



The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Weekly E-Newsletter

August 6, 2026

**Holy Cross Family Ministries to
offer reflections on the Rosary on
August 24**

Rosary



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SCRANTON

The Way to Peace, Conversion and Deeper Love of Christ

A time of prayer & reflection

with Craig Dyke
Director of Programs and Mission Outreach
Holy Cross Family Ministries



August 24, 2026

Choose either session

1:00 - 2:30 pm (includes lunch)

6:00 - 7:30 pm (includes dinner)

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Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 Wyoming Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503

This event is sponsored by



**HOLY CROSS
FAMILY MINISTRIES**



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ScrantonPrays.com**



This event is offered at **NO COST** thanks to the generosity of Holy Cross Family Ministries

The Diocese of Scranton invites all faithful to join us for a special reflection on the Rosary later this month and to learn ways to foster discipleship through this powerful devotion.

On Monday, Aug. 24, Craig Dyke from Holy Cross Family Ministries will offer a presentation "Rosary: The Way to Peace, Conversion and Deeper Love of Christ" twice at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton.

Both events are free. You can pick whichever best fits your schedule!

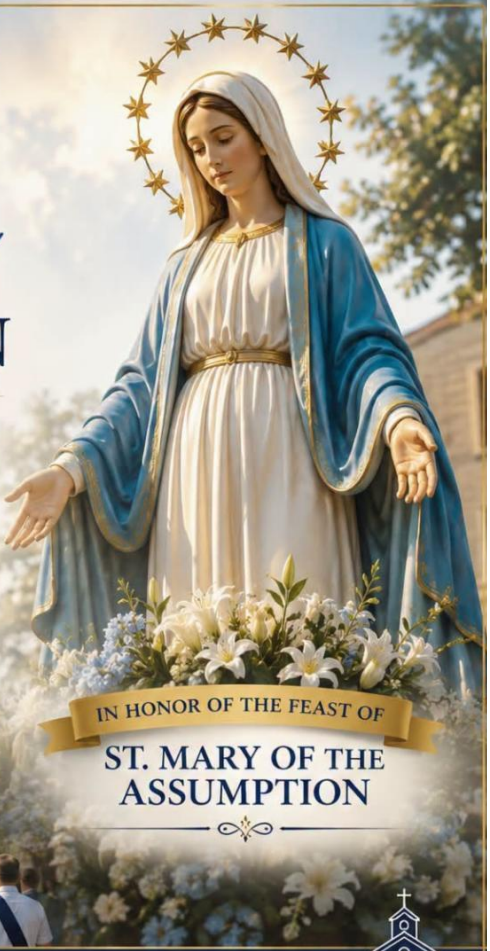
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6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (which includes dinner)

These reflections are for anyone who is devoted to Mary, loves the Rosary, and wants to bring others into a closer relationship with Christ and his Mother.

[Click Here For More Information or to Register for the August 24 Rosary Reflections](#)

Old Forge Parish to hold annual Outdoor Rosary Procession Sunday



 **PRINCE OF PEACE**
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

ANNUAL OUTDOOR
Rosary
PROCESSION

 FOLLOWING THE 10:00 A.M. MASS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

 Join us as we process with our Blessed Mother in prayer and unity through the streets of our parish, seeking her intercession and celebrating our faith.

 The procession and statue are sponsored by the
**OLD FORGE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 5940**

IN HONOR OF THE FEAST OF
**ST. MARY OF THE
ASSUMPTION**

 *Please join us!* | **ALL ARE WELCOME!** 

The Prince of Peace Parish community invites the faithful to participate in its annual outdoor Rosary Procession this Sunday.

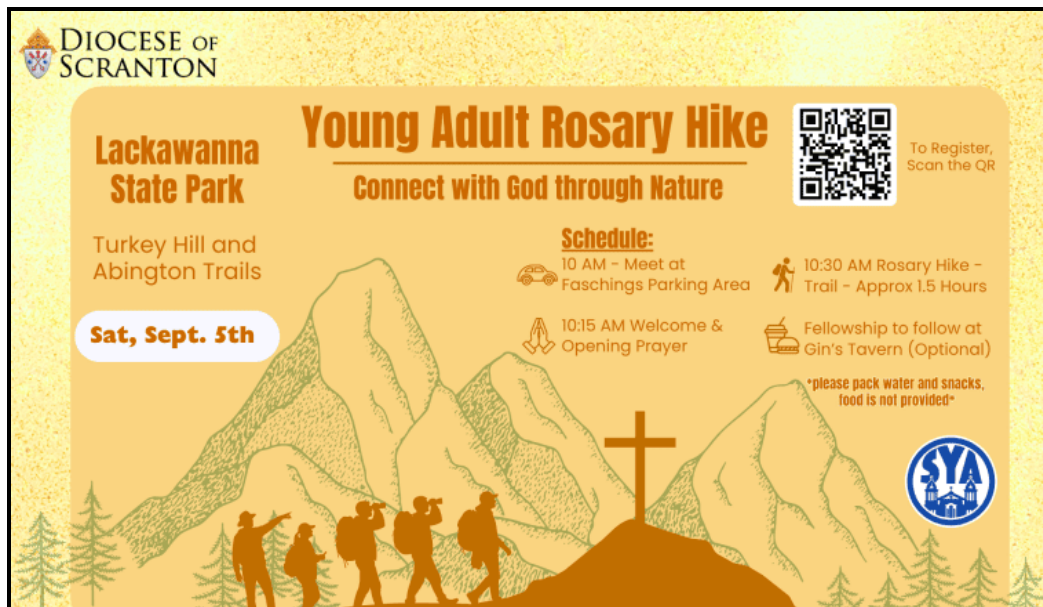
The procession will begin after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 9.

