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SCRANTON Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant of the Mass of Thanksgiving and Sending Forth on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 12:10 p.m. Cathedral of Saint Mary. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

brother priests from the Diocese of Scranton concelebrated the joyfilled Eucharistic liturgy, which saw the venerable cathedral filled with family, friends, religious and lay faithful who were in attendance to offer prayerful best wishes for Bishop-elect Walsh prior to his embarking on a new chapter in his life of service to the People of God — as the new bishop of the

Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan.

The episcopal ordination and installation of Bishop Walsh as the sixth prelate to serve the faithful of Gaylord will take place on Friday, for Bishop-elect Jeffery J. Walsh March 4, at 2 p.m. in the diocesan

In welcoming the throng Dozens of the future bishop's for the Mass of Sending Forth, Bishop Bambera began by stating the crowd was by far the largest gathering in Saint Peter's Cathedral since the onset of the global pandemic nearly two years

> God and to our dear brother, Father Jeff Walsh," the Bishop remarked, leading to a rousing applause.

Noting that the special

offered in thanksgiving for the blessing and gift of the Bishoptouched so many of us and in so serving the Scranton Diocese. many and different ways. And we send him forth with our love and assumes a new role of service in Diocese of Scranton who invited the Church of Jesus Christ and in ministry to the faithful to the Mass," Diocese of Gaylord."

expecting a brief, midday Mass.

"I am so grateful for everyone

noontime gathering was being who is here," the future Gaylord Bishop expressed, he believed such a liturgical elect to his home diocese, Bishop celebration on his behalf would Bambera said, "We give thanks never occur, as he expected to for his ministry, that has obviously live out the rest of his priesthood

"Let me begin my offering my gratitude to everyone, especially most especially our prayers as he Bishop Bambera and all in the me to come and celebrate this Bishop-elect Walsh remarked. "This is a helpful way Serving as homilist for the for me to have closure, to see so "We owe it all to the grace of Mass, Bishop-elect Walsh quipped many familiar faces and to give that he felt sorry for anyone who thanks to God for the blessings came to the Cathedral that day I've had as a priest here over the "I am filled with a heart of last 27 years."

The Bishop-elect graciously

thanked the numerous faithful in attendance who traveled from within the diocese and beyond, indicating the many parishioners and laity he had come to know through his many parochial assignments.

In an emotional expression of gratitude to women and men religious he ministered with over the years, Bishop-elect Walsh said, "I thank especially my brother priests and deacons I have had the joy and privilege of serving with. I am most grateful for your

The future bishop stated, gratitude," referring to the Gospel

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Foundation of Faith

Family supported Bishop-elect Walsh's path to priesthood

SCRANTON - Both Jerome and Nancy Walsh had the same reaction when their son, Bishopelect Jeffrey J. Walsh, broke the news over a tray of pizza that Pope Francis had appointed him to be the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord.

"I was shocked that night. We're still in shock. I just can't believe it's real but it is. We're sort of adjusting to it. The more it sinks in, the more it is real," Jerome Walsh said.

"It is just overwhelming and very humbling," Nancy Walsh added. "We're very thankful."

The road to the episcopacy emanates from the path to the priesthood. Since his appointment became public in late December, Bishop-elect Walsh consistently cited his parents and grandparents as the most significant formators in his life.

"I never thought he'd become a bishop," his mother said with a laugh and a smile. "I was very happy to be the mother of a priest."

The closeness between Bishop-elect Walsh and his parents is easy to see as The Catholic Light recently joined them around the kitchen table inside Walsh's childhood home in Scranton. It is a home filled with love, faith and plenty of family photographs.

Childhood memories flow as easy as water.

"Growing up, he was a very adventurous boy. He was a typical boy with sports. Whatever 'ball' was in season was in that corner. We're only a block away from the park so he'd be bouncing the basketball all the way from the park. You'd know he was coming. He loved baseball. He was a very good pitcher for the little league. He was a racquetball player, baseball, football, whatever was in season," his mother recalled.

With grandparents living only a block excuse. One day the teacher said, in the Diocese of Scranton. They what is out there!"



Above: Bishop-elect Jeffrey J. Walsh and his parents, Jerome and Nancy Walsh, reflect on his 27 years as a Diocese of Scranton priest on Jan. 25, 2022, inside his parents home in Scranton. (Photo/Ed Koons)

Below: Father Walsh and his parents celebrate one of his many priestly milestones together, his tenth anniversary to the priesthood, in 2004.



away, the church was a big part 'I don't know, isn't there anybody served as an altar server and his mother added. "Monsignor

Scranton. I think it was sixth grade has a vocation." and he served so many funerals.

of this Irish Catholic family's life. else, he's late so much because Growing up, Bishop-elect Walsh he's serving so many funerals,"" always helped at the parish picnic. saw something in him and he told "Jeff served up until the me later on, when Jeff did go into time he was a teenager at North the seminary. He said, 'I think he

Since becoming a priest 27 He'd be a little late for school, years ago, Bishop-elect Walsh's do a good job. It's a big challenge about a half hour, and Monsignor parents have watched their son maternal would always give him a little take on numerous responsibilities

believe God has given him the gifts and talents needed to succeed in any assignment he was given.

"I think he understands people more than a regular person. He can almost feel what they're feeling. He's very sincere. He's always been like that. He's interested in you and I think it really shows," his father said.

"I was always amazed that no matter where he was assigned, he fit right in," his mother added. "We've had a wonderful 27 years of his priesthood. We've been to every parish. We loved going to his Masses. We've met wonderful people, different parishioners from every parish, going to fundraisers and dinners. We have really had a wonderful 27 years."

With their strong foundation of faith, Bishop-elect Walsh's parents say it is an honor that their son is becoming a bishop.

"People say to me, he's always smiling even though he doesn't even know he's smiling. That is the truth. He always has a little smile on his face when he's saying Mass, even though he's serious, there is a little smile there. He's just happy doing what he is doing. Different people will say he's really found his niche and I think he did," Nancy explained.

During all of his priestly assignments, Bishop-elect has never been more than an hour away from his parents. On his days off, he could often be seen shoveling their driveway or mowing their grass. With his new appointment taking him more than 12 hours away from his childhood home, his parents are preparing to adjust.

"He will be missed here... we're going to have to adjust," his father said. "I think he'll do a good job. He's got the background now and hopefully, God willing, he'll for him. He's very adventurous so I think he'll be anxious to see

Rooted in faith, future bishop remains down to earth

CARBONDALE - Having travelled all over the world to help the less fortunate on mission trips, Father Jeffrey J. Walsh is now preparing to travel to Michigan for what is arguably his biggest mission yet.

On Friday, March 4, 2022, Catholic Light. Bishop-elect Walsh will be Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord. The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, will serve as the principal consecrator. The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, and the Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley, Apostolic Administrator of Gaylord, will serve as co-consecrators.

and Installation will take place at 2 p.m. at Saint Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral, Gaylord.

Even though it has been nearly two months since the appointment was announced, Bishop-elect Walsh still feels a sense of amazement.

that is necessary for my salvation, while attending The University that God must see it as a way I need to follow in order to get to heaven but I also see it as a great challenge," Bishop-elect Walsh where I wanted to learn more and I said in a recent interview with *The*

Ordained as a priest for the Walsh said. ordained and installed as the Diocese of Scranton in 1994, Bishop-elect has spent 27 years Catholic household in Scranton. serving the faithful of northeastern The church played an important Pennsylvania with a humble heart role in his life. and deep devotion to God.

I grew up here. I know every nook and cranny and have been through every aspect of its natural beauty and all the other aspects of Church life," he added. "I've loved every The Episcopal Ordination minute of it, even in the difficult

HEARING GOD'S CALL

When he was a teenager, he wanted to become a truck driver, not a diocesan priest. It wasn't

"I understand it as something until attending a weekend retreat of Scranton that he began delving deeper into his faith.

> "I found myself at a place saw my peers interacting with faith at a deeper level," Bishop-elect

Walsh grew up in an Irish

"I understood the proper "IlovenortheastPennsylvania. place that the Church played in our lives, going to Mass every Sunday, going to CCD during the weekdays, serving as an altar boy and then just trying to be a good person, knowing that my parents and grandparents were good role models. They were involved in civic organizations, they worked hard. They had disciple in the home," he said.

After graduating Bishop-elect Walsh freely admits college, Bishop-elect Walsh said that a priest does a lot more than and peace and prays with people three things came together in an unexpected way which led to him joining the seminary. He admits died unexpectedly, a young priest he wasn't happy in the job that came to visit her in the hospital he had, a relationship he was in and when I saw what he did there, during college ended and the death that fleshed out for me what a of his grandmother showed him priest does ... he brings comfort

iust celebrate Mass.

"When my grandmother and (he) brought us a great sense of relief during that very difficult time," he explained. "As I started praying about it and thinking 'What is God saying to me through these things,' the option of entering into the seminary became one of those realities."



Father Jeffrey J. Walsh has taken part in more than 20 mission trips around the world, where he has changed the lives of many children.



During his 27 years as a priest, Bishop-elect Walsh has held many administrative and pastoral responsibilities, but he says spending time with young adults has been among the most important.

"I looked at those experiences of being with young people as a way to, first of all, draw them into a faith that I saw myself lacking and then finding, and I wanted to be a part of them finding it too because I thought it was exciting to experience that," he explained.

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Father Mike Delaney congratulates Father Jeffrey J. Walsh on his Ordination to the Priesthood on June 25, 1994. (Photo/*The Catholic Light*)

Bishop-elect Walsh reflects on his experiences in Scranton

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Bishop-elect Walsh been involved with more than 20 mission trips - some as far away as Thailand – and has traveled to multiple World Youth Days.

"I draw energy and strength and joy and love from being around people," Bishop-elect Walsh explained, emphasizing the love that many young adults show for Mass, adoration, confession and faith sharing groups. "I hope until the day I die I enjoy the company of young people just because of the mutual benefit I think it has."

USING HIS GIFTS TO BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM

When he is not fulfilling his priestly responsibilities, Bishopelect Walsh can often be found outdoors. He has often used his love of nature to help whatever parish he has been assigned to.

"It started with running the Steamtown Marathon. I was at Saint Mary of the Lake in Lake Winola and we needed a new rug. I thought to myself I could get people to sponsor me by the mile. I would run the race and see what the Rug," he explained.

multiple opportunities to tie together physical exercise and parish fundraising. He subsequently biked from Maryland to Tunkhannock to raise money for windows in a parish hall, and swam the four mile perimeter of Lake Winola to raise money for a new entranceway for his church.

During his most recent pastoral assignment, Bishop-elect Walsh raised \$20,000 to renovate the steeple at Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Carbondale by walking the route of the Steamtown Marathon.

"I've always loved exercise and I love being active and I thought if I can marry that with opportunities for fundraising for a parish, it's been successful so I'm grateful for that," Bishop-elect Walsh said.

SAM, A CONSTANT **COMPANION**

Walsh has gone for more than a decade, his beloved dog, Sam, has been by his side. Sam will, of I thought of Uncle Sam and that's course, move to Gaylord as part of how he got the name Sam." the episcopal transition.

happens. We called it the 'Run for can read my mind," Bishop-elect church. Immediately after learning Walsh admits.



Father Jeffrey J. Walsh completes the Steamtown Marathon on Oct. 7, 2001, as part of a fundraiser to raise money for his parish at the time.



Bishop-elect Walsh and his dog Sam.

Sam came into Father Walsh's life on Sept. 11, 2010.

"I was looking for a dog and I found a rescue organization that was bringing puppies up from Tuscaloosa, Ala., from a kill shelter and it was a match made in heaven," he added. "I named him Nearly everywhere Father Sam because it was the anniversary of 9/11 and I wanted to think of something patriotic to call him so

With every assignment, Sam "I can read his mind. He has been an ambassador for the of his episcopal appointment, when Bishop-elect Walsh couldn't tell anyone, Sam also became his owner's trusted confidant.

> for those days when my mind was reeling over all the changes and responsibilities that were coming," he said.

PREPARING FOR THE **FUTURE**

As he prepares to assume responsibility for the 21 most northern counties of Michigan's lower peninsula, and the 44,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Bishop-elect confident in his abilities because of his priestly experiences in the Diocese of Scranton.



Above: Father Jeffrey J. Walsh has participated in several World Youth Day events, including representing the Diocese in Rome in October 2000.

Below: Father Jeffrey J. Walsh poses with children he met and ministered to as part of a mission trip to Thailand in 2003.



"They've given me a good, he explained. "To me, what I keep broad vision of Church and what typically happens in the life of a local church, at the parish level "Sam was my great comfort and diocesan level. I've been tremendously inspired and edified by so many in the Diocese of Scranton," the future bishop said.

> When asked about his vision for the future, he answers simply, that it is the "vision of the Gospel."

"To be Church in a way that we see and read about in the Scriptures,"

going back to in prayer, is a sense of the early Church and needing to be able to live the life of the Church with that original sense of excitement and challenge of the Gospel."

While admitting there is sadness in saying goodbye, Bishopelect Walsh gives gratitude to God for each person he has gotten to know, home he has gotten to visit and parish he has gotten to serve.

"I am very, very blessed," he said.

Mass of Episcopal Ordination and Installation as Bishop of Gaylord, Michigan for BISHOP-ELECT JEFFREY J. WALSH

> Friday, March 4, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. **Broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television**

Foundation of Faith

Brother priests agree Bishop-elect's unique gifts equip him well to lead Michigan See

SCRANTON – As Bishop-elect Jeffrey J. Walsh prepares to leave the Diocese of Scranton to minister to the faithful in the Diocese of Gaylord, his brother priests, many who have served alongside him for 27 years are reflecting on his many gifts and talents.

"Father Walsh is truly a servant leader. He understands that to serve is to lead and to lead is to serve and he will do it well," Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn, pastor, Saint John Neumann Parish and Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, said.

"He's a very gifted priest and there's a quality of holiness that is really significant in his life and that permeates when he has conversations with people," Father Thomas M. Muldowney, pastor, Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, said.

