



# **The Catholic Light**

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

## **Weekly E-Newsletter**

### **July 11, 2024**

**Mass of Remembrance for victims of violent/tragic death to be held July 25**



The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death later this month.

This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident.

The Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. All persons who

have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will serve as principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass.

For those unable to attend in person, it will also be televised on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and made available via livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and social media platforms.

To register the name of a loved one for this very special liturgy, please click the link below and complete/submit the registration form by July 19.

For questions or further information call the Diocesan Office for Parish Life at (570) 207-2213.

[Click Here to Register the Name of a Loved One for the 2024 Mass of Remembrance](#)

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**In advance of Solemn Novena to Saint Ann, 100th anniversary concert to be held Sunday in Scranton**

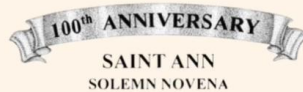


# 100TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Join us for a concert of sacred and secular music commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Solemn Novena to Saint Ann. Selections will be provided by St. Ann's Parish Choir, Pastor Fr. James Paisley, and local musicians and vocalists.

SUNDAY, JULY 14TH, 2024  
AT 2PM

THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. ANN  
1250 ST. ANN STREET  
SCRANTON, PA 18504



In advance of the annual Solemn Novena to Saint Ann kicking off on Wednesday, July 17, a special 100th anniversary concert will be held at Saint Ann's Basilica on Sunday afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend.

The concert will take place on July 14 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The event will feature secular and sacred music featuring the parish choir, local instrumentalists, Father Jim Paisley, pastor of Saint Ann Basilica Parish, and others.

The concert is one of many special events being planned to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Solemn Novena to Saint Ann this year.

The special time of preaching God's Word and praying for Saint Ann's intercession will run from July 17-July 26, the Feast of Saint Ann. The theme of the 100th anniversary celebration is "Gratefulness to God for 100 Years of Blessings."

[Click Here to Read More About the 100th Anniversary of the Solemn Novena to Saint Ann from The Catholic Light](#)

## **Vocations Golf Classic raises funds to support future priests**



Braving 90-degree heat, a total of 152 golfers gathered at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club on July 8 for an annual tournament with a higher purpose:



raising money to support seminarians and future priests of the Diocese of Scranton.

The picturesque greens of the Luzerne County golf course once again served as the setting for the Vocations Golf Classic – John Yourishen Memorial Tournament.

“It’s a different place to build up our church, a different way to get to know one another,” Rev. Alex Roche, tournament chair, explained. “As our number of seminarians starts going up, as it increases every year and we have more guys discerning and thinking about the priesthood and praying about the priesthood, it becomes more important to support them.”

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## Synod document seeks responses to welcoming, serving everyone



The working document for the October assembly of the Synod of Bishops on synodality has called for responses to how all the baptized can better serve the Catholic Church and help heal humanity’s “deepest wounds.”

The document said the synod should spur the church to become a “refuge” and “shelter” for those in need or distress, and encourage Catholics to “allow themselves to be led by the Spirit of the Lord to horizons that they had not previously glimpsed” as brothers and sisters in Christ.

“This is the ongoing conversion of the way of being the Church that the synodal process invites us to undertake,” the document said.

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## Do not be afraid to seek God where life is degraded, discarded, pope says



God is present in the “dark corners” of local communities and in people’s lives, Pope Francis said.

