



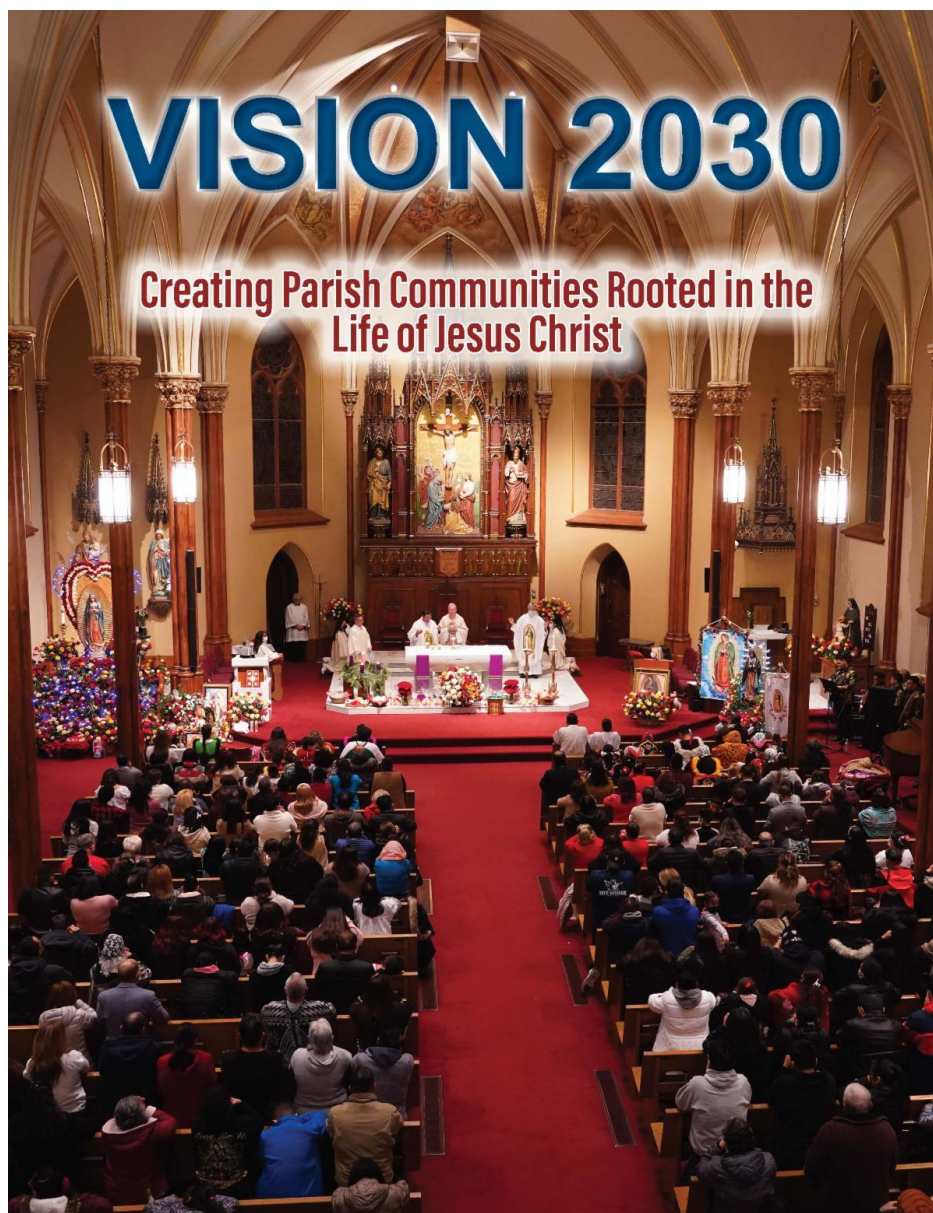
The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Weekly E-Newsletter

January 13, 2022

**Vision 2030 aims to create parish
communities rooted in the Life of Jesus
Christ**



At the beginning of a new year, it is natural to look towards the future. For the last several years, the Diocese of Scranton and its churches have been focused on the future with a pastoral planning initiative known as the ***Vision 2030 Blueprint Process***.

Vision 2030 will help our diocese meet the many opportunities and challenges of the coming decade. The main goal of ***Vision 2030*** is to create vibrant parishes rooted in the life of Jesus Christ.