Monsignor William J. Feldcamp knew Jeffrey Walsh and his family long before he decided to become a priest. When Father Walsh was ordained in 1994, his first assignment was to serve along Monsignor mission trips or assisting with the long-Feldcamp as assistant pastor at Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Carbondale.

recognized the abilities of his young assistant.

"I would say the biggest thing that stood out was the fact that he was very energized by serving people. He loved to go visit the hospitals. He loved to go and do there was any kind of social need with the poor or needy, he was right on deck to help," Msgr. Feldcamp recalled.

can best be described as a "missionary disciple."

other people, to help the church in whatever trips with youth. He'll help with formation of priests," he said.

After two years in Carbondale, in 1996, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, where Monsignor Quinn served as rector.

"He was filled with energy and gave such added life to everything at the Cathedral but what I loved most of all was that he was always genuinely prayerful,



Father Jeffrey J. Walsh, far left, participates in "Cathedral Capers" with several of his brother priests in this undated photo. "Cathedral Capers," a long-running fundraiser started by Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn allowed priests to show off their talents while raising money at the same time.

way," Msgr. Quinn explained.

Whether working with youth, running running fundraiser "Cathedral Capers," Msgr. Quinn said Bishop-elect Walsh Even as a young priest, Msgr. Feldcamp always put everything in a positive light.

"I'm still smiling about his recent letter in his own parish bulletin at Saint Rose where he said there are three things he was looking forward to as he heads out to Michigan," Msgr. Quinn said. "One is meeting a moose, two is seeing the night communion calls, to visit the sick. Anytime lights at the Great Lakes and the third is driving a snowmobile. Who else could put it in that context? He's smiling throughout it all and bravely, selflessly and courageously Feldcamp believes Bishop-elect Walsh going forward as a leader needed in today's church."

Bishop-elect Walsh has also held "He always will put himself out to help a number of administrative positions, including Vicar for Clergy, where he which way he can. He'll reach out to go on often worked side-by-side with Father Muldowney, who previously served as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.

Father Muldowney said his long-Bishop-elect Walsh became assistant pastor time friend is authentic in the way he presents himself, celebrates Mass and has conversations.

"The Diocese of Gaylord is getting a enthusiasm in a wonderful way. He fantastic bishop just because of his priestly zeal, holiness and authentic way of life," Father Muldowney related. "I know the giftedness that he has and that's a blessing sincerely humble and really selfless in every he's going to give to the faithful of the



Surrounded by many of his brother priests, Father Jeffrey J. Walsh, center, celebrates his first Mass after his ordination at Saint Vincent de Paul Church in Scranton on June 26, 1994. Father Eugene Gunning, pastor, and Msgr. Kenneth Roeltgen, rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, were among those who served as concelebrants.

Diocese of Gaylord."

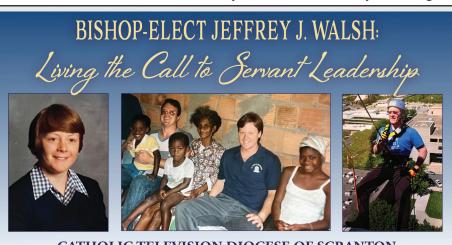
give Bishop-elect words of advice, each said Church," Msgr. Quinn said. almost the same exact thing.

be a bishop."

person that everyone in this diocese has you. Our prayers go with you and don't be the humble, honest human, humorous soul you and let us know how you're doing!"

that we all know him to be and he will be When all three priests were asked to equally enlivened and at the service of the

"My words of advice would be to be "Be who you are. That's the advice that yourself," Msgr. Feldcamp added. "Because I would give him," Father Muldowney said. you have all the qualities needed to be a "Who he is, is why the Church called him to successful bishop. You're a blessing for the Church and I'm sure everybody in "Don't change. Be you. Be the real northeastern Pennsylvania is very proud of loved with every assignment he's had. Be a stranger. When you come back, let us see



CATHOLIC TELEVISION DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton has put together a special show, titled "Bishop-elect Jeffrey J. Walsh: Living the Call to Servant Leadership." The broadcast premiered on Monday but will also air on Feb. 21 at 10:30 a.m.; Feb. 24 at 2 p.m.; and Feb. 25 at 10:30 a.m. It will also be available for viewing on the Diocese of Scranton website at dioceseofscranton.org.

Heraldic Achievement of Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, Sixth Bishop of Gaylord

Designing his shield - the central where it is situated element in what is formally called the heraldic achievement - a bishop has an opportunity to depict symbolically aspects of his life and heritage, and elements of the Catholic faith that are important to him. Every coat of arms also includes external elements that identify the rank of the bearer. The by the chevronel, formal description of a coat of arms, known as the blazon, uses a technical jargon, derived from French and English terms, that allows the appearance and position of each a mountain peak, element to be recorded precisely.

A diocesan bishop shows his commitment to the flock he shepherds by combining his personal coat of arms with that of the diocese, in a technique known as impaling. The shield is divided in half along the pale or central vertical line. The arms of the diocese appear on the dexter side, that is, on the side of the shield to the viewer's left, which would cover the right side (in Latin, dextera) of the person carrying the shield. The arms of the bishop are on the sinister side, the bearer's left, the viewer's right.

The arms of the Diocese of Gaylord have a field of blue (azure) surrounded by a white border drawn with wavy lines. This alludes to the position of the diocese at the northern end of Michigan's Lower Peninsula,

amid the waters of Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, and the Straits of Mackinac. The geography of the diocese is also symbolized the thin V-shaped design painted white (argent), which alludes to recalling that the City of Gaylord is at the highest elevation in the Lower Peninsula.

The gold Cross represents

planting of the Faith in the region. Taken together with the chevronel, which can also recall the trusses of a peaked roof, it brings to mind the parish churches where the people of the diocese gather to worship God.

In the upper part of the shield are two six-pointed stars, which are drawn from the coat of arms of the Carmelite Order; the Blessed Virgin Mary is the patroness of the diocese under her title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. They also allude to the two Michigan dioceses - Grand Rapids and Saginaw



- from whose territory the Diocese of Gaylord was formed in 1971.

arms is meant to illustrate the motto that appears on the scroll below the Diocese of Gaylord. The territories shield, "Divine Providence." Read from the bottom up, it traces the plan and providence of God as it has unfolded in the life of the Bishop.

base) appears an arrowhead, known in heraldry as a pheon. The family arms of the Walsh sept or clan in directions. This chevron symbolizes Ireland display three pheons painted the Bishop's devotion to the Holy

the top of the shield (in chief) and one in base. A pheon appears here to recall those arms, but with the colors reversed. The black pointed background on which the pheon appears recalls the Bishop's birth and upbringing in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Large deposits of anthracite coal have been mined for more than a century in the region, and the "coal country" became home to many Catholic immigrants from Ireland and various parts of central and eastern Europe.

At this point the viewer encounters the first of two white chevrons. This one is drawn with wavy lines on its lower edge, while the upper edge is drawn to resemble evergreen trees (sapiné). This recalls the geography of the Diocese of Scranton, which The design of Bishop Walsh's Bishop Walsh served as a priest for more than 27 years, as well as the of both dioceses comprise many evergreen forests and numerous lakes, rivers and streams.

Another white chevron is drawn In the lower part of the shield (in flory counter-flory, that is, with heraldic lilies (fleurs-de-lis) around its edges placed in alternating

black (sable) on a white shield, with Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. a red chevron between the two at Lilies, and particularly the fleurde-lis, are a symbol of purity and chastity that have long been associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and with Saint Joseph as well. The chevron also resembles a carpenter's square, another attribute of Saint Joseph, and of Jesus, known in his home town of Nazareth as "the carpenter's son" (Mt 13:55).

> Finally, rays painted gold are seen descending from the top of the shield (a chief rayonny Or). This is meant to symbolize the Divine Providence of Almighty God, who bestows grace, wisdom and strength to enable each person to understand and embrace His Will in every moment. The various chevrons can be seen as pointing in the direction of God, who leads the individual step by step through his life and vocation, always tending toward the fulfilment of life in Heaven.

> The shield is ensigned with external elements that identify the bearer as a bishop. A gold processional cross appears behind the shield. The galero or "pilgrim's hat" is used heraldically in various colors and with specific numbers of tassels to indicate the rank of a bearer of a coat of arms. A bishop uses a green galero with three rows of green tassels.

Diocese of Scranton sends forth Bishop-elect Walsh as he embarks on new role of service in the Church



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emphasizes the gift of Jesus' true meaning of those words in love for all. "That has been such Scripture." a comfort to me."

He shared with congregation how he naturally overwhelmed emotions upon first learning of that comes with shepherding a came to me that God was saying, exercise it in love."

peace and consolation that it's ministry: to place his hand in of Jesus Christ."

Walsh shared. "Love casts out the Lord Jesus who calls him to John proclaimed earlier that fear. I came to understand the serve His Church as a bishop."

> The Mass of Thanksgiving the and Sending Forth concluded was with closing remarks and a final with blessing by Bishop Bambera.

"Father Jeff has always the tremendous responsibility been willing to set out in faith forth with great pride and we into the unknown," the Bishop diocese. "I was just praying and it said, adding that the 56-yearold priest's latest and most Church, but also for reminding 'I'm giving you this assignment challenging of journeys is well out of love; receive it in love and underway. "This is one more life may be, by your example and opportunity for him to do what he your resolve, we know what we "That brought me some has done throughout his priestly are called to do and be disciples

all about love," Bishop-elect the hand of God and to follow

Bishop Bambera extolled the Bishop-elect's unwavering willingness to always trust in God, as reflected in the motto he has chosen for his new episcopacy — "Divine Providence."

"Father Jeff, we send you thank you not only for your faithful service to this local all of us that whatever our state in

"Let us not grow tired of doing good!"

2022 LENTEN MESSAGE BISHOP JOSEPH C. BAMBERA



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In his 2022 Lenten message to the Church, Pope Francis invites us to reflect upon Saint Paul's words in his letter to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (Galatians 6:9-10).

The Holy Father challenges us to reflect upon the urgency of using the time that God has given to us in a productive manner by sowing goodness in our world with a view to a future harvest. And Lent, Pope Francis continues, is the opportune time for us to recollect our thoughts and to move forward with resolve, seeking to fulfill our baptismal promises by making the pattern of Jesus' life our own through our authentic response to his call to discipleship.

Through his invitation to place our trust in the Lord as the surest means of responding to the apostle Paul's appeal, Pope Francis provides us with some practical reminders of how we might achieve this noble end:

"Let us not grow tired of praying" ... We need to pray because we need God.

"Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives or of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance," knowing that God never tires of forgiving us. And "Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbors," the surest means of reflecting the life of Jesus in our own lives.

This year during our Lenten journey, we have all been given a unique opportunity to sow seeds of goodness in our Church to reap a bountiful harvest. The entire People of God, including our own local Church, have been invited to participate in the preparatory phase of the Synod of Bishops that is being convened by Pope Francis in October 2023, entitled a Synod on Synodality.

A "synodal" Church implies a way of being and of working that engages a more grassroots, collaborative effort among the members of the Christian faithful as we all seek to grow in awareness of the presence of God and engage the mission of evangelization. A "synodal" Church takes the time to discern the path forward that the Holy Spirit is calling us to embrace as together we seek to build a Church where all are welcome, valued and sent forth as ambassadors of Christ. A "synodal" Church highlights the fact that each member of the Body of Christ has been entrusted with gifts for the building up of the Church – "good" that we ought never tire of doing on behalf of one another.

I encourage you to participate in the synodal process through listening sessions in your parishes and through online opportunities that have been generously provided to all of you who desire to share your thoughts, your dreams and where you believe the Holy Spirit is calling the Church at this time in its history. The Diocese of Scranton's online survey can be found on the "Synod on Synodality" page on the Diocese of Scranton website at dioceseofscranton.org.

As Pope Francis has reminded us, a "synodal Church" is above all a Church that listens: "It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. The lay faithful, the bishops, the pope: all listening to each other, all listening to the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of truth" (John 14:17), in order to know what He is saying to the Church" and how best to move forward in faith.

Finally, one of the great gifts given to us by the Church to assist in our response to the Lord's invitation to do "good" is found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we have done for many years, all of the parishes of the Diocese of Scranton will participate in *The Light Is On For You*. Every Monday evening during the Lenten season, beginning on the first Monday of Lent, March 7, and continuing through Monday of the last full week of Lent, April 4, confessions will be heard in every parish from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

My friends, our resolve to deepen our faith and to do good on behalf of our brothers and sisters is needed today more than ever. May we open our hearts to this blessed season of Lent and all of the opportunities that we are given to deepen our trust in the ever-present grace of God, that alone can sustain us in our journey of faith as his disciples.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Joseph C. Bambera

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L. Bishop of Scranton

Regulations for Lent 2022

All faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are reminded of Diocesan Statute No. 41, which addresses the penitential aspect of Lent:

"The season of Lent is penitential in nature and during Lent penance should be not only internal and individual, but also external and social (Sacrosanctum Concilium, No. 5, 109). Pastors are obliged to avoid scheduling activities in the parishes which in any way could possibly detract from the external and social penance required by Lent."

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, marks the beginning of Lent. The following fast and abstinence regulations are observed:

- FASTING is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 15, 2022, by all Catholics over 18 years of age to the beginning of their 60th year. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal, unless dispensed or excused.
- ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all of the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

(NOTE: This year, the Feast of the Annunciation falls on Friday, March 25, 2022. Because it is considered a solemnity by the church, the law of abstinence from meat and meat products does not apply specifically on Friday, March 25, this year (per Canon 1251))

Lenten Reminders

Lent is a time for sacrifice and for spiritual renewal as we reflect upon our baptism and the call given to each of us to walk as disciples of the Lord.

As faithful followers of Jesus, we are traditionally encouraged to honor the sacred season of Lent by embracing the three pillars of Lenten observance:

- Almsgiving generously giving to those in need
- Fasting practicing self-discipline and self-denial
- Prayer reading, hearing and reflecting on the Word of God

Lent is also a penitential season. It is a time to seek forgiveness, to look inward, and to admit our shortcomings and failures. It is a time to regroup and to prepare. How can you spend your time during Lent?

