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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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#### **Bishop Celebrating Mass of Atonement and Healing**

In his recent letter to the people of God, Pope Francis called on the Catholic community worldwide to acknowledge past sins and mistakes with a penitential openness, and to be involved "in the ecclesial and social change that we so greatly need. This change calls us to see things as the Lord does, to be where the Lord wants us to be, to experience a conversion of heart in his presence."

**In response to the Holy Father's invitation to a penitential exercise of prayer and fasting, the Diocese of Scranton is observing a time of Atonement and Healing. As part of this observance, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate a Mass on Saturday, September 15, at 12:10 p.m. in the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton.**

All are welcome to participate. CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live.

Also, to foster a communal expression of this commitment, Bishop Bambera has asked all parishes to consider a 24-hour period beginning the evening of Friday, September 14 - the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. This time of Atonement and Healing will continue throughout the day on Saturday, September 15 - the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. Parishes have been provided with resources to assist in planning for individual, family, parish and Diocesan-level participation.

A letter from Bishop Bambera and resources for this observance can found here: [Day of Atonement and Healing](#)





### **Welcome Back Students & Families!**

The 4 high schools and 16 elementary schools in the Diocese of Scranton are still welcoming students for the 2018-19 school year. From Pre-Kindergarten - 12<sup>th</sup> grade, we provide all students with the foundation to become life-long learners and faith-filled leaders. To learn more about our schools, including our Individualized Instruction program for students with exceptionalities, please visit, [www.DioceseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools](http://www.DioceseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools) or call the Catholic Schools Office at 570-207-2251.

### **XLT Fall 2018**

*Eucharistic Adoration - Speaker - Praise & Worship Music -  
Reconciliation - Social*

Monday, October 15, 6:30PM, Saint Boniface Parish, 326 Washington Blvd., Williamsport

Friday, November 16, 7:00PM, Saint Matthew Parish, 78 Ridgeway St., East Stroudsburg

Monday, December 3, 6:30PM, Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 127 Stephenson St., Duryea

For more information, visit [vocations.dioceseofscranton.org](http://vocations.dioceseofscranton.org) or call 570-780-2996.

### **Office for Parish Life**

#### **2018 Ministry Formation Skills Workshop Series Pray and Proclaim!**

**Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 9:00AM-2:30PM  
St. Monica Parish, West Wyoming**

***Presented by***

***Dr. Teresa Grettano and Kitty Scanlan***

Dr. Teresa Grettano will give introduction to basic public speaking techniques, and provide opportunity for participants to try out these methods.

Kitty Scanlan will discuss topics such as: Why do we pray? How do we pray? What are some ideas and resources for planning prayer with groups, or in the classroom? The ways in which ministers cultivate



spirituality outside of the Mass not only enriches Sunday worship but can bring the reality of God into our everyday lived experience.

*Dr. Grettano is an Associate Professor in the English and Theatre Department at the University of Scranton.*

*Kitty Scanlan is the Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation for the Diocese of Scranton in the Office for Parish Life.*

**For more information contact Kitty Scanlan at 570-207-2213. To register, visit [dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org).**

### ***Echoes of Faith Information Night***

***Wednesday, September 19, 2018 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.***

***Diocesan Pastoral Center 330 Wyoming Avenue Scranton***

Mary Anne Malone will offer an introduction to the Echoes of Faith program for anyone who is interested in online Adult Faith Formation. The program is especially valuable for parish catechists who want to earn a Certificate as a Master Catechist. You will learn how easy it is to get started in Echoes of Faith. You will be able to preview the modules that are offered, and learn how to navigate through the program. Created by the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) and published by RCL Benziger, Echoes of Faith is an online education program offering basic adult formation in the Catholic Faith. With 14 modules divided into three categories, the Echoes of Faith Learning Center can be used for parish Adult Faith Formation and for Basic Catechist Certification. It is also one way to complete the pre-requisites for the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry. Contact Mary Anne Malone: [Mary-AnneMalone@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Mary-AnneMalone@dioceseofscranton.org) or 570-207-2213, x 1100.

*Save the Date!*

### **WORD Convocation**

***(Convocation for Catechists)***

***Saturday, October 20, 2018***

***Diocesan Pastoral Center***

***330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton***

The Office for Parish Life invites DREs, catechists, RCIA teams, Youth Ministers, those on parish WORD Commissions, Catholic School teachers and anyone engaged in Ministry of the Word to share in the WORD Convocation.

The Keynote Speaker will be Joan Weber offering a presentation entitled, "Calling Families to Be Living Gospels."