This week's edition of *The Catholic Light* begins with 12 pages of information on ***Vision 2030***, so all the faithful can learn more about the current realities we face together. Because of our Baptism, each one of us has an important role to play in the Church. The participation of each one of us is critical to proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel and sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

[Read the Vision 2030 Document in English](#)

[Read the Vision 2030 Document in Spanish](#)

[Visit the Vision 2030 Webpage which features a Video Interview with Bishop Bambera and other Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Diocese of Scranton welcomes two new seminarians



SCRANTON – On Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, Jacob Mutchler and Harrison Rapp were accepted as seminarians for the Diocese of Scranton by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera and members of the Seminary Admissions Committee.

Jacob is a member of Saint Matthew Parish in East Stroudsburg and Harrison is a member of Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish in Dunmore.

Let us pray for them, their families, our nine other seminarians and all those who are discerning a call to serve our local Church as a Diocesan Priest.

Pictured, from left: Monsignor David Bohr, Diocesan Secretary for Clergy Formation; Jacob Mutchler; Harrison Rapp; and Father Alex Roche, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians.

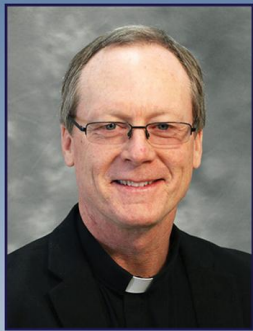
[Learn More about the Diocese of Scranton's Vocations Office & Meet All our Seminarians](#)

**Mass of Thanksgiving and Sending Forth for
Bishop-elect Jeffrey J. Walsh scheduled for
Feb. 15**

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

AND

Sending Forth



FOR

**BISHOP-ELECT
JEFFREY J. WALSH**

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

at 12:10 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

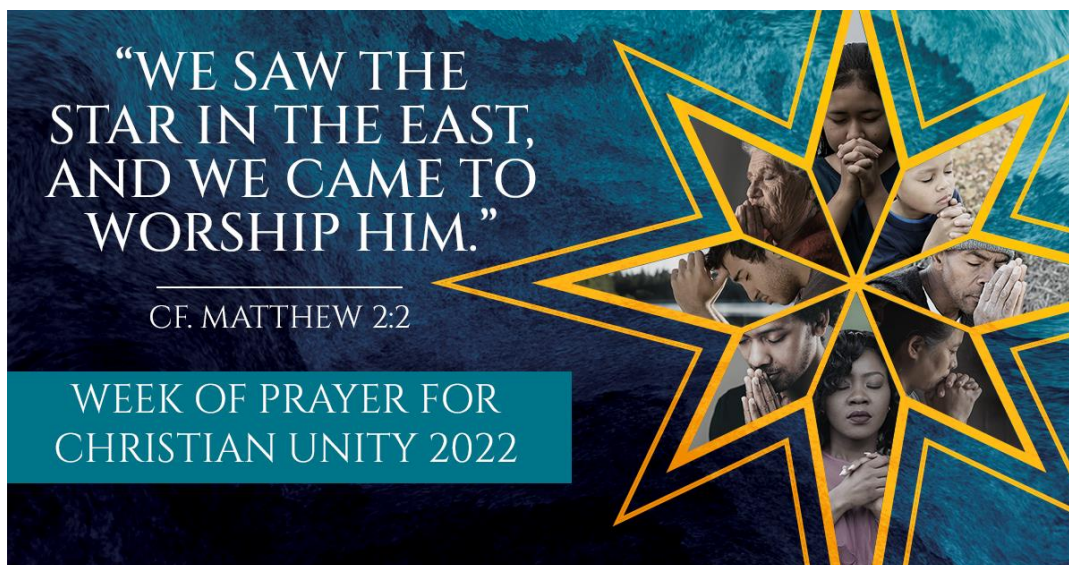
The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to participate in a Mass of Thanksgiving and Sending Forth for Bishop-elect Jeffrey J. Walsh on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Everyone is invited to participate and greet Bishop-elect Walsh, who was appointed by Pope Francis to be the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, Mich., on Dec. 21, 2021. His episcopal ordination and installation is scheduled for early March.

Many parishioners and friends of Bishop-elect Walsh plan to attend the Mass. They were equally as excited to find out the announcement late last month.