- By "giving up" things you hunger after, such as sweets or alcohol; or activities you desire, such as vacations, concerts or movies.
- By "doing" things to help others, such as offering an extra donation to the poor or helping those in need by providing food or clothing.
- By "adding" to our normal routine, such as going to daily Mass, praying the Stations of the Cross and going to confession.

One of the greatest opportunities given by the Church to assist us in our response to the Lord's invitation to conversion is found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Once again, the Diocese of Scranton is participating in *The Light Is On for You*.

While ensuring that every effort is made to follow safety guidelines during COVID-19 (including proper distancing, masking and sanitization), beginning on the first Monday of Lent, March 7, and continuing through Monday of the last full week of Lent, April 4, confessions will be heard in every parish from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., unless a parish already has a different established weeknight tradition.

For more information, visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org.

Father Gerald W. Shantillo, S.T.L., V.G. Vicar General of the Diocese

Faithful invited to receive ashes at parishes across the Diocese March 2

SCRANTON - The Diocese of Scranton and all of its parishes invite is to sprinkle the ashes on the top of an the faithful to receive ashes on Ash individual's head, with no contact, rather Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

nor required. The faithful should know it is prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles their own internal disposition and intention to repent and start over that is the best fruit anything. Then he addresses all those of Ash Wednesday and the ashes are an present and only once says the formula as it external sign of that internal reality.

a repentant heart even if they decide that Gospel," or "Remember that you are dust, receiving ashes is not the right thing for and to dust you shall return."

them this year because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to continued concerns over health and safety, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has directed that parishes do not impose ashes thumb for the second year



Cardinal Angelo Comastri, archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica, sprinkles ashes on the head of Pope Francis during Ash Wednesday Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Feb. 17, 2021. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

to the faithful through two options. All parishes have been given the ability to on Ash Wednesday normally takes place choose which method works best.

a Cross on an individual's forehead When circumstances require, the blessing using a cotton swab or Q-tip. With the cotton tip, the Cross would be traced on apart from Mass, during a celebration of the the recipient's forehead. The minister Word of God. (Book of Blessings #1656) must wear masks during the distribution of ashes and recipients are strongly COVID-19 safety guidelines for Lent 2022, encouraged to wear masks as well. A visit the Diocese of Scranton website. new Q-tip or cotton ball must be used for each person. After the use, each (dioceseofscranton.org) will also have a swab would be placed in a receptacle for full Ash Wednesday schedule for parishes burning.

The second option to distribute ashes than imposing them on the forehead. In this The reception of ashes is not mandatory method of distribution, the priest says the the ashes with holy water, without saying appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to Individuals may enter into Lent with all in general: "Repent, and believe in the

The priest would then cleanse hands, put on a mask and distribute the ashes to those who come to him, or if appropriate, go to those who standing their places. The priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the

in a row. Ashes can still be distributed head of each one without saying anything.

The blessing and distribution of ashes during the celebration of Mass, following The first option involves tracing the homily and general intercessions. and distribution of ashes may take place

To read all of the Diocese of Scranton's

The Diocese of Scranton website in all 11 counties in the coming days.



FREE DAILY REFLECTIONS BEING OFFERED DURING LENT



During these cold months of winter, we long for the stirring of new life that comes with spring. Lent gives us the opportunity to grow deeper roots, so that even when things look bleak or barren, we have all we need to experience new life in Christ.

Join us for a series of daily reflections delivered right to your email inbox! Each day of the week will provide inspiration and ideas to make this a Lenten season that calls you into a deeper relationship with Christ.

You'll hear from a variety of people who are missionary disciples, with gifts to share so that Christ is more known and loved. Each day will have a particular focus:

Mercy Monday
Teaching Tuesday
Witness Wednesday
Thirsting Thursday
Forgiving Friday
Stick with It Saturday
Sacred Sunday

Invite your friends and family to join you in these reflections, so that you have a shared experience even if you are separated by miles or circumstances. The content is designed for those who are faithful Catholics, and also those who are not currently part of our faith community. Wherever you are in your faith journey, these Lenten daily reflections will fill your spirit.

It's easy! Sign up at www.dioceseofscranton.org or call the Office for Parish Life to register (570) 207-2213. For more information, contact Mary Hallman, Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life at mhallman@dioceseofscranton.org.

ROOTED IN THE CROSS RETREAT

"Rooted in the Cross" is a retreat for Directors of Religious Education, Lay Ministry Candidates, Youth Ministers and other catechetical leaders. As you work to provide meaningful experiences for the faithful of your parish, it is the desire of the Office for Parish Life to accompany you on your journey.

We want to provide you with retreats, resources, workshops, and support to help encourage you as you work to make disciples of Christ.

At the retreat we will gather for prayer, reflection and fellowship.

For questions or to register, contact Jacki Douglas at jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org or call (570) 207-2213, ext. 1100.

FOR MORE RESOURCES IN LENT VISIT DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG

APPOINTMENT

His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, announces the following appointment:

Rev. Seth D. Wasnock, from Pastor, Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Laflin, and Administrator, Saint Andre Besette Parish, Wilkes-Barre, to Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, effective March 8, 2022.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

February 19 - Mass at Holy Child Parish Mansfield, 4:00 p.m.

February 19 - Mass at Saint Catherine Church Westfield, 7:00 p.m.

February 20 - Mass at Saint Peter Parish Wellsboro, 8:30 a.m.

February 20 - Mass at Holy Child Parish Mansfield, 11:15 a.m.

February 27 - Mass at Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish Kingston, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

March 2 - Ash Wednesday Mass Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.

March 3-5 - Ordination of Bishop-elect Jeffrey J. Walsh Gaylord, Michigan

March 6 - Rite of Election Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 2:30 p.m.

March 10 - Spiritual Reflections on Vision 2030 Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton, Noon

March 12 - Saint Patrick's Parade Day Mass Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 10:00 a.m.

March 12-13 - St. Mary's Seminary Visit Baltimore

March 17-18 - Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs Meeting, Chicago

Rectory, Set Cook! puts priests' culinary skills to the virtual test

the Diocese of Scranton's firstever, all-virtual, cook-off-style than 25 priests, most of whom know their way around a kitchen.

Rectory, Set, Cook! is recipes.

are starring in individual videos parishes. showcasing a favorite recipe or flocks and friends far and near Social Services' as \$10. Each \$10 donation will this new Diocesan initiative is the

know Bishop Bambera, a seafood chef or team. Participants can committed sponsors include fan, also makes a mean meatloaf? vote as many times as they would McCarthy Tire and Automotive, Or that Father Seth Wasnock puts like and for as many priests as Metz Culinary Management and cinnamon in his pasta sauce? they would like. The website will Damage Control, Inc. Did you also know Father David be live for nearly six weeks, with Cappelloni makes his own pasta – winners – those who raise the corporate and individual or family and Italian doughnuts for dessert? most dollars – announced in mid-You can learn many more April. Printed cookbooks with all such tasty tidbits by supporting showcased recipes also will be available for purchase online.

online showdown among more the Diocese's finest priests on a more personal level, but the best part is all voting dollars will support the anti-hunger efforts of March 1, and will be linked scheduled for launch on Fat Catholic Social Services – Saint Tuesday (March 1), and we are Vincent de Paul Kitchen as well inviting Catholics across the as food pantries and programs Diocese to help turn up the heat across the CSS footprint - and and get out the vote for their the parishes that signed up a chef. favorite videos, pastors and Voting dollars will be shared 50-50 between Catholic Social Participating parish priests Services and the participating

All sponsorship recipes and counting on their will go directly to Catholic to show their support by making efforts. Presenting sponsor – The monetary donations as small Executive Chef Sponsor - for

SCRANTON - Did you represent one vote for a pastor Hawk Family Foundation. Other

We are still seeking additional sponsors. For more information about sponsorships and the range of sponsorship benefits, please contact Rectory, Set, Cook! event Rectory, Set, Cook! will director Sandra Snyder in the fundraiser, which will be a friendly acquaint Catholics with some of Diocesan Development Office at (570) 591-5004 or Sandra-Snyder@dioceseofscranton.org.

> The event website will debut through Diocesan social media and in the next edition of The Catholic Light. Sponsorship deadline is Feb. 23.



Who is the pastor chef who made bananas foster? Find out March 1!



Above: Father John C. Lambert, pastor, Saints Peter & Paul Parish, cooks up a Guinness Irish stew recipe.

Below: Father Joseph J. Pisaneschi, pastor, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, and parishioner Maria Englot prepare Pesce al sugo, a traditional Italian dish originating from Sicily. (Photos/Eric Deabill)



Diocesan Annual Appeal gifts and pledges at 91% of goal Faithful helping to "Rise Together in Christ"

Together in Christ, has raised more than \$4.1 million in gifts and pledges, currently bringing million goal. Forty-seven parishes said. have surpassed their parish on the following page.

"I am grateful to all of our build up one another." Diocesan parishioners, pastors, representatives

SCRANTON - The 2021 continued generosity to our local are able to offer and the number compassionately provide to those spread the Gospel and build up the campaign to 91% of the \$4.5 Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, parishioners at all of our parishes, goal for the Annual Appeal. A I believe we have an opportunity progress toward goal is included Our local Church is best when each one of us uses our gifts to impact on the lives of others."

and have not been reaching our Appeal Annual Appeal - ministries such regional chairs who support the goal in the past few years. This as Catholic Social Services and Diocesan Annual Appeal. Your has an impact on the services we parish social justice programs that

Diocesan Annual Appeal, Rising Church makes it possible for our of people we are able to serve. most in need in our community; Diocesan ministries to positively With the help of parishioners education in our parishes and impact thousands of lives each throughout the Diocese, we have schools that prepare children Diocesan programs supported year," Most Reverend Joseph C. an opportunity to reach the Appeal for fulfilling, responsible and goal this year and fully serve all faith-centered lives; sustained "With support from those who come to us in need," Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for priests and those preparing for Development, added. "Gifts of any complete list of parishes with their to reach the Appeal goal this year. amount, when combined with the programs that strengthen our gifts of others, make a tremendous parish communities; and Catholic Annual Appeal, 300 Wyoming

> Diocesan programs and "Due to the pandemic, we services rely on gifts to the

support for our current and retired the priesthood; faith formation the body of Christ.

For information on the by Appeal or to make a donation online, visit www.annualappeal. org. Gifts may also be made by calling the Diocesan Development Office at (570) 207-2250 or by sending a donation to: Diocesan communication programs that Ave., Scranton, PA, 18503-1279.

On the following page is a listing of Parish Reports for the Diocesan Annual Appeal as of Feb. 11, 2022.

