



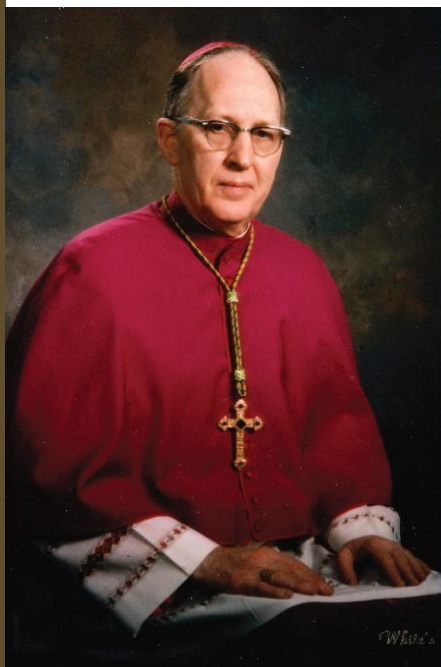
# ***The Catholic Light***

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## **Weekly E-Newsletter**

**April 21, 2022**

### **Funeral arrangements for the Most Reverend John M. Dougherty, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Scranton**



#### **FUNERAL SERVICES FOR**

*Most Reverend*  
**JOHN M. DOUGHERTY, D.D.**

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022**

Visitation: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Solemn Vespers: 7:00 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022**

Visitation: 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Funeral Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

The Most Reverend John M. Dougherty, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Scranton, died on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at his family's home in Scranton. He was 89.

Bishop Dougherty provided 65 years of faithful service to the people of the Diocese of Scranton, including 27 years as a bishop. He will be

remembered for his wisdom, pastoral concern, deep spirituality, and consistent presence in hospitals and nursing homes ministering to the sick and dying.

A viewing for Bishop Dougherty will take place at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, on **Monday, April 25, 2022**. The Bishop will be received at 2 p.m. followed by a period of public visitation until 8 p.m. A Solemn Vespers service will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday evening.

Viewing will continue on **Tuesday, April 26, 2022**, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter from 9 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. A Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, directly following at 11:00 a.m.

Interment will be in Cathedral Cemetery, Scranton.

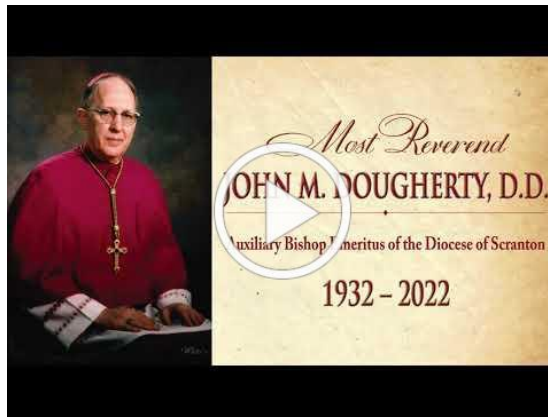
[To Offer Words of Sympathy and Comfort, Visit the Diocese of Scranton's Memorial Page in Remembrance of Bishop Dougherty](#)

## **Bishop Dougherty remembered for deep spirituality and sense of humor**



CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton continues to honor the life and legacy of Bishop Dougherty by interviewing fellow clergy.

In the above video, Rev. James Paisley, pastor of St. Therese in Shavertown and St. Frances X. Cabrini in Carverton reflects on the impact that the late Bishop John M. Dougherty had on his priesthood.



In the above video, Deacon Edward Kelly, Parish Life Coordinator at Saint Mary Parish in Waymart reflects back on the years he served as Deacon at Christ the King Parish in Archbald where Bishop John M. Dougherty took up residence following his retirement.

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**Christ's Resurrection brings hope amid 'Easter of War,' pope says**



The joy of Christ's resurrection is needed now more than ever in a time when war in Ukraine and other parts of the world makes the hope for peace seem like an illusion, Pope Francis said before giving his Easter blessing.

Like the disciples who were at first doubtful of Jesus rising from the dead, "our eyes, too, are incredulous on this Easter of war," the pope said as he prepared April 17 to give his Easter blessing "urbi et orbi" ("to the city and the world").

"We have seen all too much blood, all too much violence. Our hearts, too, have been filled with fear and anguish, as so many of our brothers and sisters have had to lock themselves away in order to be safe from bombing," he said.

Nevertheless, Christ's victory over death "is not an illusion" and the world needs "the crucified and risen Lord so that we can believe in the victory of love, and hope for reconciliation."

