource to assist parishes in commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton all year long** is available on the Diocesan website. This resource includes hymn suggestions, an introduction to the liturgy, homily topic points, and intercessions for the Universal Prayer. This resource also includes the Anniversary logo, a calendar of events for the year, suggestions for local parish participation, and a parish liturgical resource to help commemorate the Anniversary year. Go to <http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/diocese-of-scranton-150th-anniversary/> and scroll down to "Parish Participation Kit."

¢ **Be sure to "like" Diocese of Scranton 150th Anniversary** on [Facebook](#). This is the central location on social media with all information about the anniversary, pictures, videos and events going on in the different parishes and schools throughout the Diocese. Help us spread the word by sharing the page! We encourage everyone to use the hashtag **#DoS150** on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram when posting about Diocesan, parish and school events related to the 150th Anniversary Year.

¢ Thanks to the parishes who have been notifying us of your Anniversary related events so we can post these on the 150th Anniversary Facebook page. **We are also collecting photos and visual effects** from your various Anniversary activities for an exhibit to conclude the year.

¢ **The hymn, "There Is One Body and One Spirit"** commissioned specifically for the 150th Anniversary is now available for parishes to sing throughout the year and beyond. [Click here](#) to download the assembly edition and choral arrangement, as well as the solo voice/guitar arrangement and instrumental parts from the diocesan website.

¢ **Historic Sites in the Diocese - there's an app for that!** One of the ways we can partake in the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese is through a visit to some of the historic sites here. The Office of Parish Life 2018 calendar features a number of those locations, and now there is a free app to guide you there. *The Diocese of Scranton Pilgrimage app* includes directions to each site, a description of what you will find when you arrive, a brief history, some photos and a "punch card" to help you keep track of the sites you have visited. Get the app and get on the road! (You can also use the app to enjoy a virtual pilgrimage without leaving home.) The app is easy to get: simply search for "Diocese of Scranton" on the **Android/Google Play App Store** or the **iOS/Apple App Store**.



Mark Your Calendar

For a listing of Diocesan and parish events, go to: [Calendar](#)

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www.twitter.com/DioceseOfScr

www.facebook.com/DioceseOfScranton

You are also encouraged to visit the Facebook pages of other Diocesan departments. They are listed on our website at:

<http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/social-media/>

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