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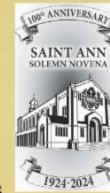
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Catholic Television broadcasting Solemn Novena to Saint Ann Devotions and Masses & National Eucharistic Congress events



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival

Catholic Television Broadcast Times Thursday, July 18, 2024



- 8:00 a.m.:** Opening Mass of the National Eucharistic Congress
- 10:30 a.m.:** Impact Session of the National Eucharistic Congress
(**will end at Noon for Novena Mass - Rebroadcast Friday at 3:00 a.m.**)
- Noon:** Mass & Novena Devotions from St. Ann Basilica
- 1:30 p.m.:** EWTN Breakout Session from National Eucharistic Congress
- 3:30 p.m.:** Mass & Novena Devotions from St. Ann Basilica
- 5:00 p.m.:** Mass & Novena Devotions from St. Ann Basilica
- 6:30-10:00 p.m.:** Revival Session featuring Fr. Mike Schmitz from National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis



Catholic Television Broadcast Times Friday, July 19, 2024



8:00 a.m.: Holy Mass from the National Eucharistic Congress

10:30 a.m.: Impact Session of the National Eucharistic Congress
(**will end at Noon for Novena Mass - Rebroadcast Friday at 3:00 a.m.**)

Noon: Mass & Novena Devotions from St. Ann Basilica

1:30 p.m.: Breakout Session from National Eucharistic Congress

3:30 p.m.: Mass & Novena Devotions from St. Ann Basilica

5:00 p.m.: Mass & Novena Devotions from St. Ann Basilica

6:30-10:00 p.m.: Revival Session from National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis



Catholic Television Broadcast Times Saturday, July 20, 2024



8:00 a.m.: Holy Mass from the National Eucharistic Congress

10:30 a.m.: Impact Session of the National Eucharistic Congress
(**will end at Noon for Novena Mass - Rebroadcast Friday at 3:00 a.m.**)

Noon: Mass & Novena Devotions from St. Ann Basilica

1:30 p.m.: Breakout Session from National Eucharistic Congress

2:45 p.m.: Eucharistic Procession from Indianapolis

5:30 p.m.: Vigil Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time from Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton

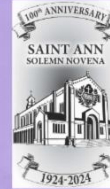
6:30-10:30 p.m.: Revival Session from National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis

10:30 p.m.: Mass & Novena Devotions from St. Ann Basilica



NATIONAL
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Revival

Catholic Television Broadcast Times Sunday, July 21, 2024



8:00 a.m.: Revival Session from the National Eucharistic Congress

10:00a.m.: Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time from the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton (celebrated by Bishop Bambera)

Noon: Mass & Novena Devotions from St. Ann Basilica

1:00p.m.: Closing Mass of the National Eucharistic Congress

7:00 p.m.: Mass & Novena Devotions from St. Ann Basilica

Two important events began on Wednesday - the 100th Anniversary of the Solemn Novena to Saint Ann in West Scranton - as well as the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana.

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast Mass and Novena Devotions from Saint Ann's Basilica every day through July 26, the Feast Day of Saint Ann.

In coordination with EWTN, CTV will also provide extensive coverage of the sessions taking place inside Lucas Oil Stadium at the National Eucharistic Congress.

Please refer to the slates above, which will also be posted each day on Diocese of Scranton social media channels, and share them with family and friends so that they can participate in these milestone faith moments as well!

**'Jesus, I Trust in You': National
Eucharistic Congress opens with a
powerful Holy Hour**



Absolute silence filled Lucas Oil Stadium as tens of thousands of people dropped to their knees to adore Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament as the long-anticipated National Eucharistic Congress officially got underway on the evening of July 17 in Indianapolis.

More than 100 spotlights trained on a large, golden monstrance on an altar in the center of the stadium as a powerful holy hour – which took place before any talks, music or greeting by the evening’s three emcees – began the congress’s first revival night filled with prayer, powerful speakers and praise-and-worship music.

Just before Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of Crookston, Minnesota – the driving episcopal force behind the congress – walked onto the floor carrying the monstrance, the 30 perpetual pilgrims who had walked the four National Eucharistic Pilgrimage routes entered the stadium. Carrying icons of each route’s respective patron saints – St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, St. Junipero Serra, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Blessed Virgin Mary – the pilgrims took the final steps that officially completed their eight-week journey from points north, south, east and west across the U.S. to the July 17-21 congress in Indiana’s capital city.

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Celebrating a Century of Devotion: Solemn Novena to Saint Ann marking 100th anniversary



Like many other devotees, Leo Maxfield started attending the Solemn Novena to Saint Ann with his family as a young boy.

“My grandmother brought me up everyday at 5:30 p.m.,” Maxfield said. “We always had to sit in the very back of the tent and as a little kid I couldn’t see anything.”

As a teenager, Maxfield began volunteering in the monastery kitchen during the Novena and since 2011 has been coordinating ushers for the annual 10-days of prayer and devotion.

This year, as devotees mark the remarkable centennial anniversary of the Solemn Novena to Saint Ann, Maxfield helped to organize a “100th

Anniversary Archives and Photo Display Gallery” that is open to the public and located in Saint Gabriel’s Room off the lower church.

With the Solemn Novena now underway, the gallery is open every day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

“The Passionists had an archive closet/area in the monastery where they’ve kept photos, newspaper articles and booklets from the last 100 years. We took all that stuff, we sorted through it, and put together a wonderful display that starts with the Passionists coming to Scranton and the founder of the Novena, Father John Joseph Endler, in 1924, and it goes all the way through the decades to the modern day,” Maxfield said.