Joan is the Coordinator of the National Workshop Series and Lifelong Faith Formation at the Center for Ministry Development. Joan is the former president of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association and content editor and author for the USCCB's book *Connecting Young Adults to Catholic Parishes*.

The day will begin at 9:00 with Mass in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, followed by the keynote presentation, lunch and a choice of workshops. Please save the date. Registration will be open soon.

For more information, please contact Mary Anne Malone: [Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org) or (570) 207-2213, ext. 1100.

### ***Workshop for Music Ministers with Dr. Elaine Rendler-McQueeney***

The Office for Parish Life and the Scranton Chapter of the National Association for Pastoral Musicians are sponsoring a musicians' workshop with Dr. Elaine Rendler-McQueeney on **Saturday, September 29, from 9:00AM to 12:30PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton**. The topic of the workshop will be: ***Here We Go Again: Rediscovering and Renewing Our Commitment to Music Ministry.***

All cantors, choir members, choir directors, organists, pianists, and instrumentalists are encouraged to join us! This is a great way to begin a new season of music ministry in your parish! The registration fee is \$20, and the deadline to register is Monday, September 24. To register, [click here](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or visit [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) and click on 'Parish Life'.

Dr. Rendler-McQueeney is a nationally recognized musician, teacher, author, composer, pastoral liturgist and speaker. She holds a doctor of musical arts degree (DMA) in organ performance from The



Catholic University of America. She is associate professor of music theory at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. For many years she was the director of the Georgetown Chorale in Washington, D.C. She is perhaps best known as the editor of *Today's Liturgy*, the quarterly liturgy preparation magazine from OCP. She has been writing the weekly columns and music suggestions in *Today's Liturgy* for more than 30 years, offering practical wisdom to generations of pastoral musicians.

Dr. Rendler-McQueeney leads events around the country, working with parishes and dioceses to focus on the preparation of ministers and selecting the music for the liturgy.

### ***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. Some potential topics include:

- **Choir Basics: Making the Most of Out of What You've Got**
- **The Body of Christ: Our Identity and Purpose**
- **Fostering Sung Prayer: Synchronizing the Organist, Cantor, Choir and Assembly**
- **Not Just a Pretty Voice: The Cantor as a Leader of Prayer**

Please contact David Baloga at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158 or at [David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org) to discuss how we can help address your parish's needs.

### ***Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training Sessions***

The Office for Parish Life will offer two all-day training sessions for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion at the following locations:

¢ **Saturday, September 15, from 9:00AM to 2:30PM at Christ the King Parish, Archbald**

¢ **Saturday, October 27, from 9:00AM to 2:30PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton**

There is no fee for the training and lunch will be provided. To register for the Saturday, September 15 session in Archbald, please contact Gail Fromm at Christ the King Parish at 570-876-1701. To register for the Saturday, October 27 session in Scranton, please fill out the [EMHC Training Registration Form](#) or call the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

### ***Up & Over Jr. High Retreat***

The Up & Over Jr. High School Retreat is a weekend of fun, friendship, and faith for 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at the beautiful wooded Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas. You will spend time outdoors, meet new friends and learn how your God-given gifts can be used when you work with others as a team! There will also be a number of fun activities and events, including a movie, free time and an outdoor obstacle course. Come and join us for an outstanding experience. You will have a great time, meet new friends and come closer to God who loves you!

Registration includes cabin lodging, delicious home cooked meals, a t-shirt and unforgettable memories!

ARRIVAL: Friday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m.

DEPARTURE: Sunday, September 30, at 12:00 Noon

COST: \$140 (which includes a \$70 non-refundable deposit)

Some parishes help with the cost, so don't be afraid to ask!

Deadline to register is September 21, 2018 - **Register online at [Up & Over](#)**

Call Shannon Kowalski at 570-207-2213 x 1155 with questions or for more information.

### ***LTP Virtual Workshops***

Liturgy Training Publications is offering 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 discuss best practices and strategies for enhancing engagement in their ministries. Here are just some of the upcoming virtual workshops:

**\*The Role of the Parish Secretary in the Liturgical Life of the Parish** -September 27, 2018 at 1:00PM

**Preparing to Celebrate Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Youth and Young Adults**- September 18 , 2018 at 1:00PM

**\*Developing Your Parish's Initiation Ministry Team**-  
September 19 at 1:00PM and 7:30PM

**\*Musician Series: A Survey of the Liturgical Music Document, Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship**-September 25, October 9, and October 23 at 7:30PM

The cost for each session is \$10-\$15 (\$40 for the 3 part Musician Series) . 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](http://www.ltp.org/virtualworkshops) .

### ***Season of Creation***

[Pope Francis](#) has called us to participate in the [Season of Creation](#) which begins September 1 and continues through October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis. For resources on creation and the environment, please visit the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website](#). Consider holding a Holy Hour or prayer service the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1.