Parish	GOAL	PLEDGES	PERCENTAGE	Parish	GOAL	PLEDGES	PERCENTAGE
All Saints - Plymouth	\$37,000.00	\$22,885.00	62%	St. Andrew - Wilkes-Barre	\$17,000.00	\$7,515.00	44%
Annunciation - Hazleton	\$33,000.00	\$18,711.00	57%	St. Ann Basilica - Scranton	\$30,000.00	\$27,681.00	92%
Ascension - Forest City	\$25,000.00	\$26,350.00	105%	St. Ann - Shohola	\$20,000.00	\$19,135.00	96%
Blessed Sacrament - Throop	\$16,000.00	\$18,288.00	114%	St. Ann - Williamsport	\$59,000.00	\$54,067.00	92%
BVM Queen of Peace - Hawley	\$76,000.00	\$77,054.50	101%	St. Barbara - Exeter	\$31,000.00	\$27,755.00	90%
Christ the King - Archbald	\$67,000.00	\$54,717.00	82%	St. Boniface - Williamsport	\$60,000.00	\$60,987.50	102%
Corpus Christi - West Pittston	\$30,000.00	\$39,070.00	130%	St. Brigid - Friendsville	\$22,000.00	\$38,860.00	177%
Divine Mercy - Scranton	\$63,000.00	\$46,665.00	74%	St. Catherine of Siena - Moscow	\$63,000.00	\$67,727.00	108%
Epiphany - Sayre	\$85,000.00	\$68,332.00	80%	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Swoyersville	\$44,000.00	\$55,687.00	127%
Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Hanover Twp.	\$15,000.00	\$25,590.00	171%	St. Elizabeth - Bear Creek	\$24,000.00	\$25,530.00	106%
Gate of Heaven - Dallas	\$47,000.00	\$33,406.00	71%	St. Eulalia - Roaring Brook Township	\$40,000.00	\$40,410.00	
Good Shepherd - Drums	\$24,000.00	\$18,695.00	78%	St. Faustina Kowalska - Nanticoke St.	\$47,000.00	\$43,512.76	
Holy Child - Mansfield	\$28,000.00	\$23,426.01	84%	Frances X. Cabrini - Carverton	\$13,000.00	\$16,080.03	
Holy Cross - Olyphant	\$47,000.00	\$41,684.00	89%	St. Gregory - Clarks Green	\$74,000.00	\$87,800.46	
Holy Family - Luzerne	\$40,000.00	\$46,285.02	116%	St. Ignatius Loyola - Kingston	\$77,000.00	\$80,439.50	
Holy Name of Jesus - West Hazleton	\$21,000.00	\$17,497.00	83%	St. John Bosco - Conyngham	\$58,000.00	\$57,720.00	
Holy Name of Mary - Montrose	\$16,000.00	\$16,945.00	106%	St. John Neumann - Lords Valley	\$28,000.00	\$24,285.00	
Holy Rosary - Hazleton	\$17,000.00	\$18,241.00	107%	St. John Neumann - Scranton	\$52,000.00	\$26,478.00	
Holy Spirit - Mocanaqua	\$28,000.00	\$18,047.00	64%	St. John - E. Stroudsburg	\$57,000.00	\$32,529.16	
Immaculate Conception - Scranton	\$40,000.00	\$52,251.00	131%	St. John the Baptist - Larksville	\$21,000.00	\$15,125.00	
Immaculate Conception - Williamsport	\$26,000.00	\$18,999.00	73%	St. John the Evangelist - Honesdale	\$64,000.00	\$64,229.00	
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Dushore	\$38,000.00	\$26,918.49	71%	St. John the Evangelist - Pittston	\$54,000.00	\$40,411.98	
Mary, Mother of God - Scranton Most Holy Trinity - Cresco	\$56,000.00	\$54,467.00 \$31,977.00	97%	St. John Vianney - Montdale	\$30,000.00	\$30,050.00	
Most Holy Trinity - Cresco Most Holy Trinity - Susquehanna	\$49,000.00	. ,	65% 72%	St. Joseph Marello - Pittston	\$27,000.00	\$30,744.00	
Most Precious Blood - Hazleton	\$30,000.00 \$36,000.00	\$21,627.99	84%	St. Joseph - Matamoras	\$37,000.00	\$41,760.00	
Nativity of Our Lord - Duryea	\$40,000.00	\$30,271.48 \$37,725.00	94%	St. Joseph the Worker - Williamsport	\$75,000.00	\$76,356.50	
Nativity of the BVM - Tunkhannock	\$32,000.00	\$28,345.00	89%	St. Jude - Mountain Top St. Katharine Drexel - Pleasant Mount	\$79,000.00	\$73,429.00	
Our Lady Help of Christians - Dorrance	\$18,000.00	\$14,541.00	81%	St. Lawrence - S. Williamsport	\$13,000.00 \$26,000.00	\$17,375.00 \$27,221.00	
Our Lady of Fatima - Wilkes-Barre	\$44,000.00	\$28,585.00	65%	St. Leo - Ashley	\$33,000.00	\$21,835.00	
Our Lady of Hope - Wilkes-Barre	\$35,000.00	\$31,283.00	89%	St. Leo - Ashrey St. Lucy - Scranton	\$19,000.00	\$9,360.00	49%
Our Lady of Lourdes - Montoursville	\$41,000.00	\$33,930.00	83%	St. Luke - Jersey Shore	\$16,000.00	\$13,301.00	
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Carbondale		\$11,001.00	48%	St. Luke - Stroudsburg	\$114,000.00	\$126,715.0	
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Dunmore	\$56,000.00	\$56,748.00	101%	St. Maria Goretti - Laflin	\$42,000.00	\$120,713.0	
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Lake Silkworth		\$17,640.00	93%	St. Mary of the Lake - Lake Winola	\$12,000.00	\$8,294.80	69%
Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Wyalusing		\$14,315.00	75%	St. Mary - Waymart	\$17,000.00	\$26,901.00	
Our Lady of the Abingtons - Dalton	\$16,000.00	\$8,770.00	55%	St. Matthew - E. Stroudsburg	\$60,000.00	\$46,925.50	
Our Lady of the Eucharist - Pittston	\$16,000.00	\$16,570.00	104%	St. Maximilian Kolbe - Pocono Pines	\$24,000.00	\$21,060.00	
Our Lady Immaculate Conception - Freeland		\$15,164.00	58%	St. Michael - Canton	\$12,000.00	\$13,690.00	
Our Lady of the Snows - Clarks Summit	\$87,000.00	\$89,892.30	103%	St. Michael - Scranton	\$9,000.00	\$5,118.00	57%
Our Lady of Victory - Harveys Lake	\$37,000.00	\$42,173.00	114%	St. Monica - West Wyoming	\$31,000.00	\$26,906.00	
Our Lady of Victory - Tannersville	\$52,000.00	\$52,555.00	101%	St. Nicholas - Wilkes-Barre	\$52,000.00	\$54,758.86	
Our Lady Queen of Peace - Brodheadsville	\$58,000.00	\$66,562.00	115%	St. Patrick - Milford	\$33,000.00	\$25,676.00	78%
Prince of Peace - Old Forge	\$28,000.00	\$14,710.00	53%	St. Patrick - Nicholson	\$9,000.00	\$9,165.00	102%
Queen of Angels - Jessup	\$26,000.00	\$15,083.00	58%	St. Patrick - Scranton	\$42,000.00	\$26,175.00	62%
Queen of Heaven - Hazleton	\$29,000.00	\$24,245.00	84%	St. Patrick - White Haven	\$16,000.00	\$10,681.00	67%
Queen of the Apostles - Avoca	\$23,000.00	\$24,776.00	108%	St. Paul of the Cross - Scranton	\$52,000.00	\$22,175.00	43%
Resurrection - Muncy	\$33,000.00	\$34,255.00	104%	St. Paul - Scranton	\$66,000.00	\$44,163.00	67%
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Dupont	\$30,000.00	\$14,881.00	50%	St. Peter - Wellsboro	\$43,000.00	\$43,941.00	102%
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Peckville	\$41,000.00	\$48,362.22	118%	St. Peter's Cathedral - Scranton	\$71,000.00	\$96,814.50	136%
Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary - Jermyn	\$21,000.00	\$15,366.00	73%	St. Rita - Gouldsboro	\$14,000.00	\$11,412.00	82%
SS. Anthony & Rocco - Dunmore	\$47,000.00	\$30,410.00	65%	St. Robert Bellarmine - Wilkes-Barre	\$34,000.00	\$35,560.00	105%
SS. Cyril & Methodius - Hazleton	\$43,000.00	\$39,815.00	93%	St. Rose - Carbondale	\$62,000.00	\$58,487.00	
SS. Peter & Paul - Plains	\$60,000.00	\$49,584.50	83%	St. Therese - Shavertown	\$71,000.00	\$80,062.00	113%
SS. Peter & Paul - Scranton	\$13,000.00	\$8,890.00	68%	St. Thomas More - Lake Ariel	\$49,000.00	\$51,210.40	105%
SS. Peter & Paul - Towanda	\$31,000.00	\$50,670.00	163%	St. Thomas the Apostle - Elkland	\$13,000.00	\$8,930.00	69%
St. Andre Bessette Parish - Wilkes-Barre	\$28,000.00	\$19,852.00	71%	St. Vincent de Paul - Milford	\$35,000.00	\$38,165.00	109%
				Visitation, Blessed Virgin Mary - Dickson City	\$55,000.00	\$49,176.00	89%
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At Vigil Mass for Life, hope evident that abortion ruling will be overturned

LAFLIN – As a new mother, Rosemary LaBar of Dallas feels it is important to share her belief that all human life, including that of the unborn, is sacred.

That is why she bundled-up her four-month-old daughter, Josie, putting the infant in a baby stroller to join more than 100 other people at the Diocese of Scranton's Vigil Mass for Life on Jan. 20, 2022, at Saint Maria Goretti Parish in Laflin.

"It was important for me to come because I think that being pro-life isn't just about changing the law, you have to show up and be there for mothers and I wanted to show up and be here," LaBar said.

Born and raised Catholic, LaBar is hopeful the U.S. Supreme Court might reverse its 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion by upholding a Mississippi law banning most abortions after 15 weeks. A decision in the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's this summer.

part of a couple pro-life groups online. It's not just a religious thing anymore. I see a larger number of secular people who just understand that human life begins at conception and it should be to preserve the sanctity of human protected," she added.

Most Reverend Joseph C. homilist at the Vigil Mass for Life. He was just a junior in high school was handed down.

Even though the battle to end abortion has been challenging and long – almost 50 years – Bishop Bambera agreed this past year has given people a reason to be march, 'Equality Begins in the hopeful.

recently codified into state law an individual's right to an abortion, including late-term abortions, the



Above: Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, joined by Bishop-elect Jeffrey J. Walsh and Rev. Seth D. Wasnock, celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist during the Vigil Mass for Life on Jan. 20, 2022, at Saint Maria Goretti Parish in Laflin.

Right: Rosemary LaBar of Dallas holds her four-month-old daughter, Josie, during the Vigil Mass for Life. (Photos/Mike Melisky)

rights more intensely than ever before," the bishop said. "As we Health Organization is expected wait for a determination by the Court, we would do well to keep "I'm definitely hopeful. I'm ourselves focused on the goal of our journey and the example of Jesus. Otherwise, we risk losing our way by engaging perspectives that distract from, rather than serve, the noble ends of our efforts life."

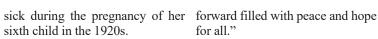
The Vigil Mass for Life was Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, scheduled on the eve of the annual served as principal celebrant and March for Life in Washington, D.C. Recognizing that some people might not want to travel because of when the Roe v. Wade decision the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the diocese organized the Mass as a special prayer opportunity for all those who believe that every life has value, dignity and worth.

"The theme for this year's Womb,' emerged in response to the "While the battle is far from national dialogue about the nature won, with states like our neighbor of equality that our country has present," he explained. to the east in New Jersey that continued to engage, particularly in the last few years. Citing the tragic reality of inequality

engaged the question of abortion disability status, age and economic background, organizers of the event sought to build upon the vital need for our country and people to finally put to rest divisions among us. They stated, 'What matters is the fact that each of us is a human being. What matters is that life is precious, and that because it has inherent human dignity, it should be protected from the moment of conception," Bishop Bambera healthy, the bishop's grandmother

> from the Mass, the bishop noted that the sacred scriptures are filled with words that command us to reverence every life that comes into our world.

"What they us as Christians is clear and unambiguous ... Our welcome into God's eternity will be determined by nothing short of our willingness is beyond our ability to control to reverence, respect and serve among us in whom Christ is confront us," the bishop added.



The bishop recounted the words that his grandmother said, words the bishop said have always spoken powerfully to him about life, faith, trust and God: "Any mother would give her life for her child. How can I chose who lives and who dies. I'll a tragic moment in our history that leave that choice to God."

While her baby was born continued to get sicker following Reflecting on all three readings childbirth. She died one month

"If we have learned nothing else during the past two years in which we have had to confront the deadly coronavirus pandemic, I expect from hope we have come to appreciate the value of human life as never before. I hope we've also come to understand that so much of life and, on our own, we are helpless the poorest and most vulnerable to address the challenges that "Only by handing ourselves over During his homily, Bishop to the power of God - by trusting in Bambera also shared the personal his wisdom, grace and mercy - and story of his grandmother who only by working together to care that has impacted our land as a refused the advice of doctors to for the lives that have been given United States Supreme Court has result of race, country of origin, have an abortion after becoming to us will we ever discover a way in East Stroudsburg.

for all."

The bishop ended his homily by thanking those in attendance for their witness to the sanctity of human life – God's greatest gift to the world.

"On this day in which we recall legalized the taking of innocent, unborn lives, may we resolve through our prayers and actions to set aside the divisive behavior that has plagued us as a people, a nation and a Church. In so doing, may we begin to carve a way forward together first as brothers and sisters who believe in and treat every human being with equality and reverence, from the moment of conception in the womb until God, in his providence, takes us home at the end of our journey of life," Bishop Bambera said.

People who attended the Vigil Mass for Life were encouraged to bring a new pack of diapers to support families in need. All of the diapers collected were distributed to the Saint Joseph's Center Baby and Children's Pantry in Dunmore and Shepherd's Maternity House

Renewed & Reinvigorated: Diocese represented well at 2022 March for Life in Washington

WASHINGTON, capital on Jan. 21.

With last year's edition of the largest, peaceful assembly staged faithfully each year in Washington being virtually curbed by the global pandemic, pro-life proponents refocused their rallying cry against the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion in America.

Those in attendance for the 2022 March for Life that included a rally on the National Mall and march up Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court were especially energized and emboldened by the possibility the high court — in a decision expected this summer — may effectively overturn the landmark 49-year-old ruling by upholding the Mississippi abortion law in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.

Youthful Exuberance

Faithful from the Diocese of Scranton rejoined this year's effort with plenty of hearty representation.

Chris Calore, vice president of the Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life, once again led a contingent from



Rupprecht family Dupont — Ryan and Andrianna and their four children — pose with a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe after participating in this year's March for Life.

that has grown since its inception in of life.

young guy attending the March for and even a blizzard (his most Life. Decades later, the March has memorable) — it would not cease become outnumbered by young our efforts," Ryan explained, Giuseppe, who when interviewed by people who truly love life," he observed. "The speakers were phenomenal, including legislators and people who were challenged by an abortion decision and said 'yes'

nephew, Anthony Macko of Wilkes-Barre, a student at King's College.

for Life was rooted in love, peace, and the belief that all human life is created equal from the time of conception to natural death," Macko said.

Group member John Witkosky of Swoyersville remarked, "I go to the March for Life out of love for all the innocent unborn and born children in the world. It doesn't require eloquent words. All that is required is to walk by faith, persevering and hoping and praying for an end to the evil of abortion."

Grateful to be able to once again journey to the March, Ann Jake of Duryea noted, "Over the many years that I've been participating, I'm constantly amazed at the growing number of young people becoming dedicated to upholding the sanctity of life."

A Family Affair

wife Adrianna, members of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Dupont, the March has become an annual tradition for them and their four children: Lily, 12; J.J., nine; Adeline, seven; and four-year-old Nate.

The desire to come Washington every January the March for Life was ingrained in Ryan by his Dad - who has

"Through the years, no matter "In the late 1970s I was the the conditions — rain, wind, cold, relating how the annual trek is now being passed on to his children. "Our fight is worthy of our best who bravely stand for pro-life laws efforts to preserve and protect the cannot fight for themselves." most precious gift of all, our unborn children."

Joining Calore's group was his you think you're outnumbered, you go to D.C. for the March for Life and you are mingling and unified with all ages and backgrounds willing to travel from other states and countries to try to put an end to the world's

> Their daughter Lily was so excited to be able "to talk to people my age who made the trip to New Orleans," and her brother J.J. said, our country's capital and march with very heartwarming for the future people from all over."

> adage, "Out of the mouths of children come words of wisdom," Adeline and Nate said, respectively, "my favorite part was marching for ranging in age from 12 to two — and the babies" and "my friends were two teenage nephews. there to help the babies."

Linda Carbone, of parish engagement at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Brodheadsville and a seasoned marcher, was among the travelers for For Ryan Rupprecht and his the trip organized by John Blundetto of the parish's Knights of Columbus.