[Read More about How Carbondale Parishioners Reacted to the News that Father Jeffrey J. Walsh was appointed Bishop of Gaylord, Mich.](#)

Ecumenical Prayer Service to be held Jan. 19 to celebrate Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



Faithful throughout the Diocese of Scranton will join with members of various Christian congregations of Northeastern Pennsylvania for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 12:10 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

The event highlights the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – celebrated each January since its inception in 1908 – which will be observed this year during Jan. 18-25.

The theme for the 2022 celebration is: “We saw the star in the East and we came to worship him.” (cf. Matthew 2:2)

Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will serve as both leader of prayer and homilist for the traditional ecumenical prayer service. Past chairman of the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, Bishop Bambera has also served as Diocesan Director of Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations.

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Pennsylvanians for Human Life announce buses to March for Life on Jan. 21



The annual national March for Life – with a rally on the National Mall and march to the Supreme Court Jan. 21 – will go on as scheduled this year amid a surge in the omicron variant in the nation's capital.

Outdoor events are not affected by the District of Columbia's vaccine mandate for indoor gatherings, but participants should expect to wear face masks. Indoor events associated with the annual march will have to comply with city COVID-19 restrictions.

Pennsylvanians for Human Life have several bus trips scheduled to the March for Life on Jan. 21 that the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are welcome to join. Bus trips planned will leave from Hazleton, Swoyersville and Williamsport.

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**All faithful are encouraged to attend the Vigil
Mass for Life on Jan. 20 at Saint Maria Goretti
Parish in Laflin**



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VIGIL MASS FOR LIFE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022
6:00PM | ST. MARIA GORETTI CHURCH, LAFLIN

CELEBRANT: MOST REV. JOSEPH C. BAMBERA
BISHOP OF SCRANTON

Join us in prayer on the eve of the 48th annual
March for Life for a greater respect of all
human life, from conception to natural death,
and every moment in between.

***We invite you to bring a new pack of diapers to be
donated to Shepherd's Maternity House and St.
Joseph's Center Baby and Children's Pantry***

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[For More Information & More Pro-Life Resources](https://www.dioceaseofscranton.org)

Pope hails as heroes parents who risk everything for their kids



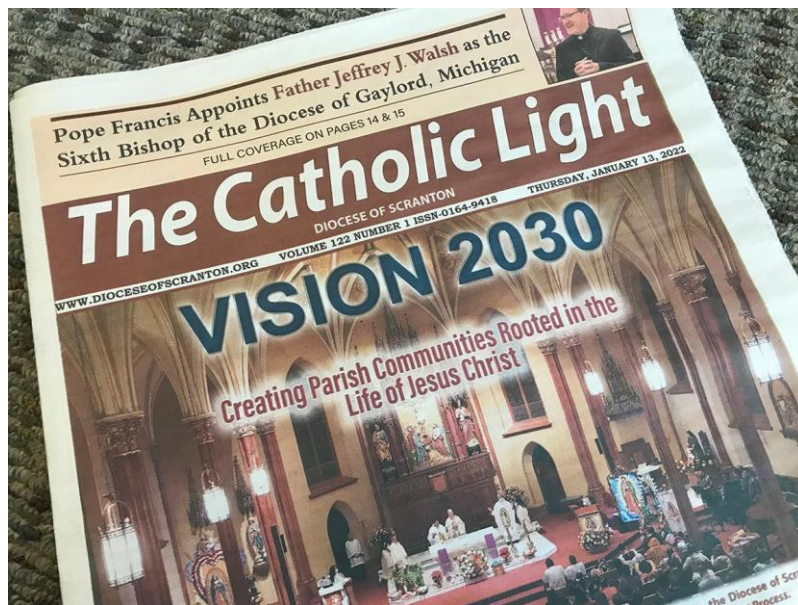
With so many problems and challenges in the world, especially worsened by the pandemic, people can find strength and guidance in St. Joseph, Pope Francis said.

“Precisely in this time that is so difficult, we needed someone who could encourage us, help us, inspire us, in order to understand which is the right way to know how to face these dark moments,” he said in a new interview.

“Joseph is a bright witness in dark times. This is why it was right to make room for him at this time, in order to find our way again,” he said in an interview with the Vatican’s media outlets published Jan. 13.

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