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Mass in remembrance of victims of violent  
or tragic death to be held tonight at  
Cathedral of Saint Peter



Many families in the Diocese of Scranton continue to suffer the loss of loved ones who have died as a result of violent or tragic death.

In response, the Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death; particularly for persons who have died through murder, suicide, or accidental death.

The Mass will be a way for family and friends to remember and celebrate the lives of these victims and to stand together surrounded in God's love.

The Mass of Remembrance will be held this evening, July 25, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton.

CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live for those unable to attend in person.

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## **Saint Martha's Church in Fairmount Springs to celebrate Centennial Mass on Sunday**



The faithful of Saint Martha's Church will gather on Sunday, July 28, 2024, to celebrate a momentous day in the history of their faith community – a century of faith and service.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:00 a.m. and a dinner will follow in the church hall.

“A lot of thought has gone into planning this Mass. We are pleased that Bishop Bambera is coming. Concelebrating with him will be our new administrator, two former pastors, and the first priest ordained from our church,” parishioner Raphael Micca said. “Our 20-voice choir has been working hard on music for the Mass, which will include hymns in English, Latin and Polish.”

Volunteers who are helping to organize the centennial activities say many former parishioners who moved out of the area are planning to return for the celebration. They feel it will be like a big family reunion.

“We have sold 161 tickets for the dinner. There are people coming from New York and outside the area because they used to go to this church, and they remember it and how it was built. Some people are in their 90s that are coming. It is truly amazing,” parishioner Bonnie Zultevicz explained.

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**Scranton Catholic Charismatic Conference  
to be held Aug. 2-4**

## Scranton Catholic Charismatic Conference 2024

**He is our Freedom!**



**Msgr William John-Lewis, Maria Vadia,  
Fausto Franco, Rev. John Gordon**  
August 2,3,4 at the University of Scranton

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Freedom!

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"Where the Spirit of  
the Lord is, there is  
FREEDOM" 2  
Corinthians 3:17

**Day/Single Session Registrations available onsite**

Hundreds of people from around the country will be descending on The University of Scranton in early August as the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Scranton holds its annual conference.

The 2024 Conference will take place from Friday, Aug. 2 – Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024, at The University of Scranton.

This year's theme is "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom (2 Cor 3:17).

Organizers are anticipating an exciting weekend of Teaching, Preaching, Praise, Worship, and Prayer! All people of faith are encouraged to attend and deepen their relationship with God during the weekend Conference!

As the disciples were forgiven, transformed, freed from their past, so are we when we reach out to the Lord and ask the Holy Spirit to work in us! Attendees will pray to stir into flame the gifts God has given us!

The main speakers at this year's conference will be Msgr. William John-Lewis, Maria Vadia, Fausto Franco, and Rev. John Gordon.

[Click Here to Read More About This Year's Speakers at the Catholic Charismatic Conference](#)

## **National Congress sends forth Catholics to ignite new Pentecost as Eucharistic missionaries**



As five days of the National Eucharistic Congress concluded with one final revival and a beautiful solemn Mass in Lucas Oil Stadium — Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of Crookston, Minnesota, board chairman of the National Eucharistic Congress Inc., stood in Lucas Oil Stadium.

“I have a question for you,” he told the crowd. “This is the 10th National Eucharistic Congress – do you think we should do an 11th one?”

Some 60,000 congress participants – representing 50 U.S. states, 17 countries, and various Eastern and Western churches, and speaking over 40 languages – cheered wildly in the stadium.

They also again rose to their feet to give the U.S. Catholic bishops an enthusiastic standing ovation for making possible the five-day congress with its impact sessions, breakout sessions, special events, revival nights with Eucharistic adoration and Benediction and beautifully celebrated reverent Masses.

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## ***Day-by-Day Coverage of the National Eucharistic Congress***



The fifth and final day of the Congress was highlighted by Mass celebrated by papal envoy Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, who was present in Indianapolis for the entire congress, and who greeted participants in many different languages.