"There are groups from high schools and universities, families and singles, Christian and secular groups are also represented and it's always peaceful," she said. "If you make it to the Supreme Court, the energy increases. This is not just a religious issue, but a human issue."

> Representatives from

D.C. — the Greater Wilkes-Barre area and, attended every March for the past Young America Foundation (YAF) There was an extra spring in their like many of his counterparts, was 48 years — and Mom who made who encountered thousands of youth step for those participating in this overwhelmed by the abundance of a commitment to lead their nine taking a bold stand for the unborn year's March for Life in the nation's youthful participation for the March children for the annual celebration talked to several for a YouTube video espousing that the so-called Generation Z — those born in the late 1990s through 2010 — is indeed the "Pro-Life Generation."

> YAF, said, "I'm 18 and I'm pro-life because it's extremely important to fight for the unborn and those who

He was joined by fellow Queen of Peace parishioner Kendyl Adrianna added, "Just when Ramsay. In proclaiming her prolife stance, the 17-year-old marcher remarked she believes the term "feminism" is misleading, and that "My experience at the March thousands of like-minded people of there is a need to protect unborn women as much as those outside the womb.

> In regard to Roe v. Wade, Ramsay referred to the 1973 Supreme Court decision as "outdated and needs to be revisited."

"I was so happy to see so many young students who were so eagerly "It was cool to see the buildings in participating in the March. It was of our pro-life movement," said To reinforce the time-honored Blundetto, whose bus excursion included several Marywood University collegians and Mary and in the image and likeness of God Brian Tilton, their five children —

> Bob Bonno, Blundetto's director fellow Knight from the Queen of Peace Council, was effusive in his gratitude to the trip's coordinator voice."



and the opportunity to be part of the experience.

"Our parish's support for Among them was Linda's son, the pro-life cause shown by your dedication is very much appreciated," Bonno remarked.

> Kim Gregorowicz spearheaded the March for Life mission for the group from Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Peckville. Among them was Gregorowicz's daughter, Grace, a freshman student at Holy Cross High School in Dunmore. "God has a special plan for everyone He makes, whether it's changing the lives of only a few people or a vast amount," Grace said. "Therefore, everyone has a right to the life God has intended."

> For her Mom, the event is of paramount importance for the Gregorowicz family, who strongly believes in the essential need to stand up for life.

> "All lives matter! Each and every mother and child, born and unborn, the elderly, the mentally and physically challenged, everyone!" Kim emphasized.

> She concluded, "We are all made and, therefore, all deserve dignity and respect. All lives have value and should not be discarded out of fear or inconvenience. By marching for life we witness to this belief, and we are a voice for all who have no



Representing the Scranton Diocese at the annual March for Life was the a large contingent from Saint Matthew Parish in East Stroudsburg.

Father McKernan, well-known diocesan priest and spiritual mentor, buried from Ashley

Diocese of Scranton, was principal Church in Ashley.

A resident of West Wyoming, Father McKernan, who retired for health reasons in 2018 after faithfully serving as a pastor, educator and spiritual counselor in the Scranton Diocese for numerous years, died Jan. 23 at Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Dunmore.

Barre, son of the late John and Marjorie Franchi McKernan, early education at Saint Leo School and Hanover Memorial High School and earned his bachelor's degree from King's College, Wilkes-Barre, in 1975.

priestly formation at Saint Pius X Seminary, Dalton, eventually enrolling at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy, where he earned both his bachelor and licentiate degrees in sacred theology from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in 1983.

Father McKernan was ordained Scranton Diocesan priesthood on Nov. 5, 1983, in subsequently served as a pastor the Cathedral of Saint Peter by the Most Rev. John J. O'Connor, late Bishop of Scranton and Cardinal Archbishop of New York.

ASHLEY — Father Gerald pastor of Saint Mary, Immaculate Shantillo, Vicar General of the Conception Parish, Wilkes-Barre, and was appointed director of celebrant of a concelebrated Mass religious formation at Bishop of Christian Burial for Father Leo O'Reilly High School, Kingston, McKernan on Jan. 29 at Saint Leo in 1985. He later served as assistant pastor at the Cathedral of Saint Peter and on the faculty of Saint Pius X Seminary.

Shortly thereafter, he attended Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., earning a master's degree in Christian spirituality in 1990.

Father McKernan received his first pastoral assignment in June Born Sept. 17, 1953, in Wilkes- 1992 at Holy Name of Mary Parish in Montrose. He subsequently served as administrator pro tem at Father McKernan received his Ascension Parish, Williamsport, and pastor of Saint Mary Parish,

Eventually appointed to serve in assistant pastoral roles at Our Lady of the Snows Parish, He began his early years of Clarks Summit, and the parish community of Holy Name and Saint Mary, Swoyersville, Father accepted an appointment as chaplain at Gonzaga University and Bishop White Seminary, where he served as spiritual West Wyoming. director, in Spokane, Wash., in July 2000. Upon his return to his native diocese a year later, he was assigned the pastorate of Christ the King Parish, Dunmore, and of Immaculate Conception Parish, Scranton.



Father Leo McKernan

four years later. After serving as pastor of Saint Elizabeth Parish, Bear Creek, he was appointed Diocesan Preacher for the Call to Holiness and Mission initiative during 2008-09. He would later serve in a six-month ministry at Saint Joseph Hermitage in Laceyville, and in July 2010 was named pastor of the churches of Our Lady of Sorrows, West Wyoming, and Saint Joseph, would Wyoming, which eventually combine to form the current Parish of Saint Monica in at the tender age of seven.

had him serve for six months as Senior Priest at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston, prior to being appointed pastor of Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish in Kingston in June 2017.

Institute and Veteran Teachers with Him in Heaven where there Program; director of the Commission on Ecumenism and Interfaith Affairs; spiritual of God Community and the Neo-Catechumenal Way.

He most recently filled the roles struggle for him." of chaplain and program director for JMJ Catholic Radio and McKernan) chaplain for the Scranton Catholic Men's Conference.

Pio Mandato began the funeral homily for his beloved priestfriend by recalling the time he had not suffered much in life asked Father McKernan, "What will you say when you see the Lord Jesus?"

"He said, 'I will stand there and gaze upon Him and thank Him for calling me to be His disciple and to forgive me for not doing better," Father Mandato related, stating for Father McKernan that "call" to a priestly vocation came

His final pastoral assignments are here to intercede and worship and offer Father Leo to the Lord, that he be washed and cleansed and prepared for eternal life with the Lord."

written testament, but he left his In addition to his parochial vision for life as a Christian and Father McKernan was named duties, Father McKernan also disciple and priest of the Lord Jesus administrator of Our Lady of served in the Diocese of Scranton in the readings he chose," Father Following ordination, Father Lourdes, Montoursville, in 2002 as a teacher at various Catholic Mandato said. "The Lord Jesus McKernan served as assistant and became the parish's pastor high schools and colleges, the is the ultimate King and He will Township.

diocesan Religious Education make all things new, and we can be will be no more tears, mourning... pain and no more death."

Quoting diocesan priest Father director of Saint Pius X Seminary; Jim Alco, who was Father and chaplain for the Catholic McKernan's apartment neighbor, Charismatic Renewal, the People Father Mandato echoed, "Father Leo taught us how to live and how to prepare for death, but it was a

He stated further, "(Father developed tremendous devotion to Saint Bernadette (of Lourdes) this past Capuchin Franciscan Father year. Leo decided to ask her for help in his pain and to help him suffer a bit for the Lord. He felt and could at least offer something to the Lord before he was called" from this life.

Father Mandato concluded, "The last time I saw him I said, 'Leo, let's pray to Saint Joseph that he come and take you home.' He got up from the chair, came over to me, grabbed my hands and said, 'Let's pray.' His eagerness moved and impressed me. A week The homilist continued, "We later Saint Joseph came for him."

Surviving are three sisters, Kathleen Miller and husband, Harry, Sarasota, Fla.; Alice Jones and husband, Reg, Lido, N.Y.; and Mary Appello and husband, "Father Leo did not leave a Vinny, Media, Pa.; two brothers, Mark, Grove City, Ohio, and Michael, Kingston; and several nieces and nephews.

> Interment was held at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Hanover

Bishop Bambera appoints Mary Hallman as Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life



Mary Hallman

SCRANTON - The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, has announced named Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life. Hallman was selected from a number of highly qualified began her new position on Jan. 3, 2022.

that Mary Hallman has been Diocese of Syracuse for eight collaboratively years. In that position, she worked innovative solutions. closely with both clergy and lay leaders, forming relationships diocesan level, Hallman also served candidates following an extensive and building trust, in an effort to for five years in parish ministry nationwide search process. She create vibrant parishes and form as Director of Evangelization disciples of Jesus Christ. Through & Catechesis at Saint Charles/ her experiences in that position, Saint Ann Parish in Syracuse.

after most recently serving as many obstacles that parishes implementing a parish strategy for Director of Evangelization in the face and has been successful in conversion and discipleship that

Prior to her work at the

Hallman joins the Diocese Hallman is keenly aware of the During that time, she assisted in implementing was inclusive of adults, children and youth.

> She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California, Irvine, and a master's degree in theology from Augustine Institute in Denver, Colo.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: FAITH. EXCELLENCE. SERVICE.

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 5, 2022

The 19 Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Scranton recently celebrated Catholic Schools Week, a week-long national celebration where schools showcase all they have to offer students and their families. During this week, our students celebrated Mass, donated goods to those in need, dressed as their favorite saint as well as wearing themed clothing and accessories, planned for their future professions including being teachers for a day, played games, shared their talents, and supported one another just as the Master Teacher would have.



Saint Agnes School in Towanda



Epiphany School in Sayre



Saint John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport



Holy Family Academy in Hazleton



Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton



La Salle Academy in Jessup



Holy Rosary School in Duryea



Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg



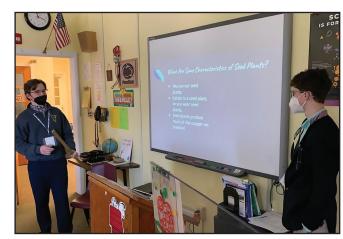
Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore



Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston



Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre



All Saints Academy in Scranton



Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green



Saint John Neumann Jr./Sr. High School in Williamsport



Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary **School in Wilkes-Barre**







Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg



Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter

Scranton students put principal in 'sticky' situation during Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week – one this week. event at All Saints Academy was "stickier" than the rest.

On Thursday, 3, 2022, students had the Allie Romanchick explained. opportunity to duct tape their Organization.

"We were researching and All Saints Academy PTO Faith. Excellence. Service." President, said.

principal in place.

"It the-box idea, not something I and said.

students the nation. Offering unique opportunity to tape their

SCRANTON – As the 19 principal to the wall is just one of transition Catholic Schools across the the many activities that students at a Diocese of Scranton celebrated All Saints Academy took part in high school,

> "Catholic Schools Week he is when we really have fun and not Feb. everyone enjoys it," eighth grader his

"There have been a lot of experience for principal, Brittany Haynos- fun activities like duct taping our anything. Krupski, to a cafeteria wall. principal, we painted earlier today, The event was a fundraiser for last year we tie-dyed t-shirts and definitely a lot the school's Parent Teacher had movie days," eighth grader more focused. Ariana Cabelly added.

Since 1974, Catholic Schools hands on. It found this idea on Pinterest Week nationwide have been is definitely and she (Haynos-Krupski) was celebrating the importance of something that like, 'Sure, I'll do it,' and the Catholic education. This year's parents should rest is history," JoAnn Lameo, theme is, "Catholic Schools: be considering

Each one of the Catholic their For a two-dollar donation, Schools in the Diocese of to students got a two-foot strip Scranton have a series of week- Personally, I of duct tape to help hold their long activities planned, which think Catholic include Masses, open houses in Schools something many cases and other activities for one of the best interesting. It was an out-of- students, families, parishioners experiences community members. you was expecting but the school Through these events, schools have," he explained. is always about new things. I focus on the value Catholic

As he prepares to go to

Catholic Roberts said would trade Catholic s c h o o l

It's a lot more when sending kids school.

welcome.

"All the students and teachers

are nice and welcoming. For me, I fundraiser, the students raised Cabelly just started at All went to a public school for almost \$670 for the All Saints Academy think the kids really enjoyed education provides to young Saints Academy last year during all my life and when switching Parent Teacher Organization. it," eighth grader Jacob Roberts people and its contributions to our the COVID-19 pandemic and I was very nervous, but it was a The group has many other church, our communities and our said she couldn't have felt more nice and welcoming community," fundraisers planned to help

support its annual Fun Day and Through its duct tape Teacher Appreciation Week.



Allie Romanchick, an eighth grade student at All Saints Academy in Scranton, helps duct tape her principal, Brittany Haynos-Krupski, to a cafeteria wall as part of a fundraiser Feb. 3, 2022. (Photo/Eric Deabill)

Diocese celebrates Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

SCRANTON - The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, joined several other faith leaders for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God on Jan. 19, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

The prayer service was the Diocese of Scranton's keynote event for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022. The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was, "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (cf. Matthew 2:2).

The theme, taken from the second chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, is the Epiphany. Each year in January, the Church recalls the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem, highlighting God's invitation to all of humanity to a new covenant in the Incarnation of Christ.

"The story of the magi, who are the last to arrive in Bethlehem in Matthew's infancy narrative, carries with it all sorts of rich imagery even as their arrival in Bethlehem triggered the unleashing of evil and hatred aimed at the newborn Christ and his mission of mercy and salvation," Bishop Bambera noted during his sermon. "Their arrival and welcome also revealed something else; Jesus' message of hope was extended to all peoples through his self-sacrificing and unconditional love."

More than ever before, the bishop said people need to embrace the message proclaimed in Scripture.

"Epiphany celebrates God's allinclusive love manifested in the life of woven into the work of ecumenism," he added. "Sadly, as with some of the earliest followers of Jesus, some of us still act as



An Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God took place on Jan. 19, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. The event was held as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022. The theme of this year's service was "We Saw the Star in the East, and We Came to Worship Him" (cf. Matthew 2:2).

if God is our sole possession. Some still attempt to place parameters around where God is able to work, with whom and how."

