

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends in Christ,

Since 2016, the members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) have worked tirelessly on an ambitious project. We sought to devise a mission and vision for the parish. The pastoral plan outlined in this brochure is the result of that work! We hope it will serve as a template from which to work more effectively in evangelizing the good people of Loyalsock Township and beyond.

We thank you for playing an important role in this project! Some of you participated by completing the parish survey in 2016, while many others have offered feedback through existing work in ministry over the past few years. It is our hope that we have effectively gathered your thoughts, and that the goals listed in this brochure represent your hopes and desires for the future of the parish of Saint Ann Catholic Church.

Next comes the most important phase of this project – putting the pastoral plan into action! We will be seeking parishioners who are willing to share their gifts and take this plan from paper to reality. We ask you to be alert to opportunities and meetings where your involvement will be needed.

We have a wonderful parish family here at Saint Ann Catholic Church. Let us continue to pray, plan, and act in such a way as to put the mission of Jesus Christ into action here in our area of the Diocese of Scranton.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Saint Ann family. May God bless you and all those you love,

Fr. John



*You walk along our shoreline  
Where land meets unknown sea.  
We hear your voice of power,  
“Now come and follow me.  
And if you still will follow  
Through storm and wave and shoal,  
Then I will make you fishers  
But of the human soul.”*

*You call us, Christ, to gather  
The people of the earth.  
We cannot fish for only  
Those lives we think have worth.  
We spread your net of gospel  
Across the water’s face,  
Our boat a common shelter  
For all found by your grace.*

*We cast our net, O Jesus;  
We cry the kingdom’s name;  
We work for love and justice  
We learn to hope through pain.  
You call us, Lord, to gather  
God’s daughters and God’s sons,  
To let your judgement heal us  
So that all may be one.*

# Pastoral Plan

2020 - 2025



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## OUR MISSION

Saint Ann Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming community that encourages and empowers our family of believers to use their unique talents to become active disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## OUR VISION

Casting a wide net to gather as many people as possible for the Kingdom of God.

## OUR GUIDING VALUES

Faith-formed  
Eucharist-centered  
Welcoming  
Fully Engaged



*This logo illustrates how a healthy parish works. At the heart is the term Servant Leadership which means that we, by freely offering our time, talent, and treasure to our parish, become active disciples modeling Jesus' example. Embracing that term are four key areas, or pillars —Word, Worship, Community and Service— which show us the different ways to foster such leadership through ministry. Notice how the areas overlap; they are not independent but rather connect with one another. So in whatever ministry we participate, we are directly contributing to the whole Church... While each has a particular focus, it contributes to the overall well-being of our parish.*

## Word

*We are called to be FAITH-FORMED disciples that are mindful of the teaching of Christ and his church in order to evangelize.*

1. Promote ongoing family-centered faith formation through accommodating catechetical programs for all ages and groups
2. Develop and support teachers, catechists, and all others involved in Christian formation
3. Ensure age-appropriate opportunities for all of the faithful to participate in ongoing catechesis through a variety of program offerings

*“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Mathew 28:18-20*

## Worship

*We are called to be EUCHARIST-CENTERED disciples that devotedly celebrate the liturgy and sacraments.*

1. Emphasize the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith
2. Foster full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgy and sacraments for all ages and groups
3. Encourage various forms of prayer as fortifying shared resources

***Over the next five years, we, as a parish, will be taking steps to implement these goals. Our hope is that you will take an active part in this process. Opportunities to participate will be many and varied. We want to encourage all parishioners to realize how important their gifts are and how much those gifts are needed to carry out the mission of this parish.***

## Community

*We are called to be WELCOMING disciples that provide hospitality and a place of belonging in our parish community.*

1. Provide opportunities for people of all ages to gather for prayer, social support, and membership in meaningful parish organizations
2. Ensure full inclusion of youth and young adults in the life of the parish through ministries, activities, organizations, and structures
3. Increase awareness of the Church's need for and to support people in all vocations: clergy, consecrated life, marriage, and single life

*“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” Matthew 25:34-36*

## Service

*We are called to be FULLY ENGAGED disciples that live out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy exhibiting an outpouring of God's love*

1. Provide pastoral care to parishioners and their families
2. Encourage participation and involvement in service to the parish and the larger community through various ministries
3. Increase awareness of and participation in respect for life and social justice issues