Sponsored by the Old Forge Knights of Columbus Council 5940, the procession will include bringing a statue of the Blessed Mother throughout the streets of the Old Forge community and praying for her intercession.

The annual Rosary Procession is held each year in honor and close proximity to the the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

[Click Here to Connect with Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge on Facebook](#)

Young adults invited to participate in Sept. 5 Rosary Hike at Lackawanna State Park



The poster is for a "Young Adult Rosary Hike" at Lackawanna State Park, organized by the Diocese of Scranton. It features a yellow background with a mountain range and hikers in the foreground. A large cross is on a hill in the center. The text includes the event title, location, date, and a schedule. A QR code is provided for registration, and a note says "please pack water and snacks, food is not provided". The Diocese of Scranton logo is in the top left, and a blue circular logo with "YA" is in the bottom right.

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Lackawanna State Park

Young Adult Rosary Hike

Connect with God through Nature

Schedule:

- 10 AM - Meet at Faschings Parking Area
- 10:30 AM Rosary Hike - Trail - Approx 1.5 Hours
- 10:15 AM Welcome & Opening Prayer
- Fellowship to follow at Gin's Tavern (Optional)

Sat, Sept. 5th

Turkey Hill and Abington Trails

To Register, Scan the QR

please pack water and snacks, food is not provided

Young adults from across the Diocese of Scranton are being invited to connect with God through nature!

On Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026, members of the young adult community are being encouraged to participate in a Rosary Hike at Lackawanna State Park.

Hikers will meet up at 10:00 a.m. at the Faschings Parking Area, hold an opening prayer at 10:15 a.m., and begin the hike around 10:30 a.m.

The plan is to hike the Turkey Hill and part of the Abington Trail, which spans about 2.7 miles. Depending on speed, the loop will take approximately 1.5 hours to complete.

Following the hike, all young adults are welcome to join together for fellowship at Gin's Tavern.

Participants are asked to RSVP in advance by clicking on the link below.

[Click Here to Register for the September 5 Rosary Hike](#)

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference draws hundreds to Scranton



Hundreds of Catholics from across the east coast gathered at The University of Scranton this past weekend for the 44th annual Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference.

This event is one of the largest and longest-running charismatic gatherings in the nation.

Attendees routinely travel hundreds of miles from neighboring states, including New York, New Jersey, and Maryland, to experience the unique, spirit-filled environment.

For many, the simple joy of being surrounded by hundreds of like-minded Catholics who openly express their love for God provides lasting encouragement to take back to their home parishes.

[Click Here to Watch a Video from CTV: Catholic Television from 2026 Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference](#)

Pope Leo XIV's August prayer intention is 'for evangelization in the city'



Pope Leo XIV is inviting Catholics to pray “for evangelization in the city” as his August prayer intention, asking the Lord to accompany millions searching for meaning amid the noise and haste of urban life.

In his monthly “Pray with the Pope” video, Pope Leo expressed his hope that urban environments may provide “fertile ground” for proclaiming the Gospel.

The Chicago-born pope acknowledged that while cities are meant to be places of “freedom and opportunity,” they can also become “spaces of anonymity and isolation.”

“Make us a Church that goes forth, able to reach out to the peripheries, to console those who are lonely, and to sow fraternity and connection instead of giving in to indifference,” the pope prayed.

[Click Here to Read the Full Story from Our Sunday Visitor](#)

Pope encourages Catholics to deepen prayer through Liturgy of the Hours



Returning to his weekly general audiences after a monthlong summer break, Pope Leo XIV urged Catholics to embrace the

Liturgy of the Hours more fully in their daily lives, saying the church's public prayer is an antidote to a world shaped by technology, consumerism and an efficiency-driven mindset.