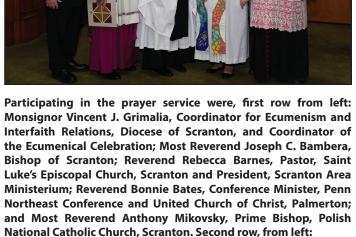
In the great prayer from the seventeenth chapter of Saint John's Gospel, Jesus asks four times that his disciples be "one," as he and his Father are one.

Bishop Bambera suggested three areas that can help fulfill Jesus' prayer for unity.

official dialogues between Christian churches must continue.

his Son, Jesus, something integrally I completed my term as Chair of the U.S. Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, I was privileged to have overseen a dozen active dialogues in





Pastor Dave Twiss, Assemblies of God Lead Pastor, Green Ridge Assembly of God Church, Scranton and Presbyter, North East Section of the Pennsylvania Delaware Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God; and Rebecca Tanner, Presbyterian Church, USA. (Photos/Mike Melisky)

First, the bishop said the work of the United States alone, with more on the totality of those who are honored by the name horizon," the bishop explained.

> The second area the bishop focused on the Synod on Synodality.

> which listens, we have been challenged to recognize that this listening should concern the

of Christian," Bishop Bambera explained.

The third and final area that Bishop "In the Catholic Church alone, when was encouraging people to participate in Bambera emphasized is our common witness to the love of Christ within us, "Because a synodal Church is a Church which is poured forth in service to the least among us.

New Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life named

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tremendous asset to the Office for Parish Life and all of our parishes, especially as we continue our long-range pastoral planning process in the Diocese of Scranton," Bishop Bambera said. "She shares the Diocese of Scranton's mission leadership of Jesus and to enter into a personal relationship with Him."

people who are committed to building a as disciples."

more vibrant Church that meets the needs "Mary's skills and qualifications will be a of the poor and the disenfranchised. God is already at work," Hallman said. "I believe God has provided us with everything we need; our challenge is to intentionally call forth the gifts and talents of the laity so each person recognizes their particular role in the of calling all the baptized to imitate the servant missionary work of our parishes. The future depends on our willingness to surrender our lives to Christ and live distinctively, in "In my short time in the Diocese of a way that is attractive to those who are far Scranton, I have come to know so many from the Church. We are all called to grow

regularly interacting with Regional Episcopal vitality. She will also play a key role in the Vision 2030 Blueprint Process.

Bambera and his leadership team is what brought me to the Diocese of Scranton. Like most dioceses, especially during COVID, we together and share our hopes and dreams. It's be reached in OPL at (570) 207-2213.

As Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life, an exciting time, with lots of opportunities! Hallman is responsible for overseeing the I'm hoping the experiences of my life - as Office for Parish Life and its team, as well as a Catholic school student, a college student involved in campus ministry, a youth Vicars, Deans, Pastors, Priests, Parish Life ministry coordinator, Director of Faith Coordinators and Deacons regarding diocesan Formation for linked parishes, and diocesan initiatives and services related to parish Director of Evangelization - allow me to contribute from a variety of perspectives. With the great team in place in the Office for "The collaborative style of Bishop Parish Life, we look forward to supporting parishes through the Vision 2030 process and beyond," Hallman added.

Hallman welcomes the opportunity to have challenges, but we are able to see them collaborate with clergy and the laity. She can

Canton parish to host Shroud of Turin talk on March 12

CANTON — Just ten days into the upcoming Lenten season, Saint Michael Parish in Canton will host a unique, riveting guest presentation on a widely believed article of faith representing the culmination of the 40 days of penitence and renewal leading to the celebration of Easter Sunday — the Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ two thousand years ago.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Saints Peter & Paul Parish in Towanda, will bring to the Canton parish his in-depth knowledge of the inimitable Shroud of Turin, which for centuries has piously been United States. purported to be the genuine burial cloth of the Son of God.

The one-hour presentation will be given on Saturday, March 12, at 5 p.m. following the 4 p.m. Mass at Saint Michael Church — and include a full-sized replica of the Shroud.

Beahm, event organizer, Piechochi's informative talk will explore many of the details experts have uncovered about the universally venerated and studied fabric.

"It is sure to enhance one's Lenten experience," Beahm noted. "We welcome everyone to come and spend some time to discover if Our Father in heaven left a photograph of His Son's passion for us."

hope this presentation will also help recruit others who are looking for a spiritual bond five continents. with other like-minded Catholic men."

at Saint Michael's, Alex Piechochi, of Father Joseph Kutch, the life-like replica of he explained. "Hanging on the wall in the the Shroud to be displayed at the parish's March 12 presentation is one of just five authentic copies that travel throughout the

> Father Kutch recalled one of those impressive facsimiles visited Saint Matthew Parish in East Stroudsburg when he served as a senior priest there some ten years ago.

"It's an astonishing representation of the original Shroud of Turin," he said. "I'm thrilled that we will be able to have According to Knight of Columbus David it displayed at Saint Michael's. We are so fortunate to host such a presentation, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity it offers to our parishioners and the public to experience. Such an experience can really strengthen one's faith or bring about an redeem us from our sins." explosion of belief."

Piechochi said he has been offering his presentations on the Shroud for eight jaw-dropping," he said, confident that the

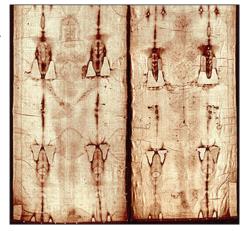
Beahm explained the Saint Michael K of but the Upstate New York Sees of C Council viewed the Shroud presentation Rochester and Syracuse. He shared that as an opportunity to bring a deeper it all began with a trip to Israel — one spiritual experience to the parish and local of numerous destinations for the muchcommunity, stating, "We as knights are traveled retired chemical engineer whose known for our community support, but we scholarly and religious pursuits have led him to almost every state in the union and

"We had a private Mass in the Church According to Saint Michael's pastor, of the Holy Sepulcher in the Holy Land," chapel was a full-size photograph of the Shroud which I had never seen before."

> He continued, "What really stood out for me was the backside of the image and the terrible scourging" it exhibited. The experience prompted him to purchase a full-size material copy of the Shroud from a company in New Zealand.

Unabashedly proclaiming that he is 100 percent certain the Shroud of Turin is the actual burial cloth that covered the Crucified Christ, Piechochi remarked, "I want the people attending (his presentations) to see the power and glory of God that made this great miracle, as well as to see first-hand the suffering that Our Lord experienced to

"When people see what God used for 'ink' to paint this image, it is absolutely years, not only in the Scranton Diocese both birth and burial cloths of Jesus were program.



Middle Eastern period linens – "the fabric of kings." "There is so much information about the Shroud, it is a real challenge to keep (the presentation) to only one hour."

Beahm related that he first met Piechochi at the Scranton Diocesan Men's Conference in 2017.

"When Alex told me of his extensive travels and experiences at religious sites around the world and the presentation he gives on the Shroud of Turin, I thought it would be a perfect opportunity for Lent," he recalled.

Beahm emphasized the event is open to the community free of charge and, in the spirit of Christian unity, a special invitation is extended to all church denominations. Refreshments and fellowship conclude the

Synodal process showing good progress, some challenges, Vatican says

challenges, said the ordinary council of the Feb. 7 at synod.va. Synod of Bishops.

council said in a press release Feb. 7.

"The desire all over the world is (that) this synodal journey, which has begun at the local level," continues "so that tangible signs of synodality might increasingly be manifest as constitutive of the church," it said.

and online Jan. 26 to discuss the progress being made on the synodal process around renewal of ecclesial life," it said.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The the world and to elaborate the criteria for Catholic Church worldwide is showing the "reports" to be prepared by dioceses good progress and "much joy" after the and bishops' conferences and submitted opening of the synodal process, but there to the general secretariat of the Synod of also have been some "uncertainties" and Bishops, it said in a statement published

"It seems that the novelty of the "There is growing awareness that synodal process has given rise to much the synodal conversion to which all the joy and dynamism," it said. Nearly 98% baptized are called is a lengthy process that of all bishops' conferences and synods of will prolong itself well beyond 2023," the Eastern Catholic churches worldwide have appointed a person or an entire team to implement the synodal process and a large number of initiatives have been set up to promote consultation and discernment.

"Many of the faithful perceive the synodal process as a crucial moment in The ordinary council met in person the church's life, as a learning process as well as an opportunity for conversion and



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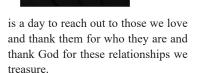
A little over a year ago, a dear very little about Valentine, he is still friend, a mother of twin boys and an overall healthy woman, had a seizure. Understandably concerned and burdened with worry, I was one they turned to for prayers. In addition to my prayers to Our Lord and our the Church and that his example Blessed Mother, I turned to the internet to search for the patron saint honor and devotion, especially for of those who suffer from seizures. To my great surprise - and with his feast day looming - I found that patron is children and exchanging valentines none other than, Saint Valentine.

about this "romantic" saint, the Church suspended the celebration of this feast within the liturgical calendar of our worship. He is believed to have been a physician-priest who in the third century healed the daughter of a Roman prison guard. The healing hour, the sad sight of men who have led to the family's conversion to Christianity and would lead Valentine for anything left to take home to their to his martyrdom. Though we know

recognized as a saint in the Church's martyrology.

What is known about Saint Valentine does demonstrate that his life clearly had an impact on has given him a special place of married couples and those who are courting. Who can forget being at school or special dances to mark With not much reliably known what has become an all-too-secular celebration? In department stores and supermarkets we quickly move from Halloween to Christmas and then Christmas to Valentines Day. Heart-shaped boxes of candy, flowers abounding, and in the ninth procrastinated swarming the stores loved one.

> Once again, it seems we've missed the mark. Each of these gestures is and should be a part of this great day in our culture, but let's add something more. What better way to mark a day that has as its very center love than by turning to God for direction on how to honor those we love the most. Surely, those of you who are married hold this day with particular solemnity; for those of us who are not married or courting, this



In addition to the flowers and candy, the romantic meal at one of our fine local restaurants, the sappy card from the store, dig deep to offer something more spiritual. Offer a prayer for your loved one, light a candle at church for him/her, call your local parish and offer a Mass for his/her intentions. Better yet, go to Mass together and place yourselves before the altar of God in humble thanks for the love that you share, a gift we believe is divinely given.

Just as I never knew that Saint Valentine was the patron saint of epilepsy and of those who suffer seizures, imagine how else he can assist you as he prays before the throne of God for us. Maybe your spouse or another loved one is struggling with depression, loss of work, hopelessness, or some crippling illness, perhaps they've lost someone to death: This great saint will intercede on your behalf and theirs. Turn to him in an act of love for all the good that is evident in your relationships, for those who suffer, and in gratitude for the gift of love that makes life worth living. We thank God for this unique saint.

Saint Valentine, pray for us!

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Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen Campaign to feed needy

2022 Host-for-a-Day campaign is now underway

SCRANTON – They come for a hot, nutritious daily meal. Some return for a supper served three nights a week. All enjoy a friendly atmosphere and socialization with their fellow guests, and being treated with dignity and respect by staff and volunteers.

Many visit the Client-Choice Food Pantry and Free Clothing Store, getting what they need for themselves and their families.

Approximately 200 men, women and children of all ages benefit from these services provided by Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton each day. This includes those who are offered meals through the Mid Valley Outreach Program at parish locations and high-rise housing buildings in Carbondale and Olyphant.

Founded in 1978, the Kitchen has been able to do all of this due to the dedicated service of staff and volunteers, and with financial support from the community – primarily through the annual Host-for-a-Day campaign. The 2022 campaign is now underway.

For a donation of \$100 or more, an individual, family, business, community organization to anyone who could use one." or faith-based group can help to sponsor the day's meal. of the Carbondale Housing Recognized sponsorships begin at the \$500 contribution level.

In effect, each contributor becomes a "host" for a day. Contributors may then select a date on which they, or someone will be recognized as the provider for that meal.

the Kitchen, lunch is provided each Wednesday at Holy Cross Parish in Olyphant, where Father Frank Marek is among those who is grateful for this service.

"This is a great opportunity for those in our area to receive a



Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen has launched its 2022 Host-for-a-Day campaign, which is the primary means of financial support for the Kitchen's mission to provide a free daily meal to area needy. Pictured are Kitchen Advisory Board member Maria McCool, campaign chair; Kitchen Executive Director Rob Williams; and Kitchen Advisory Board President Melissa Pavlowski.

now, during these financially there has been a significant adding that donations to the Hostfor-a-Day campaign are "greatly appreciated and go directly toward providing a hot, nourishing meal

Sue Ann Edmunds, a resident Authority North High Rise, loves the meals provided by the Kitchen "because they are tasty and convenient. My income is limited and this is a big help!"

In addition, she is a member they designate or memorialize, of the Housing Authority Team that helps to deliver the meals to other residents. And when she Through its partnership with recently had an extra \$20 she donated it to the Kitchen "because it's a great cause!"

While many are familiar with Scott Sterowski serves as pastor. how the Kitchen provides these meals, they might not be aware of just how important the Client-Choice Food Pantry is.

According Kitchen well-balanced meal, especially Executive Director Rob Williams, in our community who continue

challenging times," he said, increase in the number of individuals and families who take advantage of the pantry in recent months - well over 1,000 individuals and 503 family servings in January alone. He noted that pantry offerings have expanded to include cleaning supplies and ensure fresh produce each day of operation.

"We see individuals and people with children coming to our food pantry every week," he said. "They need these items to help feed their families. They are so grateful that we offer this service."

the Kitchen's Advisory Board, is chairing the Host-for-a-Day campaign and leading the effort with her fellow board members.

"We are fortunate to be able

to support our mission."

Past contributors to the campaign are receiving an appeal directly from the Kitchen through the mail or will be contacted by members of the Kitchen's Advisory Board.

an appeal through the mail can make a Host-for-a-Day gift by calling the Kitchen at (570) 342-5556, or sending a check to Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, 500 Penn Avenue, Scranton PA 18509. Donations can also be made online at: stfranciskitchen.org or facebook.com/stfranciskitchen.

