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ROOTED IN CHRIST



During these cold months of winter, we long for the stirring of new life that comes with spring. Lent gives us the opportunity to grow deeper roots, so that even when things look bleak or barren, we have all we need to experience new life in Christ.

Join us for a series of daily reflections delivered right to your email inbox! Each day of the week will provide inspiration and ideas to make this a Lenten season that calls you into a deeper relationship with Christ. You'll hear from a variety of people who are missionary disciples, with gifts to share so that Christ is more known and loved. Each day will have a particular focus:

- Mercy Monday*
- Teaching Tuesday*
- Witness Wednesday*
- Thirsting Thursday*
- Forgiving Friday*
- Stick with It Saturday*
- Sacred Sunday*

Invite your friends and family to join you in these reflections, so that you have a shared experience even if you are separated by miles or circumstances. The content is designed for those who are faithful Catholics, and also those who are not currently part of our faith community. Wherever you are in your faith journey, these Lenten daily reflections will fill your spirit.

It's easy! Sign up at www.dioceseofscranton.org or call the Office for Parish Life to register (570) 207-2213. For more information, contact Mary Hallman, Secretary for Parish Life at mhallman@dioceseofscranton.org.

Here's the direct link: <https://scrantoncatholic.activehosted.com/f/1>

Ash Wednesday
March 2

Ordination and Installation of Bishop Jeffrey J. Walsh
Friday, March 4 at 2:00PM
Diocese of Gaylord

Rite of Election
Sunday, March 6 at 2:30PM
Cathedral of Saint Peter

The Light Is ON for You
Mondays in Lent
5:30PM-7:00PM



WORD

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who are people of the WORD, preaching, teaching, evangelizing and cherishing the Gospel message throughout our entire lives."

FORMED

Unlimited Access to Life-Changing Catholic Content

We are excited to announce our fourth and final webinar with FORMED. Don Walter will join us as the host of "The Mystery of Mary for the Diocese of Scranton." May is the Month of our Lady. This webinar will help you to identify many of the opportunities available to you on FORMED to assist you in drawing your parishioners into her Immaculate Heart. You can make this time of celebrating the Mother of God and our mother a most memorable and fruitful time. This webinar will take place on Wednesday, April 27th at 11:00AM.

FORMED is offering all parishes in the Diocese of Scranton that do not presently have a FORMED subscription another opportunity to register at a reduced cost for a one-year subscription by as much as \$400.00.

For more information about FORMED, please contact Jacki Douglas, at jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org or at 570-207-2213 ext. 1100.

Rooted in the Cross Retreat

April 1-2, 2022

"Rooted in the Cross" is a retreat for DREs, Lay Ministry Candidates, Youth Ministers and other catechetical leaders. As you work to provide meaningful experiences for the faithful of your parish, it is the desire of the Office for Parish Life to accompany you on your journey. We want to provide you with retreats, resources, workshops, and support to help encourage you as you work to make Disciples of Christ. This "Rooted in the Cross" Overnight Retreat will begin Friday night 4/1 (via Zoom) for opening prayer and reflection by Fr. Marc Pavaglio, Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and continue on Saturday 4/2 from 9AM-4PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Registration details will be posted to the Diocese of Scranton website by Friday March 4th. For questions, please call 570-207-2213.



Synod Listening Sessions for Catechists

The Office for Parish Life would like to invite you to one of two online **Synod Listening gatherings on Wednesday, March 16th, at 11:00AM or 6:30PM.** At this gathering we would like to share insights on our experiences of Church as part of the Diocese of Scranton, as well as to look at some of the specific ways our current ministry efforts can be growing to meet the needs of our

DREs, CRES, catechists, adult formation leaders, and families across our diocese.

On Monday, March 14 the link to and handouts for the Zoom meeting will be sent out, so if interested, please sign up before then by contacting Jacki Douglas at jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org (570)207-2213 x-1100.

