DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
2019 PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANT RECIPIENTS

Forty-four parishes received Parish Social Justice grants this year. These grants are funded by the Diocesan Annual Appeal to support a variety of parish ministries in the categories of Food Pantry and Emergency Financial Assistance, Hispanic Ministry, Family Outreach and Care for the Earth. Grants are listed by region.

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BRADFORD, SULLIVAN & SUSQUEHANNA REGION

1. Holy Name of Mary Parish, Montrose $4,000
Reverend Philip S. Rayappan – Pastor
For parish food pantry and emergency assistance.

2. Epiphany Parish, Sayre $5,000
Rev. Andrew Hvozdovic V.F. – Pastor
For a free community meal hosted by the parish social concerns committee and the parish hospitality/meal committee, and for a new free clothing distribution for children and adults.

3. Holy Child Parish, Mansfield $2,650
Rev. Bryan B. Wright – Pastor
For Holy Child Health Ministry, an umbrella group that promotes health and wellness within the parish community.

4. SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Towanda $4,000
Rev. Edward Michelini – Pastor
For the TACO (Towanda Area Christian Outreach) Food Pantry and for the Endless Mountain Pregnancy Care Center.
LACKAWANNA & WYOMING REGION

1. **St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Lake Winola**  
   Rev. Patrick Albert – Pastor  
   $2,000  
   In support of the Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry

2. **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Tunkhannock**  
   Rev. Patrick Albert – Pastor  
   $2,000  
   In support of the Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen, Inc.

3. **St. Ann Basilica Parish, Scranton**  
   Rev. Sibi Padinjaredath C.P. – Administrator  
   $2,500  
   For parish food pantry and emergency financial assistance

4. **Ascension and St. Katharine Drexel Parishes, Forest City**  
   Reverend Stephen A. Krawontka – Pastor  
   $5,000 each  
   For outreach and emergency assistance programs including utility bills, medications, food, rent, and child care needs.

5. **St. Patrick Parish, Scranton**  
   Rev. Richard Fox - Pastor  
   $3,000  
   For outreach and development of Hispanic Ministry programs - retreats and “Family Day” efforts, Spanish RCIA program, sacramental preparation, leadership training, marriage counseling, and immigration affairs support.

6. **Mary, Mother of God Parish, Scranton**  
   Rev. Cyril Edwards, V.E. – Pastor  
   $520  
   For community outreach program for the children and adults who reside at low-income housing developments to include providing children with school supplies. Other programs include a Halloween Party and Easter Egg Hunt.
LACKAWANNA & WYOMING REGION (continued)

7. **SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Scranton** $1,500
   Rev. Samuel J. Ferretti – Pastor
   In support of Emergency Financial Assistance.

8. **St. John Vianney Parish, Scott Township** $207
   Reverend Michael J. Kirwin – Pastor
   For materials for bereavement/grief ministry. This ministry is particularly important with a significant aging, rural population.

9. **St. Eulalia Parish, Roaring Brook Township** $750
   Rev. Jeffrey Tudgay – Pastor
   For the Youth Helping Youth Program to fund the purchase of dry goods to help the youth group prepare healthy lunch bags for the North Pocono Food Pantry. Children in need receive breakfasts and lunches during the school year. Last year, the youth group packed and donated over 2,000 lunch bags.

10. **St. John Neumann Parish, Scranton** $5,000
    Rev. Michael Bryant – Pastor
    For Social Concerns Ministries including the St. John Neumann Week of Service, Brown Bag Ministry, Senior Adult Ministry Retreat, and a Green Space environmental justice education program.
1. **St. Leo Parish, Ashley** - $5,000

   Rev. Vincent H. Dang – Pastor

   In support of the Ashley Food Pantry and for emergency assistance for the elderly and other members in need in the parish community.

2. **St. Andre Bessette Parish, Wilkes-Barre** - $4,000

   Rev. Kenneth M. Seegar – Pastor

   For the Parish Food Voucher Project to assist parishioners and people in the neighborhood who are experiencing financial difficulties.

3. **Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Hanover Twp.** - $3,000

   Rev. Richard Cirba – Pastor

   For the Holy Closet Clothing Ministry to include converting the basement classroom/office spaces into storage areas.

4. **Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas and Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harveys Lake** - $1,250 each

   Rev. Daniel Toomey – Pastor

   For food, blankets, personal hygiene items for the homeless members of the Back Mountain and Wilkes-Barre communities through Mother Teresa’s Haven.

6. **SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Plains** - $2,500

   Rev. John Lambert – Pastor

   For renovations to the “Treasures” Clothing Donation Center at St. Benedict’s Church and for utilities, showers and a drop-in warming center for the homeless.
7. Holy Name of Jesus Parish, West Hazleton  $6,520
Rev. Brian J.W. Clarke – Pastor

For an English as a Second Language program and Hispanic Ministry Outreach. Funding will support a translation program for job and apartment applications, field trips to local sites, community support events, and ESL tutoring.

