

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Every parish in the Diocese of Scranton is responding to community needs during COVID-19



## FOOD ASSISTANCE

**30%**

**Diocesan parishes that operate their own food pantry**

*Together, these pantries helped more than 2,000 families/individuals **each month** in 2020*

**94%**

**Parishes without food pantries that collected food for another local agency or food bank**

**23%**

**Parishes hosting free community meals**

**20%**

**Parishes providing meals for seniors/homebound**

## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

**63%**

**Parishes providing direct help to families struggling with food, fuel, utilities or rent**

**63%**

**Parishes providing assistance to families or others during the holidays**

**53%**

**Parishes collecting clothing for children and families**



## KEEPING CONNECTED

**75%**

**Parishes that began livestreaming Masses**

**58%**

**Parishes utilizing a phone calling ministry**

**33%**

**Parishes started new ministries during the pandemic**

*New ministries included: Pandemic hospitality teams, youth ministry outreach to essential workers, virtual ministries, small faith sharing groups, health ministries and summer lunch programs*

