

Diocese of Scranton  
**CATHOLIC**  
 SCHOOL SYSTEM  
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*The Diocese of Scranton is committed to educating our students in an environment that is academically excellent and facilitates the development of moral judgment and Christian decision-making. We are proud to share the following successes of our students in the classroom and in their service to others. Each day, our schools are fulfilling their mission of preparing today's youth and young adults to become tomorrow's faith-filled leaders.*



Students from **All Saints Academy in Scranton** began their Lenten Journey with the celebration of Mass and the distribution of ashes from Father Richard Fox, pastor of Saint Patrick Church.



Raphael Micca (third from right), music teacher at **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston**, along with his fellow Diocese of Scranton World Youth Day participants David Pirolli, Shannon Kowalski, Abbe Truschel, Dominick Costantino and Father Jerry Shantillo of Saint Matthew Church, East Stroudsburg, recently shared their stories of faith and renewal at WYD Panama with the students and faculty at Good Shepherd.



The Mock Trial team from **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore** recently outscored the team from Scranton Preparatory School, claiming the 2019 Mock Trial District Championship for the second year in a row.



Members of the Student Leadership team at **Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre** spent a day of service at the Saint Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre.



Father Bill Corcoran, pastor of Saint Boniface & Saint Lawrence Churches, distributes ashes to the students at **Saint John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport**.





Seventeen students from **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green** earned First Awards in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science competition held at Wilkes University and will go on to compete in the state finals at Penn State University in May.



Students at **Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School in Wilkes-Barre** began their Lenten journey with the reception of ashes on their foreheads by Father Joseph Verespy, pastor of Saint Nicholas Church.



Altar servers Johnny Pezzuti, Brady Wickenheiser, and Naiandra Lorenzo, students at **Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco**, prepare to walk down the aisle with Father Gregory Loughney and Deacon José Mendoza of Most Holy Trinity Parish to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass.



The 4th grade class at **La Salle Academy in Jessup** hosted the school's Ash Wednesday Mass; Father Don Williams, Diocese of Scranton Director of Vocations and Seminarians, posed with the students following the liturgy.



It was Read Across America Week at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton**! Mr. Jamie Scatton, HFA parent and school technology expert, reads the Dr. Seuss classic "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish" to the Pre-Kindergarten students.





Matthew Rossettie, a fourth grade student at **Epiphany School in Sayre**, receives ashes from Father Andrew Hvozdovic, pastor of Epiphany Church.



Students from **Saint John Neumann High School in Williamsport** prepare to serve Ash Wednesday Mass with Father Bill Corcoran presiding, and Mr. Shawn Moore, Saint John Neumann DRF, assisting.



Students at **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** prepare to participate in a prayer service in which an Alleluia banner is symbolically put away during the Lenten season. The “Bury the Alleluia” ceremony is a school tradition as students and faculty enter the season of fasting and praying.



Brandon Cegelka, a 6th grade student at **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter**, presents the gifts to Father Peter Tomczak of Saint Monica Parish, West Wyoming, who celebrated the school’s Ash Wednesday Mass.



Students from **Saint Jude School in Mountain Top** wait patiently to receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads from Father Joseph Evanko of Saint Jude Church on Ash Wednesday.