

Passionist News Notes

St Paul of the Cross Province



95th Annual St Ann's Novena in Scranton PA

Day	Birthdays
4	BONEY, Vincent
6	GREENE, Michael
10	WARD, Mark
14	FRECHETTE, Richard
14	DOUGHERTY, Charles
20	CHENOT, Paul
21	JOERGER, Robert
22	VEREB, Jerome
22	SKORKA, Terence



JUBILARIANS 50 Years
Fr. Thomas Brislin
Fr. Charles Dougherty
Fr. Francis Finnigan
Fr. Paul Vaeth
Fr. Mark Ward

VIDEOS

2019 [Last day](#) Starting with a 10 mile walk before morning Mass

2018 First day <https://wnep.com/2016/07/18/hot-and-humid-for-the-novena/>

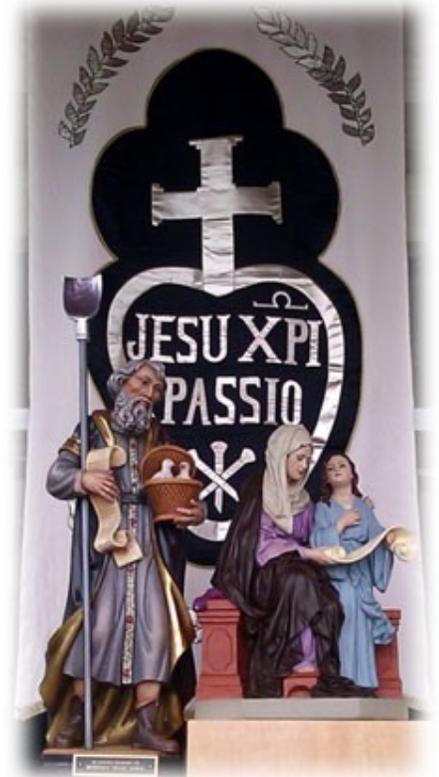
Fr. Fran Landry - Feeding Souls and Stomachs
<https://wnep.com/2018/07/20/feeding-souls-and-stomachs-at-st-anns/>

2017 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LePRE4e8rmM>

2016 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdNFBJe2yFE>

2015 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAaj4FY_T6c

St. Ann's Monastery and Shrine Basilica Tour
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kuk9EA7runc>



Joachim, Ann and Mary

Keeping the faith at St. Ann's Novena

by JIM LOCKWOOD, STAFF WRITER of The Citizens Voice Scranton PA

Pat Cannon has been faithfully attending the Solemn Novena to St. Ann in West Scranton every year since childhood, first coming with his parents and grandparents. The 47-year-old Nanticoke man also has been volunteering for years during the annual novena at the grotto at St. Ann's Monastery and Basilica.

The annual novena is where Cannon has spent his summer vacation from his factory job at Offset Paperback Manufacturing in Dallas. He's worked at that factory for the past 20 years and wouldn't think of going anywhere else on vacation. "This is my two-week vacation. I come here," Cannon said Saturday while helping staff a table at the candle grotto. "I've been doing this all my life. I love it up here."

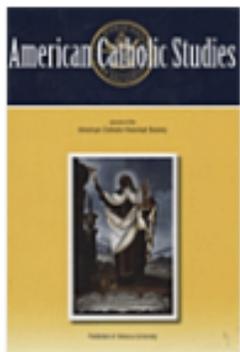
The 95th Solemn Novena to St. Ann began Wednesday and will conclude with the Feast of St. Ann on Friday. The annual devotion began as a prayer session in the early 1900s to stop a rock slide that threatened to destroy the church at 1239 St. Ann's St. The next day, church officials discovered the slide had stopped and two boulders had locked, creating a stronger foundation, according to a history published by the basilica.

For many, attending the novena daily is not a burden, but rather a blessing, said Ken Quigley, 77, of Dunmore. He also has been attending the annual novena for many years and tries to get there daily. "We come willingly because it's important to us," Quigley said. "Faith is very important to me."

Crowds come out no matter the weather, in heat waves and during thunderstorms.

Wednesday's opener was marked by a thunderstorm, Cannon said. A Mass of the Anointing of the Sick held Friday and a Children's Mass on Saturday both drew large crowds, as usual, Cannon noted, despite temperatures in the 90s.

By the time the novena concludes, tens of thousands of Christians will have made the pilgrimage to the basilica grounds.



JOURNAL ARTICLE

Coal Mines, St. Ann's Novena, and Passionist Spirituality in Scranton, Pennsylvania, 1902-2002