8. Good Shepherd Parish, Drums  $4,600
Rev. Michael J. Kloton – Pastor

For Shepherd’s Hands Ministry for biweekly lunch for the poor, visits to infirmed parishioners, grief support ministries, outreach to the elderly, and pro-life instructional materials.

9. Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Duryea  $1,150
Rev. John V. Polednak V.E. – Pastor

For ministries to the homebound and nursing home residents and support for food gift cards for needy families during the holidays.

10. St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Wilkes-Barre  $3,500
Rev. Richard Cirba – Pastor

For senior ministries, an annual diaper drive, and a coat drive for children in need.

11. Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston  $5,000
Msgr. John Sempa – Pastor

For the parish food pantry, counseling and bereavement ministries, and emergency financial assistance for community members.
LUZERNE REGION (continued)

12. **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Hunlock Creek** $2,000
   Rev. Alex Roche – Pastor

   To incorporate social justice education into the Confirmation program through field trips to the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Farm, Misericordia University, Community of Economic Opportunity, St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen and the Children’s Service Center. Prayer is integrated into the service-oriented endeavors.

13. **St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston** $5,000
   Rev. David Tressler – Pastor

   For social justice summer lunch program run by Community of Economic Opportunity (CEO) including one adult volunteer (trained by CEO) and two (hard-to-employ) teenagers, assisted by parishioners, and for a youth ministry social justice program highlighting the Corporal Works of Mercy.

14. **All Saints Parish, Plymouth** $5,000
   Rev. Jacek J. Bialkowski – Pastor

   In support of various outreach programs in the parish.

15. **St. John Bosco Parish, Conyngham** $5,000
   Rev. Richard Polmounter – Pastor

   For the preparation and serving of lunch once a month at the Salvation Army Kitchen, Hazleton.
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<td>1.</td>
<td>St. Ann Parish, Williamsport</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>Rev. John Victoria</td>
<td>For participation in the Family Promise (nomadic homeless shelter) and the Charity Awareness Response Empathy (C.A.R.E.). Outreach to include emergency utility assistance to parishioners when requested.</td>
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<td>St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Williamsport</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>Rev. Brian Van Fossen</td>
<td>For Challenge and Conquest programs (social justice-oriented scouting programs) and supplemental funding for the Children’s Clothes Closet and World Marriage Day presentation.</td>
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<td>Church of the Resurrection Parish, Muncy</td>
<td>$4,000</td>
<td>Rev. Glenn E. McCreary V.E.</td>
<td>For support for the Expectations Women’s Center, Son Light House Food Pantry, National Environmental Justice Conference and Prison Ministry at State Correctional Institution, Muncy.</td>
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## MONROE REGION

1. **St. Luke Parish, Stroudsburg**
   - **Pastor**: Rev. Carmen J. Perry
   - **Amount**: $5,000
   - **Activities**: For Saturday Soup Kitchen, food vouchers, and care for the elderly.

2. **St. Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg**
   - **Pastor**: Reverend Gerald W. Shantillo
   - **Amount**: $5,000
   - **Activities**: For Hispanic Ministry, Emergency Financial Assistance, and an outreach program to the homeless. The parish also supports a day center on Saturdays, working closely with Monroe County Homeless Advisory Board.

3. **Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco**
   - **Pastor**: Reverend Gregory F. Loughney
   - **Amount**: $5,000
   - **Activities**: For Hispanic Ministry and Family Outreach to include an ESL Program, a Citizen Test Preparation Program for immigrants and the Loaves and Fishes ministry that provides a weekly community meal to more than 50 people.

4. **Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Brodheadsville**
   - **Pastor**: Rev Michael F. Quinnan V.F.
   - **Amount**: $3,925
   - **Activities**: Parish Nurse and Health Ministry, and Social Justice Education (attendance at the 2020 CSMG Conference in Washington, D.C.)
## WAYNE & PIKE REGION

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<td>Rev. Richard Beck V.F. – Pastor</td>
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<td>For the Bag a Month Food Collection Program (BAM), assisting local food pantries in serving the community.</td>
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<td>For the Food Pantry and Lorenzo’s Lunch, a program that ensures low-income students continue to receive nutritious meals when they no longer have access to daily free or reduced school lunches during the summer.</td>
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<td>Rev. John B. Boyle – Pastor</td>
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<td>For Youth Group Summer Service Camp and emergency financial assistance.</td>
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<td>For the parish food pantry, emergency financial assistance, support of the Tri-State Pregnancy Center, and prison ministry at Pike County Correctional Facility.</td>
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