



The Catholic Light

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Happy Thanksgiving!



In a video message for today's holiday, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera wishes the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. The month of November is a time for gratitude and expressing our blessings - and reminding ourselves of the bounty of God's goodness.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the bishop noted that for many people, this Thanksgiving will look very different from those they have come to expect and love. Despite the challenging times we face, Bishop Bambera urges the faithful to continue to pray and remain vigilant about the coronavirus.

[Watch Bishop Bambera's Video Message for Thanksgiving](#)

Assistance requests triple at Catholic Social Services Thanksgiving food distribution

The need of local individuals and families during the COVID-19 pandemic was clearly evident outside the Catholic Social Services Office in Carbondale on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020.



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Use of Pfizer, Moderna COVID-19 vaccines is morally acceptable, say bishops

While confusion has arisen in recent days in the media over "the moral permissibility" of using the COVID-19 vaccines just announced by Pfizer Inc. and Moderna, it is not "immoral to be vaccinated with them," the chairmen of the U.S. bishops' doctrine and pro-life committees said Nov. 23.



Pope meets with NBA players' union delegation at the Vatican

A delegation representing the National Basketball Players Association, a union representing professional athletes from the NBA, met with Pope Francis on Nov. 23 and spoke with him about their work in promoting social justice.

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Permanent Diaconate Ordination to take place on Saturday



Eugene N. Blockus



Joseph J. Chmiola



John C. Jorda



Peter J. Lemoncelli



Joseph R. Marcellus



Gerard P. Pernot



Angel Luis Rivera



Joseph Sudano

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will preside as ordaining prelate and principal celebrant on Saturday, Nov. 28, for the ordination of eight men to the Diaconate for service as permanent deacons in the Diocese of Scranton. The Mass of Ordination is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter. Because of the current COVID-19 pandemic, attendance at the ordination Mass is by invitation-only. The Rite will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton as well as being available on all Diocesan social media platforms.

CTV: Catholic Television has produced a 30-minute special which features interviews with all eight Deacon candidates. The show has aired several times this week and will also air at the following times:

Saturday, November 28, 2020 at 9:30 am (before Mass)
Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 8:00 pm (before Mass rebroadcast)

Read the Full Story with Profiles of the Deacon-Candidates

GIVING TUESDAY

December 1, 2020



For more than 70 years, the Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center has provided a solid foundation for area children, especially those who are at risk, disadvantaged or underserved.

The CYC, under the auspices of the Diocese of Scranton, serves as a major educational and recreational agency for Wilkes-Barre and surrounding communities. The CYC offers the region's only 24-hour childcare center, a Keystone Stars preschool, before-and after-school programs and a Respite Care program that gives children in the mental health system supervised recreational and socialization opportunities while their caregivers rest and recharge.

We hope you will join us on Giving Tuesday, December 1, to support the purchase of desperately needed replacement vans used for pick-up and drop-off of children for whom transportation is a barrier.

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