



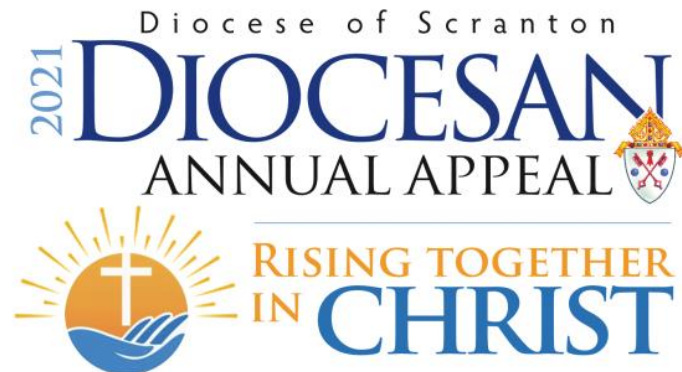
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DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

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2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal begins this weekend



When Thomas and Stephanie Dzwonczyk talk about the importance of the Diocesan Annual Appeal, they speak from a personal perspective. Their son, Thomas, is a seminarian for the Diocese of Scranton who recently started his second year at Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Md.

Through their son, Tom and Stephanie have met all nine of the current seminarians for the diocese. This year, the Dzwonczyks are one of six local couples serving as regional chairs for the Appeal.

“These pious, dynamic, engaging and talented young men give us great confidence in the future for the Diocese of Scranton and the Catholic

Church as a whole,” Thomas said. “They will one day lead us in worship, administer the Sacraments and preside over the weddings and funerals of those we love.”

Gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal have a wide-ranging, significant impact throughout not only the diocese but also the entire community of northeastern and north central Pennsylvania. Providing assistance to seminarians who are in priestly formation is just one of the many things that the Appeal supports.

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[Visit the 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal Website to View the Regional Videos and Make an Online Donation!](#)

Cathedral of Saint Peter to host Saint Patrick's Parade Day Mass Saturday



Better late than never.

The annual Saint Patrick's Parade Day Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. All are welcome to attend.

The liturgy is traditionally celebrated in March in conjunction with the city of Scranton's annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade – but because of the COVID-19 pandemic – the event was pushed back six months.

Following the Mass, the Saint Patrick's Parade is expected to take to the streets of the Electric City beginning at 11:45 a.m.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will be the principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass. Concelebrants will be priests from the Diocese of Scranton.

The Mass will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and will be rebroadcast on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m., and Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 10:30 a.m. It will also be available for viewing on the Diocese of Scranton's YouTube Channel.

[For More Information on the Parade Day Mass](#)

Diocese of Scranton begins Spanish Catholic radio program



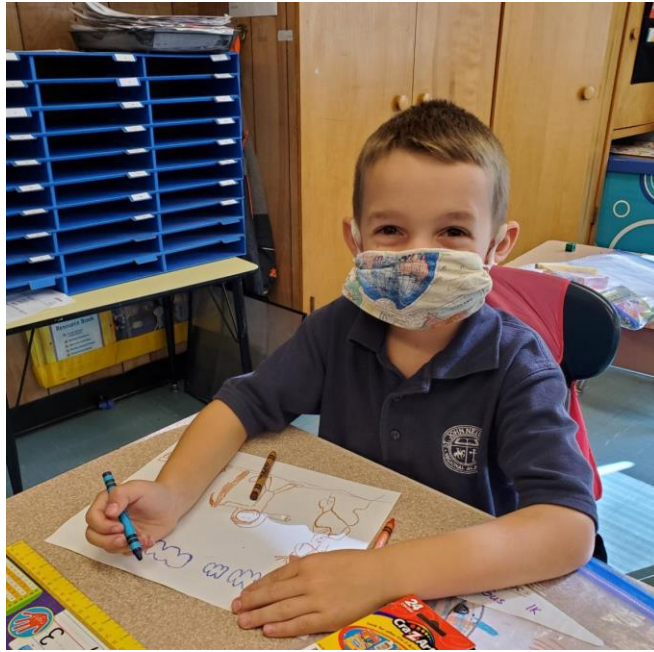
With an excited “Buenos Dias,” the Diocese of Scranton’s Hispanic Ministry Program launched its first Spanish Catholic radio program on Aug. 14, 2021.