Day 4 of the National Eucharistic Congress, began with a liturgy — and a story — from the church that St. Thomas the Apostle planted in India.

Tens of thousands of Catholics filled Lucas Oil stadium July 20

In a homily delivered with energy, joy and humor, Cardinal Tagle thanked “the God who is Love ... for gathering us a family of faith at this closing Mass of the National Eucharistic Congress.”

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to celebrate together a Holy Qurbana, the Eucharistic liturgy of the Syro-Malabar Church, one of the Catholic Church’s 23 Eastern-rite churches, celebrated by Bishop Joy Alappatt of the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Chicago.

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## **Tens of Thousands flood Indianapolis streets for the largest U.S. Eucharistic Procession in decades**



Tens of thousands of Catholics walked through the streets of downtown Indianapolis July 20 for what Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens said “might be the largest Eucharistic procession in the country in decades.”

But, in prayer during adoration at the Indiana World War Memorial Plaza, the bishop of Crookston, Minnesota, also said their immense numbers were still “too small.”

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The third day of the National Congress had as its theme



On Day 2, Father Mike Schmitz and Mother Mary Olga of the

“Into Gethsemane” — and it saw wide encouragement for congress-goers to experience healing in the Eucharist and then to bring Jesus’ healing to others.

“Healed people heal people,” Mary Healy, a Scripture professor at Detroit’s Sacred Heart Major Seminary, said.

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Sacred Heart moved participants with their inspiring keynote exhortations — the last word was given to the Eucharistic Lord.

In the darkness of the stadium, with only beams of white light illuminating the Blessed Sacrament, people prayed and contemplated before Jesus.

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## **'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.

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**Eucharistic Pilgrimage planned for 2025, next Congress before 2033**





A Eucharistic pilgrimage from Indianapolis to Los Angeles is being planned for spring 2025, Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of Crookston, Minnesota, announced July 21 at the end of the 10th National Eucharistic Congress' closing Mass.

Congress organizers had also been considering holding an 11th National Eucharistic Congress in 2033, the "Year of Redemption," 2,000 years after Jesus' death and resurrection, but they're now discerning organizing an event sooner, said Bishop Cozzens, board chairman of the National Eucharistic Congress, Inc., which organized the five-day congress and preceding eight-week Eucharistic pilgrimage.

Few logistics for next year's pilgrimage have been determined, Bishop Cozzens told OSV News following the Mass. The route will likely travel through the American Southwest, culminating in a Corpus Christi Mass in Los Angeles with Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles.

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## Pope calls for Olympic truce, cessation of conflict among nations



With world peace under serious threat, Pope Francis called on all nations to observe the Olympic truce and cease all conflicts for the traditional period before, during and after the Olympic Games in Paris.

“As is the custom of this ancient tradition, may the Olympic Games be an occasion to call for a cease-fire in wars, demonstrating a sincere desire for peace,” he said after praying the Angelus with visitors gathered in St. Peter’s Square July 21.

“I hope that this event may be a beacon of the inclusive world we want to build and that athletes, with their sporting testimony, may be messengers of peace and authentic models for young people,” he said.

The pope’s appeal came after he sent a written message to Archbishop Laurent Ulrich of Paris, who celebrated Mass at the Church of Sainte-Marie-Madeleine in Paris July 19 to mark the official start of the Olympic truce.

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## Good weather draws large crowds to Wilkes-Barre and Hanover Township parish festivals



Catholic Television visited two popular parish festivals in Luzerne County last weekend.

Large crowds filled the grounds of Saint Nicholas-Saint Mary Parish in Wilkes-Barre as well as Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish in Hanover Township.

Click on the thumbnail above to hear from parishioners and organizers of the popular summer-time events.

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**Parish picnic, bazaar and festival season continues this weekend with events in Hunlock Creek, Eynon and Williamsport**



As the month of July nears its conclusion, the parish festival season is still going strong.

Events will take place this coming weekend at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Hunlock Creek, Christ the King Parish in Eynon/Archbald, and Saint Ann Parish in Williamsport.

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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