Also, out of continuing concern for the health and safety of benefactors and board members, the typical Appreciation Reception that concludes the sponsor the Virtual Reception are campaign will not be held in a asked to call (570) 342-5556.



Anyone who does not receive gathered way again this year. Instead, the culmination of the campaign will be marked with a Virtual Celebration consisting of a pre-recorded program. The release date will be Wednesday, April 27, at 6 p.m. on facebook. com/stfranciskitchen.

> This year the Virtual Celebration will honor Monsignor Constantine V. Siconolfi, founder of the Kitchen, and Toyota of Scranton for outstanding support.

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Maria McCool, a member of

to help our sisters and brothers in need even with all the challenges of the pandemic," she said. "And we are truly blessed by so many

Diocese of Scranton announces new Catholic Social Services leader

Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, his tenure, Mahoney focused Bishop of Scranton, has announced on early childhood education, that Joe Mahoney has been named homelessness Diocesan Secretary for Catholic workforce Human Services and Chief immigration services. his new position on Jan. 31, 2022, Committee of the Catholic and this marks the fourth Catholic Charities Council of Diocesan Social Services agency for which Directors. he has worked.

SCRANTON - The Most Charities of Pueblo. During prevention, readiness From Executive Officer of Catholic 2011 to 2014, Mahoney was also Social Services. Mahoney began elected to serve on the Executive

Mahoney has a Master's Mahoney joins the Diocese degree in Nonprofit Management after most recently serving as from Regis University. Before Chief Operating Officer of the joining Catholic Charities of Pueblo Housing Authority in Pueblo, he spent two years Colorado. Prior to that position, coordinating disaster response Mahoney spent ten years as the operations for Catholic Charities Executive Director of Catholic USA in Alexandria, Va., and



Joe Mahoney

two additional years working as Services. Joe has a passion for Program Director for Katrina Aid helping others and is dedicated Today with Catholic Charities to community engagement, all of New Orleans following the of which is underpinned by his devastation done by Hurricane strong ministry to the Catholic Katrina.

Joe Mahoney to our Diocesan leadership capabilities will help family as the new Diocesan us to continue serving individuals Secretary for Catholic Human and families in need and grow our Services and Chief Executive presence across northeastern and

OF THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON Officer of Catholic Social north central Pennsylvania."

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"It is an honor and privilege to take on this new position. I am excited and enthusiastic to begin working with our boards, staff and many volunteers to provide help faith," Bishop Bambera said. and create hope for those in need "I am pleased to welcome "Joe's vision, experience and in our Diocese," Joe Mahoney

Social Services

Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Human Services and Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Social Services, Mahoney is responsible for providing leadership, administration and oversight of all programs operated by Catholic Human Services and Catholic Social Services. He will also oversee the fundraising efforts and community outreach to ensure the organization is meeting the vision, mission and values of the Diocese.

For nearly 100 years, the mission of Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton has been to serve individuals and families in poverty and hardship, as we are called by Christ to do, and to respond compassionately to their needs. The agency provides assistance to tens-of-thousands of men, women and children on an annual basis. To learn more about the food assistance, housing, shelter, relief, pregnancy and maternal health, children and youth programs, or immigration assistance programs provided, visit: dioceseofscranton.org/css/ catholic-social-services.

Mahoney is a former Marine Corps Officer and is married to Nhung Mahoney.

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Community groups participate in **Disabilities Awareness Mass**



Ada Magni, right, joins other members of the Order of Alhambra in prayer during the Diocese of Scranton's annual **Disabilities Awareness Mass** on Feb. 13, 2022.

SCRANTON - Community individuals with special needs came together on Feb. 13 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter to celebrate a Mass for Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities Awareness.

The Most Reverend Joseph Maryalice explained. C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, homilist.

has a local caravan, Alhamar No. 4, had several members attend the Mass.

are God's special children. They may be overlooked but we always want to remember them in our hearts and this is a wonderful opportunity to do that," Ada Magni, Deputy Supreme Director and Scribe of the health and safety reasons during the Exchequer, said.

The Order of Alhambra is to providing assistance to the intellectually disabled. It provides activities and support for special needs children and adults. Each year, the order also provides scholarships studying to become special education teachers.

homes. We go visiting at the White Haven Center singing Christmas carols, the Saint Joseph House, the Alhambra House, we go there as well," Magni added.

Sister Maryalice Jacquinot, IHM, President & CEO of Saint Joseph's Center, represented her residents and staff at the special liturgy.

"I really appreciate this annual groups and organizations that assist liturgy because it is affirming to the people that we support and it also helps to build community within the Church and the broader society to say that everyone is accepted, everybody is welcome," Sister

The mission of Saint Joseph's served as principal celebrant and Center is to provide individuals and families who have special needs The Order of Alhambra, which the opportunity to develop their abilities and potential to the fullest extent possible. The organization "We can't forget people that has residential, community and home-based services.

> For the last two years, many of the residents at Saint Joseph's Center have been limited in their interactions with the broader community for COVID-19 pandemic.

Because the Mass a social organization dedicated Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities Awareness broadcast on Catholic Television, many residents were still able to take part.

"Prayer still unites. It crosses to educate undergraduate students all boundaries," Sister Maryalice added.

During his homily, Bishop "We try to always help group Bambera emphasized that all individuals have gifts to share with the church and society. He said individuals with special needs provide us all with priceless lessons on how to live as disciples of Jesus.

> "You teach us that we are all a part of God's plan and each of us is blessed by God for being just the way we are," Bishop Bambera said.



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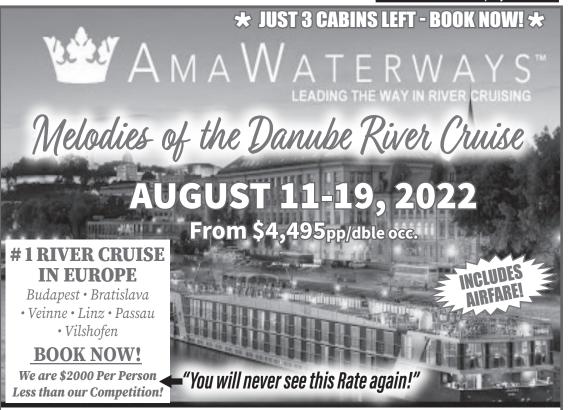


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Bishop Bambera celebrates Mass for the World Day of the Sick Feb. 11

SCRANTON - Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, celebrated Mass for

the 30th World Day of the Sick on Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The annual Mass is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in health care institutions and within families and communities.

The Mass also featured the Litany of Anointing.

"Through Jesus' example of selfless love, we find the pattern for our life's journey. Through His cross and resurrection, we discover the path to salvation. Through this wonderful Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, every one of us who approaches it with faith and hope will be touched by the closeness of God's love. Some of us may experience a physical healing. All of us will encounter the merciful presence of the Lord Jesus who promises to touch our spirits and give us peace," the bishop said.

Who makes house calls?

As of October 2015, I will now meet clients either at their home, or at a location they choose and no longer require clients to meet at my office. I have decided that I would change the way I meet with people so it will be as easy and as convenient as possible for the client.

Based on my practice, which consists of estate planning and administration along with elder law, I find that clients are more comfortable discussing such matters in familiar surroundings. While I know this may seem unconventional to some, I believe I will be able to serve clients much better in this fashion. If anyone is uncomfortable with home visits, I have a few locations where I can meet in an office setting. I look forward to meeting with my existing clients and especially meeting new clients that are looking for any assistance in estate or elder law matters.

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Hazleton parishes celebrate Masses in honor of Our Lady of Altagracia



HAZLETON - Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, celebrated Masses at two Luzerne County parishes on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, in honor of Our Lady of Altagracia.

The bishop celebrated the 10 a.m. Mass at Queen of Heaven Parish and the Noon Mass at Annunciation Parish, both are located in Hazleton.

Our Lady of Altagracia (also referred to as "Our Lady of la Altagracia" and "the Virgin de la Altagracia") is the Patroness of the island of Hispaniola, the island containing the nations of Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

The feast, which falls on Jan. 21 and dates to 1514, is the oldest Marian devotion in the Western Hemisphere.

Knights of Columbus support evangelization efforts



SCRANTON - On Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, the Northeast Board of District Deputies for the Pennsylvania State Council Knights of Columbus presented a \$500 check to Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, to use for the purposes of evangelization via Catholic media.

Presenting the check to Bishop Bambera was Frank Socha, Diocesan Membership Chairman.

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It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551.

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Wilkes-Barre church hosting Taizé service

Prayer "Around the Cross" Lenten prayer service on Sunday, March of Saint Nicholas, 226 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre.

of communal prayer, with sung repetitive refrains to create a reflection and meditation.

The unique prayer service is offered to area faithful to rectory office at (570) 823-7736.

WILKES-BARRE — Saint enhance their Lenten experience Nicholas Parish will host a Taizé and spiritual preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Music ministry for the prayer 20, at 4 p.m. in the upper church service will be provided by Rob Yenkowski, director of music at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, and Taizé is a meditative style the King's Cantores Christi Regis performance choir.

Faithful are invited to gentle rhythm and a means to participate free of charge; a freewill offering be accepted.

For more information, call the

Marian Devotion Rosary prayer services scheduled

dedicated to promoting prayerful devotion to Jesus and Mary through recitation of the Holy Rosary.

the Diocese and include the Rosary with chanted Scriptural mysteries, Fatima prayers and hymns.

Upcoming Marian Devotion events are scheduled as follows:

Third Monday of the Month **Rosary** — Feb. 21, from 6 to 7

Marian Devotion Ministries p.m. at the Oblates of Saint Joseph in the Diocese of Scranton is Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. Service also includes litany and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Lenten Monday Rosary — Prayer rallies and Rosary March 21, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the evenings are hosted throughout Oblates of Saint Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. Service also includes Lenten hymns, litany and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

> To host an event or for more information, contact Ernie Pappa at (570) 241-8171 or email: singtomary@aol.com.

Blue Army Reparation Vigil

The next monthly First Friday Reparation Vigil, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and sponsored by the Blue Army, will be held March 4 at Saint Joseph's Oblate Chapel, 1880 Highway 315, Laflin (Pittston).

Devotions begin Friday evening at 8 p.m. with recitation of the Rosary, during which time confessions are heard. Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated at 8:55 p.m., followed by benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and consecration to the Sacred Heart.

The vigil continues with the crowning of the Blue Army





Pilgrim Virgin Statue, the Blue Army Pledge, Fatima prayers and Marian hymns, followed by litany and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The vigil concludes with scapular enrollment at 10:15 p.m.

Music for the First Friday devotion is provided by Marian Devotion Ministries, led by Ernie Pappa.



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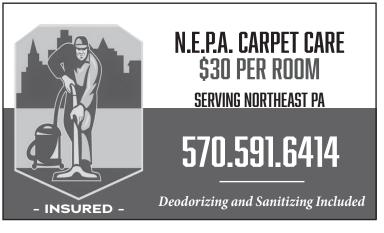
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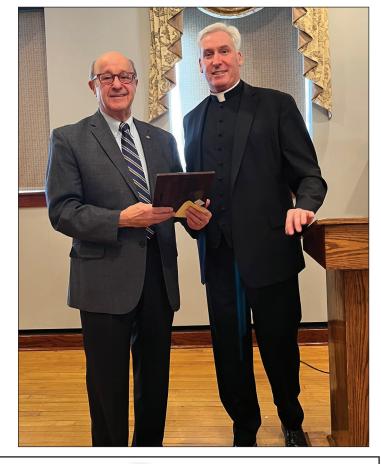
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Dunmore Parish HNS Communion Breakfast

The Holy Name Society of Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish in Dunmore hosted its 64th annual Communion Breakfast on the first Sunday of February at La Buona Vita banquet hall in the borough. The event began with the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Saint Anthony of Padua Church, celebrated by Father David Cappelloni, host pastor, who also offered the invocation and benediction for the Communion Breakfast. Honored during the event was longtime parishioner Jim Colangelo, who received the society's Pio M. Ferrario Christian Witness Award that is bestowed annually by the Dunmore parish's Catholic men. Pictured is Father Cappelloni presenting the coveted Ferrario Award to Mr. Colangelo.



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Plains parish plans Lenten retreat day

PLAINS — The Women's Parish in Plains invites all women of the Scranton Diocese to enrich their Lenten experience by attending a spiritual Day of Retreat for the season on Saturday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish's dining hall.

Moderator for the retreat day will be Saint Joseph Oblate Father Paul McDonnell, rector of the Oblates of Saint Joseph Chapel and community, Laflin, and Sacramental Minister at Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish, Pittston.

Ordained in 1991, Father McDonnell previously served as vocations director for his religious congregation and pastor of the former Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Pittston.

He is the former provincial Society of Saints Peter & Paul superior of the Oblates serving in the Diocese of Scranton and



in 2013 as superior of the newly formed Holy Spouses Province of the OSJ order in the United States, serving in the capacity seven

was appointed

Father Paul for McDonnell, OSJ years.

Registration fee for the Lenten retreat is \$25, including a continental breakfast and luncheon.

For reservations, contact Irene Martin at (570) 574-4519 or email: imartin9647@gmail.com.

Catholic family band to perform in concert at Poconos parish

featuring the musical group MJM7 on Sunday, March 27, at 6 p.m. in the parish's McCawley Hall.

Described as a Catholic family band, MJM7 consists of Michael James Mette and his three children, Charity, 14; Cecilia, 14; and MJ, 11.

According to organizers, the and innocence of youth with be accepted.

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IHM Sisters prayer evening on March 9

will continue their monthly p.m. via videostreaming. "Evenings of Prayer with the March 9.

The ongoing series of prayer theme each month relating to IHM history and the religious community's charism.

pandemic, the Evenings of sistersofihm.org.