### ***Prayer Resources for Those Suffering from Addiction***

The Diocese of Erie is providing a variety of resources for parishes and individuals to help pray for those suffering from addictions. Although designed with the opioid crisis in mind, these resources could also be helpful for those suffering from other addictions as well, including alcoholism and gambling. [Click here](#) to access the prayer services on the Diocese of Erie website, or [click here](#) to order a booklet of Catholic prayers for family members whose loved ones are suffering from addiction.

### ***Event for those involved in Marriage Ministries in the Diocese of Scranton***

Please join us for a gathering of all those involved in Marriage Ministries across our Diocese: Pastors, PreCana Team members, Parish Sponsor Couples, FOCCUS Facilitators, NFP Trainers, etc. If you are involved - **or would like to be** - in any Marriage Ministry, through your parish or through the Diocese, please plan to join us at the Diocesan Pastoral Center on the evening of November 10, 2018 at 6PM. Jim Merhaut, an inspiring presenter and the author of *Your Catholic Family: Simple Ways to Share the Faith at Home* and many other books and articles, will speak on the topic of "Marriage: A Journey of Expanding Appreciation for Others." A time for fellowship and dessert will follow.

For those who have an interest in joining these ministries, this could be an excellent way to meet and talk with others already involved. Pastors, please consider encouraging your parishioners who may be suited to these ministries to attend, and we hope you will join us as well!

RSVP by November 5 to Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development, Office for Parish Life, (570) 207-2213 x 1104, [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org)



### ***FOCCUS Facilitator Training and refresher***

The Office for Parish Life will offer a FOCCUS Pre-marriage Inventory Facilitator Training and refresher option on Saturday, December 8, 2018. The training will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center from 9AM to 3PM; a light lunch will be included. (Holy Day Mass will be held at the Cathedral at 8AM) The Full Training fee is \$100 for an individual or \$150 for a couple. For those who have already taken the 5-hour training and have a *FOCCUS Facilitator Manual* and a Certification number, but want to refresh their knowledge about FOCCUS Facilitating, the refresher option fee will be \$50 per person. If you, parish staff, or Sponsor Couples in your parish are interested in this training or refresher, please contact Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development, (570) 207-2213 x 1104, [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org)

### ***Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Retreat: November 2 - 4, 2018***

This confidential weekend retreat facilitates spiritual and emotional healing for men and women struggling with the pain of abortion. Exercises based on scripture are designed to help participants experience God's mercy and compassion, and to reconcile with their church, their child, and with themselves. The retreat concludes with a Memorial Service and (Catholic) Mass of Entrustment. If your heart hears God's gentle invitation, take courage, for you are being called home to heal. Financial assistance is available.

For registration information contact: Denise Mengak, (570) 822-7118, ext. 333, [drowinski@csswb.org](mailto:drowinski@csswb.org) or Susan Walters, [suezq22@verizon.net](mailto:suezq22@verizon.net).

### ***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* 1968-2018***

It has been 50 years since Pope Paul VI released the encyclical letter, *Humanae Vitae*. This Anniversary Year affords us an opportunity to re-examine the beautiful reflection on conjugal love contained in the encyclical. For a wealth of resources relating to *Humanae Vitae*, please consider accessing the following options:  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

- Resources useful in learning more about *Humanae Vitae* as well as links to Anniversary Events:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/resources/humanae-vitae.cfm>

- Natural Family Planning Resources:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/>

- Prayer and Liturgical Resources: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/resources/prayer-and-liturgy.cfm>

Documentary screening opportunity:

- A new documentary is available, "Sexual Revolution: 50 YEARS SINCE HUMANA VITAE." Go to [www.sexualrevolutionmovie.com](http://www.sexualrevolutionmovie.com) to learn more, to inquire about offering a screening in your parish, or to request access to a prescreening (free-of-charge) for one or two persons from your parish. (I took advantage of an opportunity to prescreen the movie; please contact me if you would like a synopsis of my impressions of the documentary.)

If you have questions, or to request further information, please contact Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development. (570) 207-2213 x1104 [jennifer-housel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jennifer-housel@dioceseofscranton.org)

### **150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton**

¢ **The Anniversary page on the Diocesan website** has been updated with new items and refreshed with an easy-to-navigate format. Explore it at:  
<http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/150th-anniversary-page/>

¢ **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 **simplified piano/vocal score, assembly edition, SATB choral arrangement, solo voice/guitar arrangement, instrumental parts and sample audio recording** 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](#)

### **Follow the Diocese on Social Media**

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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/>

*Thank you for connecting with us!*

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