"Every week and every day, the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours are the breath of the life of the Church, which makes the Holy Spirit circulate through her Body," he said Aug. 5.

Because of Rome's summer heat, the pope held the audience inside instead of St. Peter's Square; however, this time it was held in St. Peter's Basilica rather than in the Paul VI Hall. As he processed to the altar, he stopped to shake hands with attendees and bless babies and rosaries.

Continuing his series on the documents of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Leo reflected on 'Sacrosanctum Concilium,' the Constitution on the liturgy. He said "it is the Holy Spirit who teaches us to pray," and that Christians unite themselves with Christ in offering praise and thanksgiving to God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

[Click Here to Read the Full Story from Catholic News Service](#)

**At premiere, Blessed Rother film
sparks hope for new saints inspired
by his life**



“He didn’t go back to Guatemala to die. He went back to Guatemala to live.”

Msgr. Don Wolf, rector of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine and a cousin of Blessed Rother, shared these words in a documentary “American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story.”

This scene still makes Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City choke up every time he sees it.

“He knew that death awaited him, but he knew that not going back would mean a different kind of death, and only by going back there would he live life to the full, the life that the Lord had called him to, even though that meant laying down his life,” Archbishop Coakley said during a panel discussion. It followed the documentary’s world premiere at the Regal Warren Moore Theater in Moore, Oklahoma, a suburb of Oklahoma City, on July 28, the feast day of Blessed Stanley Rother.

More than 600 people filled three theaters to watch the documentary — one for the English version narrated by award-winning actor Martin Sheen, and two for the Spanish version.

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Bipartisan duo announces new anti-trafficking caucus in Congress



A bipartisan pair of lawmakers announced July 30 they will form and co-chair a new caucus in the U.S. House aimed at the prevention of human trafficking.

Reps. Chris Smith, R-N.J. and Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., said the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Protection and Prevention Caucus — named in honor of the abolitionist and statesman — will work to advance legislation to prevent human trafficking, prosecute traffickers, and strengthen support and protection for victims, and facilitate greater cooperation to prevent the trafficking through partnerships between government, law enforcement, private and faith-based organizations.

“Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and a scourge on our collective humanity,” Mfume said. “Nearly 27 million people worldwide are trapped in forms of forced labor and human bondage, and Americans in all 50 states have been victimized as well.”

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U.S. Bishops ready nationwide prayer and action effort amid rising abortion rate



The U.S. Catholic bishops are getting ready a nationwide call to prayer and action, with an official launch date of Aug. 18, to mobilize Catholics to address the rising abortion rate and the increased availability of an abortion-inducing drug.

“Every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to the mother. Now with easier access to abortion pills, the abortion rate is tragically climbing, along with increased health risks,”
Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, president of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bishop Daniel E. Thomas

of Toledo, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said in joint remarks.

[Click Here to Read the Full Story from Our Sunday Visitor](#)

Jennie Bradley Lichter steps down as March for Life President



Jennie Bradley Lichter will step down as president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, she said in a July 30 statement.

“This note is to wish you the fondest farewell, as I will be stepping down as President of the March for Life effective tomorrow, July 31,” Bradley Lichter said in a statement. “My next chapter will be a new one for me: full-time mom.”

Organizers of the March for Life – first founded in protest of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, which was overturned in

2022 – describe it as the nation’s largest annual human rights demonstration.

The March for Life will seek new leadership while the pro-life movement faces a number of key challenges, such as preserving the Hyde Amendment, the recent approval of a new generic abortion drug, a policy permitting the distribution of that drug by mail and a rising abortion rate.

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**Biggest weekend of parish
festivals and bazaars approaches
as seven communities to hold
events!**

ST. JUDE PARISH

73RD ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE GROVE

AUGUST 7, 8 & 9

FRIDAY	4:00 – 10:00PM
SATURDAY	4:00 – 10:00 PM
SUNDAY	12:00 – 8:00 PM

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**GAMES - MUSIC - FACE PAINTING
FOOD & DRINKS - PRIZES & MORE...**

ST. JUDE PARISH GROVE

ROUTE 309 ~ MOUNTAIN TOP

Italian Festival in Honor of St. Rocco

ST. ROCCO'S CHURCH,
122 KURTZ ST. DUNMORE

AUGUST 7, 8, & 9, 2026

Food, Games and Live Entertainment!