Bishop's Youth Awards

March is quickly approaching and it is time to request your nominations for the Bishop's Youth Awards. Please take the time to carefully consider which **students in your eighth and twelfth grade programs** will best represent the spirit and intent of this award for your parish or school community. The BYA Masses will take place on the following dates and locations:

- **Monday, March 28 at 7:00pm**—Eastern Region— St. Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg
- **Wednesday, March 30 at 7:00pm**—Northern Region— Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton
- **Monday, April 4 at 7:00pm**—Southern Region— St. Jude Parish, Mountain Top
- **Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00pm**—Western Region— St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Williamsport

Emails with information on how to nominate your students for this award were sent out in February. **Nominations are due March 7th.** We appreciate all that you do to encourage the young people of your parish as they grow in missionary discipleship!

Catechetical Virtual Retreat

Praying Always and All Ways: Using Multiple Intelligences and our gifts for a deeper prayer experience.

Join us on **Wednesday, March 9 at 11:00AM** for a Catechetical Virtual Retreat led by Erin O'Leary. Scripture tells us to pray without ceasing, however we sometimes struggle to find ways to pray that work for us. In this presentation, we'll explore our unique gifts and multiple intelligences and ways to pray that fit us in order to have a deeper prayer life and build our relationship with God. This includes a personal inventory and practical ideas for ways to pray. For questions, contact Jacki Douglas, Director of Word and Lifelong Faith Formation, Office for Parish Life jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org (570) 207-2213, ext. 1100.

Our Speaker: Erin O'Leary, MEd, EdS, is a Hope-filled Catholic working in the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis for 30+ years as a Director of Faith Formation, Catholic school teacher and administrator and curriculum developer. She has given presentations and retreats both nationally and locally and was named an NCEA Distinguished Teacher of the Year. She serves as a board member of the Association of Coordinators and Religious Educators in the Twin Cities. Erin currently works at the Church of the Holy Name, Minneapolis, MN where she is Director of Faith Formation and also an educational consultant, presenter and contributing writer for Our Sunday Visitor Publishers.

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who WORSHIP our God and celebrate the Sacraments in union with the universal Church."

WORSHIP

Rite of Election

The Rite of Election will be celebrated by Bishop Bambera on **Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 2:30PM** at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. If you still need to register your catechumen(s) or candidate(s), please contact David Baloga, Director for Worship, at david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org or at 570-207-2213.

Please note that as a health precaution again this year, catechumens will not be gathering in the Cathedral sanctuary to sign their names in the Book of the Elect. **Catechumens will need to inscribe their names in the parish Book of the Elect before this year's celebration of the Rite of Election.** Therefore, it is strongly recommended that each parish celebrate the Rite of Sending for catechumens that includes the signing of their names in the Book of Elect (see *RCIA* #113). Bishop Bambera will sign each parish Book of the Elect during the part of the Rite of Election where the catechumen signing would normally take place. The wearing of masks is still highly recommended for all those attending the Rite of Election.

Lent and Holy Week 2022 Guidelines

Diocesan guidelines for liturgical celebrations this Lent and Holy Week can be found at [this link](#). The guidelines include directives for the imposition of ashes, the distribution of palm branches, as well as Holy Week and other parish gatherings.

Online Liturgy Network Meetings

The Office for Parish Life and the Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) is offering monthly online liturgy network meetings. The sessions will give participants the opportunity to share best practices, express concerns, ask questions, and receive updates on diocesan, national and universal liturgical norms. The next online liturgy network meeting will take place on **Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30PM (please note the change in date)**. Parishes will be sent a link to the monthly meeting. For more information, please contact David Baloga at david-baloga@dioceseofscranton.org or at 570-207-2213.

Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training Session

The Office for Parish Life will offer an all-day training session for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton on **Saturday, March 26, 2022 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, please fill out the [EMHC Training Registration Form](#) or call the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

The Light Is ON for You

Again this year, parishes in the Diocese of Scranton are participating in a Lenten initiative called *The Light Is ON for You*. Every Monday evening during the Lent beginning on the first Monday of Lent, March 7, and continuing through Monday of the last full week of Lent, April 4, confessions will be heard in every parish from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. so that Catholics can come to or return to this beautiful sacrament. Resources are available at [this link](#).

Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop Jeffrey J. Walsh

Solemn Vespers and the Mass of Bishop Jeffrey J. Walsh's Episcopal Ordination and Installation as the Sixth Bishop of Gaylord, Michigan will be live-streamed on Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and on diocesan social media on **Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7:00PM** (Solemn Vespers) and on **Friday, March 4, 2022 at 2:00PM** (Episcopal Ordination and Installation). Please tune in and pray for Bishop Walsh as he takes up his new role as shepherd of the Church of Gaylord.