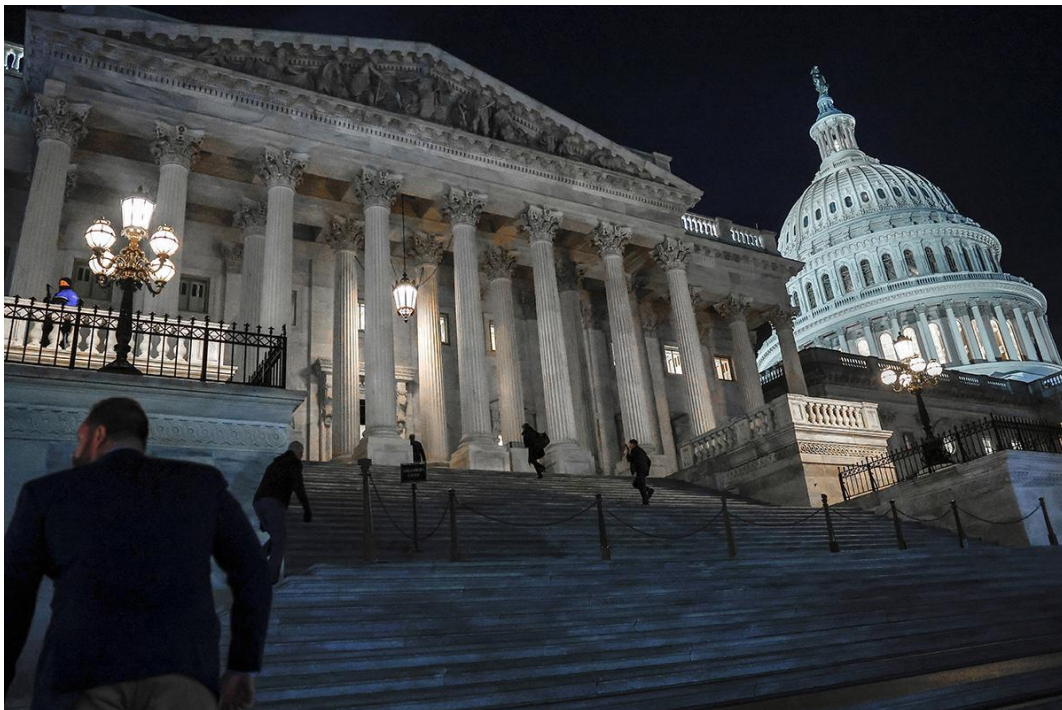
“His presence reveals itself precisely in the faces marked by suffering and where degradation seems to triumph,” the pope said in his homily at Mass in the northern Italian city of Trieste July 7.

“God’s infinity is concealed in human misery, the Lord stirs and becomes present, he becomes a friendly presence precisely in the wounded flesh of the least, the forgotten and the discarded,” he said.

The pope was in Trieste, a port city on the Adriatic Sea close to the borders of Croatia and Slovenia, for a one-day pastoral visit which included speaking at the 50th edition of Italy’s Catholic Social Week. About 8,500 people were present for the Mass in the city’s Unity of Italy Square, including bishops and priests from the Serbian Orthodox, Greek Orthodox and Lutheran Churches.

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## **Catholic Relief Services calls House version of foreign spending bill 'inconsistent' with U.S. values and interests**



Catholic Relief Services, the international relief and development agency of the Catholic Church in the U.S., criticized funding legislation recently passed by the U.S. House as “inconsistent with American values and interests” over cuts to humanitarian funding.

The legislation — the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2025 — which funds some of the U.S. priorities abroad, was approved by the House in a 212-200 vote June 28, and reflects Republicans’ pledge to cut funds for the overall legislation, representing about \$7.6 billion less than the previous version.

The House’s bill provides \$3.3 billion in foreign military financing for Israel amid its conflict with Hamas, funds to counter China’s influence in the Indo-Pacific region and funds efforts to counter illegal crossings at the U.S.-Mexico border. But it also cuts some programs, including some environmental and humanitarian efforts.

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Russian attack on Kyiv Children's Hospital called a  
'sin that cries out to heaven for revenge'





A July 8 attack by Russia on a children’s hospital and other civilian targets throughout Ukraine is “a sin that cries out to heaven for revenge,” said the head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