FRIDAY:

6:00 P.M.: DUNMORE HIGH SCHOOL

MARCHING UNITS AND CHEERLEADERS

7:00 P.M.: "PICTURE PERFECT"

SATURDAY:

6:00 P.M.: HOLY CROSS HS CHEERLEADERS

7:00 P.M.: "POPSTAR DRIVE"

SUNDAY:

**FEAST DAY MASS – 12:00 NOON FOLLOWED
BY PROCESSION WITH STATUES AT 1:00 P.M.**

2:30 P.M.: "VINSKO ENTERTAINMENT"

**5:30 P.M.: ST. MARY OF MT CARMEL
CHEERLEADERS**

6:00 P.M.: "THE LUONGO BROTHERS BAND"

9:00 P.M.: FIREWORKS DISPLAY

9:30 P.M.: ALL RAFFLE DRAWINGS

SAINT JOHN'S *Church Bazaar*

Friday: 6PM-10PM Saturday: 5PM-10PM
Sunday: 3PM-8PM

ON THE PARISH GROUNDS, NESBITT STREET, LARKSVILLE, PA

FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY
AUGUST 7 • 8 • 9



Live Music Nightly

Friday - John Stevens' Doubleshot 7pm-10pm
Saturday - The Legends Oldies Band 7pm-10pm
Sunday - DJ Rob Sax 5pm-8pm

REFRESHMENTS ♦ AWARDS ♦ GAMES

50+ THEME BASKETS

*Large Variety of Polish, Slovak &
American Foods, including
Sausage, Funnel Cakes & More!*

**We make our own Potato Pancake batter, Haluski Noodles,
Pierogies, Clam Chowder, Rice Pudding, Desserts & More.**
We even peel and cut our own French Fries.



ST. MATTHEW'S *festival*

AUG 7-9, 2026

**Friday & Saturday 5-10pm
Sunday 12-6pm**

FUN FOR ALL AGES

Daily Live Entertainment

Headliners include...

Joey & The T Birds

Video Daze Band

Tempo Allegre
and more!

**INTERNATIONAL FOOD
HOMEMADE DESSERTS**

RAFFLES

MEGA 50/50

PRIZE BINGO

KID'S GAMES & FAMILY BINGO

BEER & WINE GARDEN

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We cordially invite you to
Our Lady of Peace Parish at MPB Church
127th Annual
Madonna del Monte
and the Saints of Cilento Festival
4th & Seybert Sts. Hazleton, PA 18201

Friday, August 7, 2026 3pm-8pm.

Saturday, August 8, 2026 4:30 pm -9:30 pm

Sunday, August 9, 2026 recitation of the

Rosary before the 10:30 am Mass.

followed by procession of the Cinti honoring Our Lady.

Benediction will follow in Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto

Sunday Pasta Dinner served 11am-2pm in the church hall.

Grounds are not open on Sunday.

Ethnic foods, Tricky Trays, Kids games,
Adult Beverages

Friday 5pm-7pm entertainment by Jim Cerminaro
singing all of your Italian favorites!

Saturday evening, KARTUNE 6pm-9pm.



at St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston
Thursday, Friday, *and* Saturday

August 6, 7, *and* 8

5:00-10:00 PM

Corner of Church *and* Broad Streets, Pittston
Parish Grounds *and* Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center

Entertainment Nightly

THURSDAY

Smoke in Mirrors

FRIDAY

Bugeye McGuire

SATURDAY

Flaxy Morgan

😊 **FUN AND FOOD FOR ALL!** 😊

Delicious Ethnic and American Foods

Variety Booths ✨ Bingo ✨ Big Basket Raffle

Children's Games ✨ Baked Goods

St. Brigid's Parish Invites You To

ST. AUGUSTINE'S

202nd ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday, August 9th, 2026 11:30am—2:00pm

Adults \$ 15.00—Children 12 and under \$ 5.00

St. John Neumann Center

Route 267

Choconut, PA

**Basket
Raffle**

Tickets for Raffle Baskets and
other raffles will be sold in
advance as well as on Picnic Day.

MENU

Barbeque Chicken

Macaroni Salad

Baked Beans

Cabbage Salad

Rolls

Brownie or Cookie

PRE-SALE/TAKE-OUT ONLY: PLEASE ORDER & PAY BY AUGUST 2nd

There will be NO extra chicken!!

To place orders call Joyce (570-623-4377); Meg (607-727-1065); Matt (570-930-0118);

Sr. Bette (570-553-2108); Debbie (570-744-2497)

Mary Homan (Lake Timberline site # 148) or (1-607-765-2696)



For more information call the Parish Office (570-553-2288) or see our Face Book Page— St Brigid Parish

This will be the biggest weekend of the summer parish festival season as seven different communities are holding events.

They include festivals in Pittston, Mountain Top, Dunmore, East Stroudsburg, Larksville, Hazleton and Choconut.

Click the link below for additional information and flyers from all of the church events being held this weekend!

[Click Here for the Full Listing of 2026 Parish Festivals, Picnics and Bazaars](#)

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