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Catholic leaders call for peace, unity following Trump assassination attempt



Catholic leaders called for peace and unity in the hours after former President Donald Trump was grazed by a bullet and a spectator was killed

July 13 in an assassination attempt during the Republican presidential nominee's campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania.

The Holy See expressed "concern about last night's episode of violence, which wounds people and democracy, causing suffering and death" in a July 14 statement in Italian. The Holy See is "united in the prayer of the U.S. bishops for America, for the victims, and for peace in the country, so that the motives of the violent may never prevail," according to Catholic News Service.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, posted a statement on social media saying, "The attempt on the life of former President Trump, the tragic loss of life of an innocent bystander and the wounding of others gives us all reason to pause and reflect upon the divisions in our land. Pray for the victims of this tragedy, an end to violence and for God's peace."

During his homily for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time on Sunday, July 14, Bishop Bambera expanded on his thoughts.

"I would be remiss if I failed to speak with you of this moment in our history as a nation and a people," he told parishioners at the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

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**Bishop Bambera co-chairs Catholic-Pentecostal
International Dialogue in Portugal**



The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, once again co-chaired the Catholic-Pentecostal International Dialogue, which met in Lisbon, Portugal from July 6-12, 2024.

This dialogue began in 1972 and is co-sponsored by the Catholic Church's Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity (DPCU) and the Pentecostal World Fellowship's Christian Unity Commission.

The primary goal of this dialogue is to promote mutual respect and understanding between the Catholic Church and Classical Pentecostal leaders and churches.

All participants are convinced that Christian unity is the will of Christ. In the context of the general theme, *Lex orandi, lex credendi*, the fourth annual session discussed "Sacramentality and Christian Living."

Dr. Jean-Daniel Plüss presented the Pentecostal paper, "Conformed to the Image of Christ: Pentecostal Spirituality, Sacramental Practices and Daily Living."

Rev. Fr. Marcial Maçaneiro, S.C.J., presented the Catholic paper, "The Sacraments and Sacramental Life: A Catholic Perspective."

Morning and evening prayers, led alternately by the participants, were also essential for the work together.

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Young adults participate in Quo Vadis/Fiat Days at Marywood University



Nearly 50 young adults spent part of their summer discerning God's will in their life.

The Diocese of Scranton held its annual Quo Vadis retreat for young men in high school June 24-26 at Marywood University. For the first time ever this year, high school women were invited to participate in Fiat Days during the same period.

"It was an incredible program. The center of Fiat Days is trying to hear that call that we are given from our Lord," Emily Frisbie of Saint Katharine Drexel Parish in Forest City, said. "I have seen these past three days the power of young people praying together and praying for each other."

Nearly 20 young women participate in a roundtable discussion with religious sisters during the inaugural Fiat Days at Marywood University on June 26, 2024.

Participants in both the Quo Vadis and Fiat Days retreat had the opportunity to connect with priests and religious sisters, hear discernment stories and build new friendships with other students through sports, music, and small group discussions.

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Muncy parishioner, who has special needs, helps Saint Joseph's Center



Gregory Fleck is proof that everyone can make a difference in their community.

For the better part of a decade, Fleck has been raising money for Saint Joseph's Center, which cares for children and adults with special needs.

"Saint Joseph's (Center) really helps kids and adults who are intellectually and physically disabled," Greg said. "I feel grateful to raise money for them. I just want to help and give back to the community."

Fleck, who has cerebral palsy, once again enlisted the support of parishioners at his parish, Church of the Resurrection in Muncy, on Sunday, July 14, 2024. As Gregory rode his tricycle around the church parking lot, many others walked alongside him, all to support Newswatch 16's 'Go Joe 27' event and Saint Joseph's Center.

"Greg is so dedicated to this cause because he understands what it is like to live a life with a disability. He understands all the roadblocks, all the hardships, all the let downs. He is able to do something about it through all of his connections and all of his volunteering. He is able to reach out and talk for all those who are unable to do that," Kristin Fleck, Greg's mother, explained.

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[Click Here to Watch a Video from Catholic Television of the 'Go Joe 27' at Church of the Resurrection in Muncy](#)

Priest-podcaster's new viral video 'The Bible in 10 Minutes' garners 358,000 views in 24 hours



“The Bible in 10 Minutes,” a new viral video offering by Father Mike Schmitz and Ascension, earned 358,000 views in just 24 hours, according to a July 10 news release from Exton-based Ascension, a multimedia Catholic network and a leader in Catholic faith formation and digital content.

The audience response makes this Father Schmitz’s most “viral video ever, more than doubling his previous one-day record of 160,000 views set with his 2022 review of “The Sound of Freedom,” the release said.

Father Schmitz, a priest of the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, has gained a national following for, among other things, his popular “The Bible in a Year” and “The Catechism in a Year” podcasts from Ascension.

He will be a featured keynote speaker during the National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21 in Indianapolis. Father Schmitz and Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, founder and servant mother of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth in the Archdiocese of Boston, are scheduled to address the congress’s July 18 evening revival session 7-9:30 p.m. at Lucas Oil Stadium.

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



With the month of July more than half-over, the parish festival season continues this weekend with some of the largest festivals taking place. Events are planned at St. Nicholas-St. Mary Parish in Wilkes-Barre; Saint Joseph Mareello Parish in Pittston; Saint Eulalia Parish in Roaring Brook Township; and Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish in Hanover Township.

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 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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