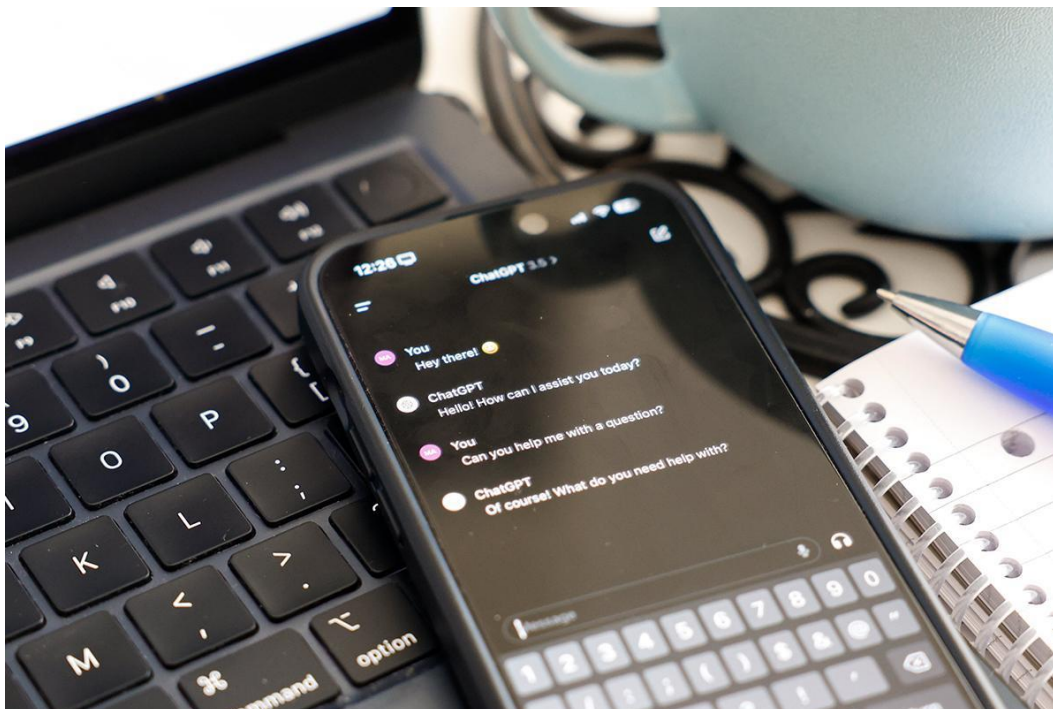
At least 42 have been killed and some 190 injured as Russian bombers pummeled Ukraine’s capital, Kyiv, and numerous cities throughout the nation with more than 40 missiles and guided aerial bombs.

Among the sites struck was the Okhmatdyt children’s hospital in Kyiv, where two adults died and about 50 were injured, including seven children. The hospital, which is the largest children’s medical facility in Ukraine, had just under 630 patients in its care at the time of the missile strike.

Lviv Mayor Andriy Sadovyi reported on his X (formerly Twitter) account that one of those adult victims was 30-year-old Svitlana Lukyanchuk, a Lviv-born pediatric nephrologist.

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## Pope asks world's religions to push for ethical AI development



Pope Francis called on representatives from the world’s religions to unite behind the defense of human dignity in an age that will be defined by artificial intelligence.

“I ask you to show the world that we are united in asking for a proactive commitment to protect human dignity in this new era of machines,” the pope wrote in a message to participants of a conference on AI ethics which hosted representatives from 11 world religions.

Religious leaders representing Eastern faiths such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, and Bahá’í, among others, as well as leaders of the three Abrahamic religions gathered in Hiroshima, Japan, for the conference, titled “AI Ethics for Peace.” They also signed the Rome Call for AI Ethics — a document developed by the Pontifical Academy for Life which asks signatories to promote an ethical approach to AI development.

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## Parish picnic, bazaar and festival season continues this weekend with events in at least five communities



After a slower holiday weekend over the 4th of July, the parish festival season resumes in full force this weekend with numerous events scheduled throughout communities in Swoyersville, Duryea, White Haven and Drums in Luzerne County, as well as Carbondale in Lackawanna County.

For several years, the Diocese of Scranton's Communications Office has maintained a webpage for all of the summer festivals for parishioners to enjoy.

Parishes are invited to send information regarding their events to [info@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:info@dioceseofscranton.org) and the list will continue to be updated throughout the summer.

[Click Here to See the Full Listing of 2024 Parish Summer Picnics, Festivals and Bazaars that have been submitted to The Catholic Light](#)

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