REFLEXIONES DIOCESANAS DE CUARESMA
TIEMPO DE CONVERSIÓN
"Vuelvan a mí y yo me volveré a ustedes."
Zacarías 1, 3

JUEVES, 3 DE MARZO
LA ORACIÓN: UN DIALOGO CON DIOS
6:30 p.m - 8:00 p.m
SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS PARISH
604 N Laurel St, Hazleton, PA 18201

VIERNES, 4 DE MARZO
EL AYUNO Y LA ABSTINENCIA
6:30 p.m - 8:00 p.m
DIVINE MERCY PARISH
312 Davis St, Scranton, PA 18505

SABADO, 5 DE MARZO
LIMOSNA: GENEROSIDAD Y SERVICIO
9:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m
ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH
5112 Pocono Crest Rd, Pocono Pines, PA 18350

Mas Información: 570.207.2213 EXT. 1130
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COMMUNITY

"I CALL us to be servant leaders who build COMMUNITY through hospitality, respect, inclusion and holiness."

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Every summer, the diocese holds a Wedding Anniversary Celebration for couples celebrating their 25th and 50th years of marriage in Saint Peter's Cathedral, where couples renew their wedding commitment. This year's Mass will be held on **Sunday, June 26 at 2:30PM**.

Mark your calendar if you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Anniversary in 2022, or share this news with others who may be doing so. Stay tuned for additional information about this year's Wedding Anniversary Mass.

Educational Series for Families on Mental Health

The Scranton Mental Health Ministry at the Cathedral of Saint Peter is presenting this five-part series for families on mental health and mental illness to reduce stigma and discrimination through education and factual information about mental health conditions. The series will be held on **Tuesday evenings, April 19-May 17 from 6:30-8:00PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center** in Scranton, and it reinforces the core Christian belief that everyone has dignity and value and should be fully welcomed into the Church and the community.

Reservations are not required but appreciated by calling 570-344-7231. [Click here](#) for more information or contact DeaconEd@StPetersCathedral.org.

Schedule a "Night of Hope and Healing" for Your Parish!

Our Diocesan Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Ministry Team is available to host a "Night of Hope and

Healing" event in your parish. Speakers who have personally encountered God in their healing journey from loss through abortion, stillbirth and miscarriage share messages of hope and reconciliation. Music and Prayer conclude with an opportunity to write their children's name in the Book of Life. For information contact denisemengaklcsw@gmail.com or call 570-239-6173.

Retroville Weekend Coming to Our Diocese This Summer

August 19-21

Retrouville helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. Is it designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and misery.

For confidential information about, or to register for the August Weekend, please call 631-338-5413 or email philmilazzo2@gmail.com. You can also visit the Retrouville website at www.helpourmarriage.com.

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing

April 29-May 1, 2022

This weekend retreat provides a compassionate and confidential opportunity to those suffering from the impact of abortion to encounter our God of Mercy on a journey of spiritual and psychological healing. For more information, [click here](#) or contact denisemengaklcsw@gmail.com, or leave a message at 570-239-6173.

Synod on Synodality

The Diocese of Scranton has officially launched the listening phase of the Synod on Synodality. Details, resources (available in both English and Spanish), as well as informational webinars for this three-pronged approach to listening to the many voices of the faithful in the Church of Scranton can be found on the diocesan website at [this link](#). While the synod survey and phone line can be accessed on the diocesan website, **all parishes are highly recommended to offer a parish gathering** that integrates prayer and reflection in discussing the ten themes of the Synod. The listening phase will adhere to the timeline above.

To help prepare pastors, parish life coordinators and parish delegates for this process, the Diocesan Synod Team will offer the last of its informational webinars on **Wednesday, March 9 at 5:00P.M.** To register for this webinar, please [click here](#) or visit the Synod on Synodality page on the diocesan website. You **must** register at least one hour before the scheduled session in order to receive the webinar login information.

As always, the Office for Parish Life is ready to assist you every step of the way in the process. Please contact us at synod@dioceseofscranton.org for more information, and pray for the fruitfulness of this synodal journey!



