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CTV: Catholic Television announces broadcast schedule for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast two live Pontifical Masses for the celebration of Christmas. The Pontifical Vigil Mass of Christmas from the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, will be broadcast live at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020.

The Solemn Mass of Christmas Day from the Cathedral of Saint Peter, also celebrated by Bishop Bambera, will be broadcast live at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 25, 2020.

Numerous other events, including the Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve in Rome with Pope Francis and Masses from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. will also be broadcast.

[View the Full CTV Christmas Broadcast Schedule](#)

Bishop Bambera's Reflection for the Third Week of Advent



Bishops: Getting COVID-19 vaccine is 'act of charity,' supports the common good



The "gravity" of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and "the lack of availability of alternative vaccines," are "sufficiently serious"

reasons to accept the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, the chairmen of the U.S. bishops' doctrine and pro-life committees said Dec. 14.

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10,000+ toys distributed to families in need by Catholic Social Services

Thousands of children across northeastern Pennsylvania will have presents under the tree this Christmas, thanks to an ongoing partnership between Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton and the Friends of the Poor.

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Lackawanna County parish provides holiday assistance to refugee families

Nearly 60 refugee children, many from the Democratic Republic of Congo, will have gifts this holiday season thanks to the kindness of parishioners from the Church of Saint Gregory in Clarks Green.

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Parishes across the Diocese of Scranton saw varying amounts of snow on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020. Some communities in Bradford and Tioga counties reported more than 40 inches of snow from the storm!

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