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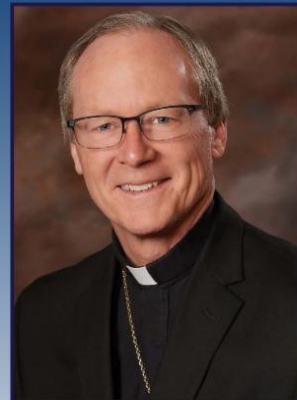
Weekly E-Newsletter

February 10, 2022

Catholic Television to broadcast special on Bishop-elect Walsh's appointment as Bishop of Gaylord

BISHOP-ELECT JEFFREY J. WALSH:

*Living the Call
to Servant Leadership*



Monday, February 14, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC TELEVISION DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

On Monday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m., CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will debut a special on Rev. Jeffrey J. Walsh's appointment as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan.

Entitled "Bishop-elect Walsh: Living the Call to Servant Leadership," the special will look back on Bishop-elect Walsh's early years growing up in

Scranton and how his parents and grandparents played a critical role in nurturing his Catholic faith.

Bishop-elect Walsh will reflect on his 27 years of service to the Church of Scranton and how his varied experiences across the Diocese of Scranton have prepared him for the next chapter in his life.

Bishop-elect Walsh's parents and parishioners from Saint Rose of Lima Parish and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will also be featured. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera and brother priests will also share their own thoughts on what makes Bishop-elect Walsh such a special priest and why they feel he is well prepared to take on his new role as Bishop of Gaylord.

[For More Information & Additional Air Dates for the CTV Special, "Bishop-elect Walsh: Living the Call to Servant Leadership"](#)

**All are invited to Mass of Thanksgiving and
Sending Forth for Bishop-elect Jeffrey J.
Walsh on Feb. 15**

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

AND

Sending Forth



FOR

**BISHOP-ELECT
JEFFREY J. WALSH**

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

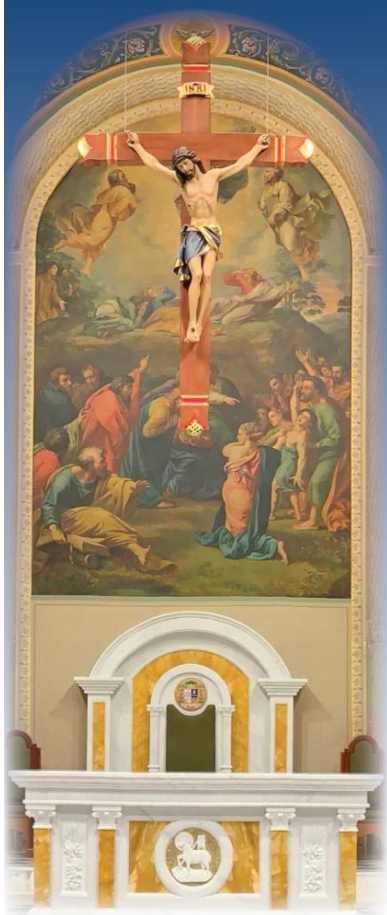
at 12:10 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

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

The Mass will take place at 12:10 p.m. and everyone who attends will get to greet Bishop-elect Walsh and send him forth to his new role in the Diocese of Gaylord.

**Mass for Developmental & Intellectual
Disabilities Awareness to take place Feb. 13**



DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL

Disabilities Awareness Mass



Sunday, February 13 at 10:00 A.M.
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

The Mass will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and made available on the Diocese of Scranton website and social media platforms

All people, including those with special abilities, have gifts to contribute to the life of the Church. The Diocese of Scranton embraces and welcomes the talents of all individuals in building up the Kingdom of God.

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will serve as principal celebrant for a Mass for Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities Awareness on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The Mass is open to everyone. It will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton. A livestream will also be made available on the Diocese of Scranton's website and YouTube channel and a link provided on all Diocesan social media platforms.

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Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen launches 2022 Host-for-a-Day Campaign



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 or faith-based group can help to sponsor the day's meal. Recognized sponsorships begin at the \$500 contribution level.

[For More Information on the Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen Host-for-a-Day Campaign](#)

Everyone is invited to take and share the Diocese of Scranton's online survey for the Synod on Synodality



We Are Listening!

Take the Diocese of Scranton's Online Survey for the Synod on Synodality
at dioceseofscranton.org

(Available in both English and Spanish)

*We invite you to share your joys, sorrows,
hopes and dreams for our church*



By calling for the 2023 Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is inviting the Church to gather and to listen to each and every Catholic to find the Church's path forward at this time in our history. This is a moment for the voice of God's people to be heard to give voice to the direction of the Church.

Pope Francis is providing the opportunity for this ancient and tested model to find relevance in light of today's challenges and opportunities.

The Holy Father seeks to hear every voice. Prayerfully consider participating either in your parish's in-person consultation session or through the Diocese of Scranton's online survey.

[Click Here to Take the Diocese of Scranton's Survey for the Synod on Synodality](#)

Retired pope asks forgiveness in response to Munich abuse report



At the age of 94, retired Pope Benedict XVI said he knows he will soon stand before God's judgment and he prayed that he would be forgiven for his shortcomings, including in handling allegations of clerical sexual abuse.

"Even though, as I look back on my long life, I can have great reason for fear and trembling, I am nonetheless of good cheer, for I trust firmly that the Lord is not only the just judge, but also the friend and brother who himself has already suffered for my shortcomings, and is thus also my advocate," he said.

In response Feb. 8 to a recent report on sexual abuse cases in the German Archdiocese of Munich and Freising, Pope Benedict also confirmed that an error in the testimony written on his behalf had been an oversight and “was not intentionally willed and I hope may be excused.”

“To me it proved deeply hurtful that this oversight was used to cast doubt on my truthfulness, and even to label me a liar,” he said in a letter released Feb. 8 by the Vatican.

However, the retired pope, who headed the Munich Archdiocese from 1977 to 1982, emphasized his feelings of great shame and sorrow for the abuse of minors and made a request for forgiveness to all victims of sexual abuse.

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Retired pope has full support of Pope Francis, aide says



Pope Francis was among those showing their support for retired Pope Benedict XVI, sending his predecessor “a beautiful letter,” according to the former pope’s secretary.

In the letter, Pope Francis “speaks as a shepherd, as a brother” and “expressed once again his complete trust, his full support and also his prayers,” said the secretary, Archbishop Georg Gänswein.

The archbishop spoke to the Italian news program TG1 Feb. 9 about the retired pope’s letter in response to a report on sexual abuse cases in the German Archdiocese of Munich and Freising, which the former pope headed as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger from 1977 to 1982.

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Archbishops' friendly Super Bowl wager also will benefit Catholic Schools



Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr of Cincinnati are rooting for their home team in Super Bowl LVI, but they also have placed a friendly wager on the outcome of the Feb. 13 showdown between the Rams and the Bengals.

The prelates announced the wager in a joint video posted online Feb. 9.

For his part, Archbishop Gomez offered baked treats from the City of Angels beloved Porto's Bakery. On his end, Archbishop Schnurr offered a case of Cincinnati's own Graeter's ice cream.

The prelates also are encouraging Catholics to get involved in this friendly exchange by donating to each archdiocese's Catholic Education Foundation, or CEF, in the spirit of the big game by going to www.bishopsbiggame.com.

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