Through a partnership with La Mega radio, a local Spanish radio station serving the Latino communities in the Wyoming Valley, the Diocese now hosts a one-hour radio program to discuss the fundamentals of the Catholic faith each Saturday morning from 11:00 a.m. until noon.

The program is available locally at 94.9 FM in Scranton and 95.3 FM in Wilkes-Barre. The station also streams its programming at lamega95fm.com.

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Overall enrollment in Diocesan schools currently up nearly nine percent over last year



As the new school begins, there are many new faces filling the halls of Catholic schools across the Diocese of Scranton.

Overall, enrollment in Diocesan schools is currently up nearly nine percent over last year. Approximately 4,400 students have enrolled in the diocese's 19 schools to date.

“We have once again prepared diligently this summer to open our schools in the safest way for the new year,” Kristen Donohue, Superintendent of Catholic Schools said. “We are excited to open our doors as we did last year to provide an excellent Catholic education in-person, while continuing to share good health. It is humbling to know the result of the efforts of everyone involved in our school communities is that more students will come to experience the transformative nature of a Catholic school.”

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**Scranton rabbi to participate in Vatican
climate change conference**



When Rabbi Daniel Swartz received a letter from the Vatican last December inviting him to help put together a new declaration on climate change, the leader of Temple Hesed had only one thought.

“My first reaction was which of my friends is pranking me,” Swartz admitted.

The letter was no joke. Swartz is one of 40 religious leaders and 10 scientists from around the world invited to participate in the ‘Faith and Science: Towards COP26’ conference on Oct. 4.

While Rabbi Swartz is preparing to head to Rome to participate in the conference, he has already taken part in a series of online meetings with the other members of the group – discussing how religion and environmental policy can intersect.

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Italian heritage and culture celebrated at annual La Festa Italiana Mass



Hundreds of people gathered to celebrate their faith – and their Italian heritage – at the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Sept. 5 at the 45th annual La Festa Italiana Mass.

The Mass, which was celebrated in Italian, was held in conjunction with La Festa Italiana. The annual four-day food festival takes place on Courthouse Square over the long Labor Day weekend.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, attended the Mass. Reverend Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ, served as principal celebrant and homilist. McDonnell is the current rector of the Oblates of Saint Joseph in Laflin.

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The background of the flyer features a golden monstrance on the left and a close-up of a person's face in prayer on the right. The person's eyes are closed, and their hands are clasped in front of their chest. The overall tone is solemn and reverent.

Eucharistic Adoration

at Queen of Heaven Parish

**SPEAKER, MUSIC,
RECONCILIATION,
AND SOCIAL.**

Thursday, September 16th
7:00 PM
750 N. Vine Street
Hazleton, Pa. 18201

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and vocations

**Bishop Bambera accepts donations from
Knights of Columbus**



Members of the Knights of Columbus recently presented the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, with two charitable donations.

A check for \$1,409.35 came from the Knights of Columbus Christopher Fund for the Bishop's charitable donations.

A separate \$5,288 check from the Knights of Columbus, which is to be used for promoting vocations in the diocese, was also presented to Bishop Bambera.

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Parish festivals to continue well into fall



Our Lady of Lourdes Annual Parish Festival

September 17 & 18

**Children's Games, Train Ride, Basket Raffle,
Pumpkin Stand, Wine Wheel, and Cake Wheel**



Friday Night 5:00—9:00

Chicken Dinner—BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, Roll, and Dessert

Leo and KG Family Traditions Band will perform from 6:00 to 9:00

Saturday Night 5:00—9:00

Polish Night—Authentic and homemade Pierogies, Stuffed Cabbage, and Haluski

Contemporary Christian band *Truth to Bare* will perform from 6:00 to 9:00

*Plus our regular delicious food. The best in town: Hot Sausage, Hamburgers, Hotdogs,
French Fries, Funnel Cakes, Kettle Corn, Fresh-Squeezed Lemonade,
Bruster's Ice Cream & Homemade Pies*

FUN FOR ALL AGES!!

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*** Sunday at 11:30 a.m.** Basket Raffle in the Parish Hall



Even though it is September, a number of parishes across the Diocese of Scranton are still holding events to bring their communities together.

The Diocese of Scranton's Communications Office has a list of all remaining bazaars and fall festivals that have been submitted.

[To View the Full Listing of Parish Bazaars, Picnics and Festivals](#)

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