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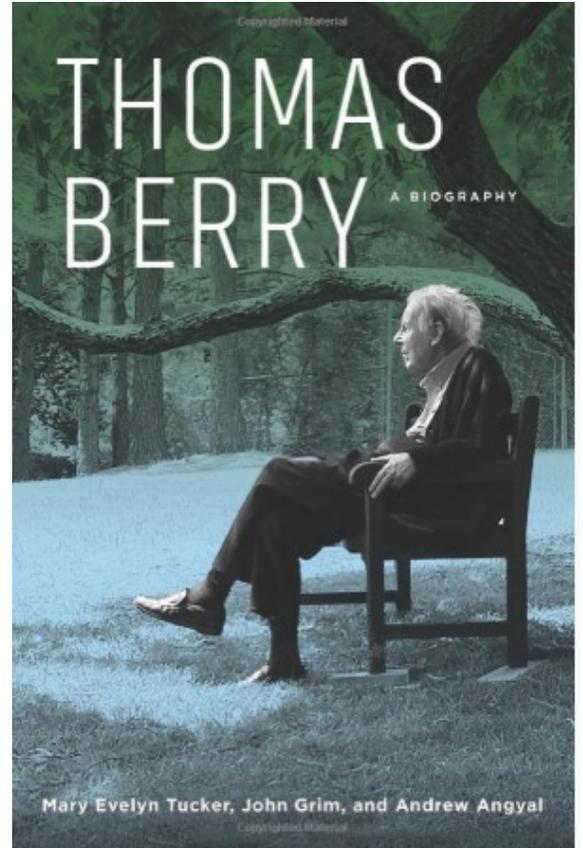
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Thomas Berry: A Biography

By Mary Evelyn Tucker, John Grim, and Andrew Angyal

[Barnes and Noble \\$15](#)



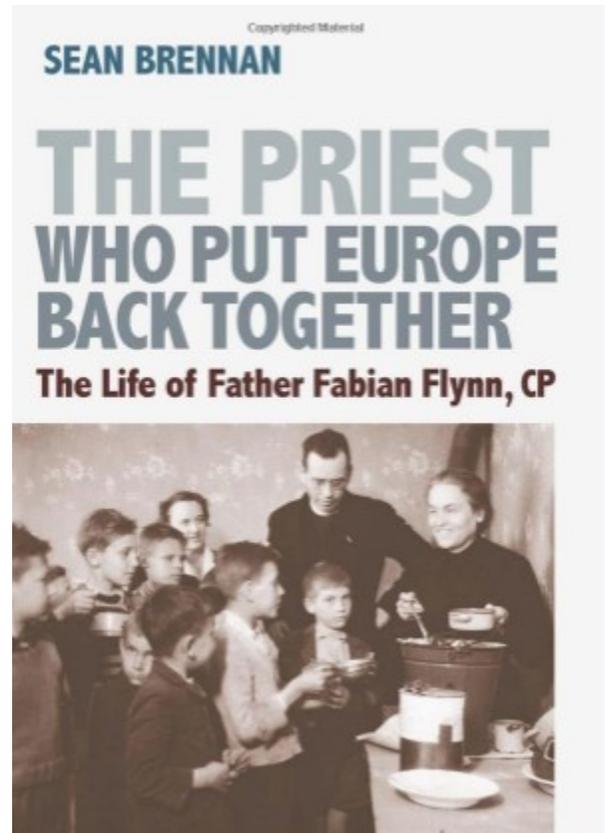
Thomas Berry (1914-2009) is considered one of the 20th century's most prescient and profound thinkers. As a cultural historian, he sought a broader perspective on humanity's relationship to the earth in order to respond to the ecological and social challenges of our times. This first biography of Berry illuminates his vision and its continuing relevance for achieving transformative social change and environmental renewal.

Berry began his studies in Western history and religions and then expanded to include Asian and indigenous religions, which he taught at Fordham University, Barnard College, and Columbia University. Drawing on his explorations of history, he came to see the evolutionary process as a story that could help restore the continuity of humans with the natural world. Berry urged humans to recognize their place on a planet with complex ecosystems in a vast, evolving universe. He sought to replace the modern alienation from nature with a sense of intimacy and responsibility. Berry called for new forms of ecological education, law, and spirituality, as well as the creation of resilient agricultural systems, bioregions, and ecocities. At a time of growing environmental crisis, this biography strives to show the ongoing significance of Berry's conception of human interdependence with the earth as part of the unfolding journey of the universe.

The Priest Who Put Europe Back Together

The Life of Rev. Fabian Flynn, CP

By Sean Brennan



Philip Fabian Flynn led a remarkable life, bearing witness to some of the most pivotal events of the twentieth century. Flynn took part in the invasions of Sicily and Normandy, the Battle of Aachen, and the Battle of Hurtgen Forest. He acted as confessor to Nazi war criminals during the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, assisted Hungarian revolutionaries on the streets of Budapest, and the waves of refugees arriving in Austria fleeing the effects of ethnic and political persecution during the Cold War.

The Priest Who Put Europe Back Together tells the story of this fascinating life. From solidly middle-class beginnings in Dorchester, Massachusetts, Flynn interacted with and occasionally advised some of the major political, military, and religious leaders of his era. His legacy as a Passionist priest, a chaplain in the US Army, and an official in the Catholic Relief Services was both vast and enormously beneficial. His life and career symbolized the “coming of age” of the United States as a global superpower, and the corresponding growth of the American Catholic Church as an international institution. Both helped liberate half of Europe from Fascist rule, and then helped to rebuild its political, economic, and social foundations, which led to an unprecedented period of peace and prosperity. His efforts on behalf of both his country and his Church to contain Communist influence, and to assist the refugees of its tyranny, contributed to its collapse. Flynn was one of the hundreds of Americans who put Europe back together after a period of horrendous self-destruction. In a twentieth century filled with villains and despots, Flynn played a heroic and vital role in extraordinary times.