"I CALL us to be servant leaders who engage in SERVICE to our neighbors near and far and who work for justice and stewardship to hasten the Reign of God."

SERVICE

Parish Social Justice Grant Info Night

Last year over 40 parishes were offered aid to support their social justice programs and ministries through the Social Justice Trust Fund Grant program. Pastors, parish leaders, or those interested in learning more about this opportunity are invited to join us for a Virtual Info Night on **Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:00pm**. The info session will offer a look into some projects granted funds last year, a walk through the application process, and an opportunity for questions. Email Shannon Kowalski at skowalski@dioceseofscranton.org with any questions or to receive the Zoom meeting link.

Young Adult Bible Study

Join us for a Young Adult Bible Study focused on "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" led by Fr. Alex Roche, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians. Everything we say and do at Mass matters and is rooted in the Bible. Learn more about what it all means and have a greater understanding and appreciation this Lent! The sessions are open to young adults from ages 18-40 and will take place on **Mondays in Lent (March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4) at 7:30PM**. You do not need to be able to attend all 5 weeks in order to register. We will record each session for those who cannot attend one live. [Click here](#) to register.

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

VLCFF registration for Cycle 2 is open until **March 2, 2022! Course dates are March 7-April 10**. Enter into Lent through course offerings that will feed your soul and your ministry—available in English and Spanish—with topics such as: Conscience; Evangelization and Discipleship; Images of Jesus; Mary in Scripture and Tradition; Sacraments; Cristología: Imágenes de Jesús; Herramientas para el Discernimiento Espiritual; Jesucristo, Dios y hombre verdadero; Moral Cristiana. For more class listings, or to enroll, visit vlcff.udayton.edu/.



Eucharistic Adoration

at St. Maria Goretti Parish
42 Redwood Drive
Lafin, PA 18702

**SPEAKER, MUSIC,
& RECONCILIATION**

Thursday, March 10 @ 7PM



YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

SIGNPOSTS:

HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND TRUST
THE WORK OF GOD'S HAND IN ONE'S LIFE

MARCH 25-26

HOLY FAMILY CENTER

151 OLD NEWPORT ST.
NANTICOKE, PA 18634



REGISTRATION FEE:
\$20.00

RETREAT LEADER:
FATHER PAT ROGERS, SJ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
JESUIT CENTER,
UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

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CRECIENDO & FORTALECIENDO NUESTRA FE CATÓLICA

CONOCE, AMA & VIVE TU FE

SÁBADOS
11 AM - 12 PM

LA MEGA
95.3 FM WILKES BARRE
94.9 FM SCRANTON

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OPL Month At A Glance

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ash Wednesday	3 Solemn Vespers preceding the Ordination & Installation of Bishop Jeffery J. Walsh 7PM, Diocese of Gaylord Reflexiones Diocesanass de Cuaresma, 6:30PM, Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Hazleton	4 Ordination & Installation of Bishop Jeffery J. Walsh 2PM, Diocese of Gaylord Reflexiones Diocesanass de Cuaresma, 6:30PM, Divine Mercy, Scranton	5 Reflexiones Diocesanass de Cuaresma, 9AM, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Pocono Pines
6 Rite of Election 2:30PM, Cathedral	7 The Light Is ON for You 5:30-7PM Young Adult Bible Study 7:30PM BYA Nominations Due	8 Online Liturgy Network 6:30PM	9 DRE/YM Remote Networking Meeting 11AM	10 Eucharistic Adoration 7PM, St. Maria Goretti, Lafin	11	12 St. Patrick's Parade Day Mass 10AM, Cathedral
13	14 The Light Is ON for You 5:30-7PM Young Adult Bible Study 7:30PM	15	16 Synod Listening Session for Catechists 11AM & 6:30PM	17	18	19
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27	28 The Light Is ON for You 5:30-7PM Young Adult Bible Study 7:30PM BYA Eastern Region— 7PM, St. Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg	29	30 BYA Northern Region— 7PM, Cathedral	31	<div style="background-color: #4a4a8a; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"> Routed in the Cross Retreat April 1-2, 2022 </div>	

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- Director for WORSHIP: **David Baloga**
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Coordinator for Ecumenical/Interfaith Relations: **Msgr. Vincent Grimalia**
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