SCRANTON — The Prayer are offered on the second Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters Wednesday of each month at 6:30

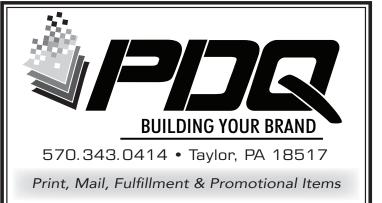
Participants may access the Sisters of IHM" on Wednesday, devotions at: https://video.ibm. com/channel/ihm-tv.

The theme for the March devotions celebrates a specific service is: "Prayer of Chapter 2022: Let this be the Time."

For more information, contact the IHM Sisters at (570) Due to the ongoing coronavirus 346-5404 or communications@

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		FEBRUARY SCHEDULE									
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY				
12:00: AM	DAILY MASS	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)		•	•						
1:00 AM 1:30 AM	FR SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	(1:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	THE JOURNEY HOME (Encore)	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	EWTN NEWS IN DEPTH				
2:00 AM	ICONS SPOTLIGHT										
2:30 AM	THEY MIGHT BE SAINTS	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY				
3:00 AM			00501110	ANGELUS FROM NAZARETH	LIFE ON THE ROCK	BATTLE READY	FINDING ALL THINGS IN GOD				
3:30AM	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE	SPECIALS	PAPAL AUDIENCE(3:15)	AT HOME WITH JIN	1 AND JOY (Call in thurs)	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY				
4:00 AM	EWTN LIVE	LIVING THE DIVINE MERCY	FIRST COMES LOVE	REFLECTIONS(4:15)	BOB AND PENNY LORD	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH				
4:30 AM	(Encore)	SUNDAY BEST WITH FR GROESCHEL	GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR A HAPPY LIFE	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	THE PROMISE	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	POLISH CATHOLIC				
5:00 AM	THE REFORMATION	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	DOMINICAN SISTERS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	EWTN SPECIALS	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS				
5:30 AM	WHERE GOD WEEPS	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	METANOIA	THE CRUSADES			CATHOLICS COME HOME				
6:00 AM	ANGELUS WITH POPE FRANCIS		<u> </u>								
6:30 AM	JOURNEY THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES	G.K. CHESTERTON	CHESTERTON CHURCH AND THE MATTHEWS SAINTS VS THE CHOICES V								
7:00 AM	SCRIPTURES	THE	POOR CHAPLET OF ST. MICHA		SCOUNDRELS	FACE STATIONS OF THE CROSS	CATALOGUE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL				
7:30 AM 7:50 AM	THE HOLY ROSARY	LITANY OF BLESSED	LITANY OF THE HOLY	HOLY LAND ROSARY LITANY OF ST.	LITANY OF THE	LITANY OF SACRED	THE HOLY ROSARY				
8:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS (Live)	VIRGIN MARY	NAME	JOSEPH DAILY MA	PRECIOUS BLOOD SS (Live)	HEART					
9:00 AM	(9:20AM) LITANY OF	DAILY MASS (Live) HOLY ROSARY WITH THE FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF THE ETERNAL WORD									
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10:30 AM		RELIGIOUS CATALOG		(ENCORE)		MOTHER ANGELICA	LUCY AND FRIENDS HERMIE AND				
11:00 AM		CHOICES WE FACE OFOD/SPECIALS/LIVE	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE	ST ANN'S WEEKLY	FOCUS MUSIC AND THE	LIVE CLASSSICS AT HOME WITH JIM	FRIENDS AT HOME WITH				
11:30 AM EWTN NEWS IN-DEPTH	WITH PASSION		NOVENA	SPOKEN WORD	AND JOY	JIM AND JOY					
		THE PROMISE	MAN AND WOMAN	EVANGELIZING THE CULTURE FOR MARRIAGE WORKS IN CHRIST		NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT				
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5:30 PM	SUNDAY PASSIONIST MASS		FIRST COMES LOVE								
6:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS FROM ST. PETERS CATHEDRAL		METANOIA								
6:30 PM 7:00 PM		LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	WALSINGHAM STORIES								
7:30PM	SUNDAY MASS	THE	DAILY MASS								
8:00 PM	(8:20) LITANY OF SACRED		OFOD OR SPECIALS	DIOCESAN DATEBOOK							
8:30 PM	HEART CATHOLICS COME HOME	THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	(CAN BE 90 MINUTES) MUSIC AND SPOKEN WORD	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	EWTN NEWS IN DEPTH	EWTN CINEMA				
9:00 PM	0 PM LIFE ON THE ROCK		EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)								
9:30 PM	HOLY ROSARY W MOTHER ANGELICA	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN	THE CHOICES WE FACE	FOCUS	LIVE WITH PASSION	WEEKLY NOVENA TO ST. ANN					
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Catholic Happenings Around the Diocese

Weekly Pro-Life Rosary St., Wilkes-Barre. All faithful are free of charge. welcome to participate.

FEB. 19, sponsored by St. Joseph Worker Parish in Williamsport; the Worker Parish in Williamsport; held from 7:30 p.m. to midnight take-out dinners available for in the parish's Fleming Center, Fundraiser — MARCH 12, purchase from 2 to 6 p.m. at 720 720 West Fourth St. Doors open West Fourth St., Williamsport. at 7 p.m.; dance music provided Cost: \$12 per dinner; includes from 8 p.m. to midnight. Cost: turkey, filling, mashed potatoes, \$20 (in advance) or \$25 (at door); green beans, cole slaw & dessert.

— **FEB. 19 & 20**, sponsored by SS. Peter & Paul Parish, 1309 West Locust St., West Scranton; sold prior to and following the weekend Masses on Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. Soups include clam chowder, chicken noodle, piggy, and Italian Wedding. Cost per order: pierogi, \$8/dozen; soups, \$8/quart.

University **Scranton** Gatherings — FEB. 17 & 24. Performance Music Series: In MARCH 4, 18 & APRIL 1, 8, offered for the special intentions Recital — FEB. 20, featuring of ending abortion and closure of pianist John Wilson; 7:30 p.m. the Planned Parenthood location in the University's Houlihanin Wilkes-Barre; Rosary is prayed McLean Center on campus, corner at 10 a.m. in front of the offices of of Mulberry St. & Jefferson Ave. Planned Parenthood, 101 N. Main Performance is open to the public

35th Annual Mardi Gras — Take-Out Turkey Dinner — FEB. 26, hosted by St. Joseph the reservations for table of eight available for \$150 (in advance). Weekend Pierogi & Soup Sales For tickets, contact the parish office (570) 323-9456.

pierogi and variety of soups are Friday Fish Dinners — MARCH 2, 11 & APRIL 1, sponsored by St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Williamsport; dinners are take-out only and cost \$12 each. Dinners sold and available for pick-up at 720 West Fourth St., Williamsport, on Ash Wednesday, March 2, from noon to 6 p.m., and Fridays, March 11 & April 1, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

> "40 Days for Life" Pro-Life Rosary Gathering — MARCH 2-APRIL 8, offered for the special intentions of an end to abortion and closure of the Planned Parenthood location in Wilkes-Barre; Rosary is prayed each weekday, Monday thru Friday, at 10 a.m. in front of the offices of Planned Parenthood, 101 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre. The pro-life campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer & fasting, constant vigil, and community outreach.

Lenten Fridays Fish Fry sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 12572 in Scranton; takeout sale of fish dinners held on designated Fridays in Lent from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Basilica of St. Ann, 1233 Saint Ann St., West Scranton. Dinner cost: adults, \$10; children, \$8. Tickets may be purchased at Scrantonknights.com or the St. Ann's gift shop.

Cornhole Games Event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus to benefit their Coats for Kids campaign; opens with registration at 10 a.m. at the Gate of Heaven gymnasium in Dallas, with games starting at 11 a.m. Registration fee: \$50 for each twoperson team; competition is double elimination. Event will feature Ash Wednesday & Lenten two classifications: competitive and social; prizes awarded to all winners. Refreshments will be available for purchase during the day. Advance registration encouraged by contacting Bill Leandri at wleandri@aol.com or (570) 417-1212.

> Gift Card Raffle Fundraiser — MARCH 17-APRIL 17, sponsored by the Youth/Young Adult Ministry of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish in Hanover Township; numbered on month-long raffle calendar matching the PA Lottery Evening drawing win \$75 or \$25 in gift cards. Raffle tickets cost \$20 each; all tickets are eligible to win 16 special drawing prizes. Easter Sunday grand prize drawing includes \$750 in gift cards. Raffle drawing chances may be ordered online at www.exhc.org or by calling (570) 328-4004.

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Papal Intention for March 2022

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Pope confers ministries of lector, catechist on lay women and men

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - lectors, a ministry he opened to Brazil and Ghana and five men Highlighting the importance of women a year earlier, and the new the Bible in the life of faith and rite for the ministry of catechist, the role of lay women and men in which he established in May. sharing the Gospel, Pope Francis catechist.

the Word of God, the pope used a word of God." revised rite for formally installing

Pope Francis installed six formally installed eight men and women - from South Korea, women in the ministry of lector Pakistan, Ghana and Italy - and and eight others in the ministry of two Italian men in the ministry of lector, telling them they were During Mass Jan. 23, the placing themselves "in the service church's celebration of Sunday of of the faith, which is rooted in the

Three women from Spain,

from Italy, Peru, Brazil and Poland were installed as catechists, and Pope Francis told them they were called "to live more intensely the apostolic spirit, following the example of those men and women who helped Paul and the other apostles to spread the Gospel."





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Series to focus on aiding the elderly

SCRANTON — The Elder teleconferencing. Justice Multidisciplinary Team of the presentation of a new series of programs, "The Silvers Series: address issues affecting the elderly population.

The monthly education series Abuse. for seniors and caregivers will presentation on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 1 p.m. via Zoom video Kerri at (570) 963-6740 ext. 1438.

This first series installment Lackawanna County announces will focus on the opening topic, "Get and Stay Connected."

Future series topics include: Life Lessons for Older Adults," to Getting Around, Lifelong Planning, Life Transitions, Aging in Place, Avoiding Scam, and Preventing

For more information get underway with a kickoff and to register, email: ejmdt@ lackawannacounty.org, or contact

Prayer Requests for Priests

The Daily Prayer Request for Priests schedule is as follows: February 17, Father Arbogaste Satoun; February 18, Father Kenneth Seegar; February 19, Monsignor John Sempa; February 20, Father Gerald Shantillo, V.G.; February 21, Saint Joseph Oblate Father Joseph Sibilano; February 22, Monsignor Constantine Siconolfi; February 23, Father Shawn Simchock; February 24, Father Robert Simon; February 25, Father Andrew Sinnott; February 26, Father Joseph Sitko; February 27, Father Phillip Sladicka; February 28, Father Casimir Stanis; March 1, Pope Francis; March 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; March 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; March 4, Father Stephen Stavoy; March 5, Father Scott Sterowski; March 6, Jesuit Father Daniel Sweeney; March 7, Saint Joseph Oblate Father Raymond Tabon; March 8, Father Philbert Takyi-Nketiah; March 9, Father John Terry; March 10, Father Fidel Ticona; March 11, Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin; March 12, Father Peter Tomczak; March 13, Father Daniel Toomey; March 14, Father Rawel Toppo; March 15, Father Peter Tran; March 16, Monsignor David Tressler; March 17, Father Jeffrey Tudgay; March 18, Father John Turi; March 19, Father Anthony Urban; March 20, Father Brian Van Fossen; March 21, Monsignor Neil Van Loon; March 22, Father Joseph Verespy.

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All of this is only possible through the dedicated service of our staff and volunteers, and your generous financial support for the annual Host for a Day campaign. For a donation of \$100 or more, an individual, a family, a business, a community organization or faith-based group can help sponsor a day's meal at the Kitchen and be recognized as a "host" of that meal.



Now more than ever, our brothers and sisters in need are relying on us for help. Thanks to the generosity of individuals and organizations in our community, Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen continues to serve the most needy among us with hot, nutritious meals each day.

All past contributors to the campaign are receiving an appeal directly from the Kitchen through the mail. Donations can also be made by:

Calling the Kitchen at 570-342-5556, online at www.stfranciskitchen.org or sending a check to: Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, 500 Penn Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The culmination of the campaign will be marked with a Virtual Celebration consisting of a pre-recorded program. The release date will be Wednesday, April 27, at 6 p.m. on www.facebook.com/stfranciskitchen. Those who would like to sponsor the Virtual Reception are asked to call the Kitchen at 570-342 5556.

Host for a Day

U.S. Ukrainian Catholic Bishops urge prayer, fasting for peace in Ukraine

As fears of a Russian invasion of Ukraine continue to mount, the Ukrainian Catholic bishops of the U.S. have called for a three-day prayer vigil "for peace and the the Marian rosary, the Paraclesis conversion of the hearts of those who preach violence and escalate sit with the Scriptures. Fast in war."

The appeal, directed to only God gives." Ukrainian Catholic faithful and issued in a Feb. 12 letter signed by Archbishop Borys Gudziak, who heads the Ukrainian Catholic neighboring Belarus Feb. 10. Archeparchy of Philadelphia and is metropolitan archbishop countries, including the U.S., the of Ukrainian Catholics in the United Kingdom and Germany, U.S.

Also signing the letter were: Ukraine. Bishop Paul P. Chomnycky Aleksiychuk of the Eparchy of St. Nicholas in Chicago; Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo of the Eparchy Rabiy of the Archeparchy of worst." Philadelphia.

community, each family and each the fact that democratic Ukraine person, participate in this vigil and its freedom-loving people in whatever way is possible for are increasingly surrounded by them," said the bishops. "May hostile military forces prone for our churches be open throughout invasion," said the bishops.

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) - the day, may the prayer of the church interchange with personal contemplation.

> "Conduct and participate in services, pray the Jesus Prayer, (a prayer service of supplication), order to focus on the hope that

Russia has amassed more "to all people of goodwill," was than 100,000 troops near the Ukrainian border, while launching large-scale joint maneuvers with

> In recent days, a number of have urged their nationals to leave

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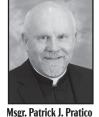


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