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## More than 100 people join Catholic Church in parishes across the Diocese at Easter Vigil



During his Easter homily, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, acknowledged all of the people who joined the church during the Easter Vigil at parishes across the Diocese of Scranton.

"Join with me in giving thanks for 107 catechumens and candidates, who, despite the challenges of these past years, listened to the voice of the risen Lord speaking to their hearts and said yes to God's invitation to be baptized and received into full communion in the Catholic Church. How blest we are by their presence and commitment to journey with us in faith," the bishop said.

The bishop also spoke about hope, especially after dealing with several years of the COVID-19 pandemic and most recently with the world being impacted by the War in Ukraine.

"This moment, more than any other in our recent history, reminds us of our desperate need for a savior who will lift us from the brokenness of our world and save us from ourselves! This moment, brothers and sisters, is why we celebrate Easter," the bishop explained.



[Read Bishop Bambera's Easter Homily](#)

[View a Photo Album of the Easter Vigil Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter](#)

## **Diocese of Scranton Online Synod Survey to close April 29**



The Diocese of Scranton continues to listen to your thoughts and opinions as we answer the call of Pope Francis to participate in the local listening phase of the 2023 Synod on Synodality. It is our hope that you will prayerfully consider each question and offer feedback about your experience as a member of the Diocese of Scranton.

The Synod survey is available on the “Synod on Synodality” page of the Diocese of Scranton website ([dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org)) through April 29, 2022.

Since last October, thousands of people in all 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton have participated in the online synod survey or individual parish listening sessions.

If you have already taken the survey, please spread the word – including to family and friends that may no longer attend Mass. A key component is listening to those voices who are easily ignored or marginalized.

**Take the Diocese of Scranton Synod Survey Right Now**

## **Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen presenting virtual celebration of Host-for-a-Day campaign**

### **St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP REACHING OUR GOAL  
by April 27th**



**Your \$100 donation will  
help us feed over 200  
people a day. Please  
become a host for our  
campaign.**

**<https://stfranciskitchen.org/host-for-the-day/>**

**570.342.5556**

The Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton will mark the conclusion of its 2022 Host-for-a-Day campaign with a Virtual Celebration next week highlighting the mission of the Kitchen and those who make it possible.

The Kitchen serves a free, hot, nutritious meal to approximately 200 men, women and children each day at lunchtime and three evenings a week. This includes those who are offered weekly meals through the Mid Valley Outreach Program at parish locations and high-rise housing buildings in Carbondale and Olyphant. In addition, the Kitchen operates a Client-Choice Food Pantry and Free Clothing Store that serve hundreds of families and individuals each month.

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## Pope, Vatican back U.N. Appeal for Easter truce in Ukraine



Pope Francis and the Vatican are urging world leaders to listen to the people's cry for peace, and they have backed an appeal by the head of the United Nations for an Easter truce in Ukraine.

Pope Francis first called for an Easter truce during his Angelus address at the Vatican April 10.

"Let the weapons be put down," he said on Palm Sunday. "Let the Easter truce begin. But not to provide more weapons and pick up the combat again — no! — a truce that will lead to peace, through real negotiation that is even disposed to some sacrifice for the good of the people. In fact, what victory is there in planting a flag on a pile of rubble?"

U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres echoed the appeal of the pope and other European Catholic and Protestant leaders for an Easter cease-fire.



Speaking to reporters April 20 at the U.N. headquarters in New York, Guterres asked there be a four-day “humanitarian pause” from April 21 to April 24, which is Holy Week and Easter on the Julian calendar, used by most Christians in Ukraine and Russia.

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## **Light of risen Christ dispels darkness of fear, pope tells young people**



Young people should not allow the darkness of fear to overwhelm them and instead allow the light of Easter to illuminate their lives and give them courage, Pope Francis said.

Fears “must be brought to light. And when fears, which are in darkness, come into the light, the truth bursts out. Do not be discouraged: If you are afraid, put it to the light and it will do you good!” the pope told thousands of young men and women gathered in St. Peter’s Square.

The April 18 event, titled “Seguimi” (“Follow Me”), was organized by the Italian bishops’ conference and brought young teens from all of Italy for a prayer vigil in Rome. While initial projections expected 57,000 people at the event, the Vatican said an estimated 100,000 young people were present.

It was the first large-scale gathering of its kind in St. Peter’s Square since the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered all public events in the country in 2020.

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