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Seminarian Michael Boris to be ordained a deacon on May 28



Michael Boris, a native of Dallas, will be ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Scranton by the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter. The ordination Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m.

The public is invited to attend the Ordination Mass, which is a very important event in the life of the Diocese. The Mass will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website and across all social media platforms.

Boris will be ordained for service as a transitional deacon, the ordination serving as the last major step before ordination to the priesthood, which typically occurs a year later after additional pastoral, liturgical and educational preparation.

Boris, 26, is the son of Joseph and Susan Boris. He is a graduate of Holy Redeemer High School and King's College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Philosophy. Boris entered Saint Mary's Seminary and University in the fall of 2018. In 2019, he served a summer assignment in the parish communities of Holy Cross Parish, Olyphant, and Blessed Sacrament Parish, Throop. Boris also served a pastoral year (2020-2021) in the parish communities of Saint Rose of Lima Parish and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, both in Carbondale.

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Bishop Bambera celebrates Dedication Mass for new Most Holy Trinity Parish in Cresco



As parishioner Cheryl Lynott handed over the keys of the new Most Holy Trinity Church to the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, she acknowledged the significance of the moment.

“Although our road has been long and our journey rout with obstacles, we come today realizing our dream. We began as several mission churches and three distinct parishes, ultimately merging to become known as Most Holy Trinity Parish,” Lynott said. “Our congregation’s resiliency was demonstrated time and time again when we moved from one temporary worship space to another but our faith remained steadfast.”

Immediately following the presentation of the keys to the bishop, that faith was on display as at least 500 people raised their voices, singing “Let the King of Glory come.” That song began the Dedication Mass on Sunday, May 15, 2022.

“What a glorious day that we are privileged to experience in praise of God and with gratitude for all that God has done in our lives and in this wonderful parish community of Most Holy Trinity,” Bishop Bambera said. “This magnificent dwelling place for God is a tribute to all of you who, in so many and different ways, have served to build not merely this worship site – but the Church – the People of God.”

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Celebration to mark 100 years of worship for Wilkes-Barre church



June 4 is going to be a big day of celebration for Saint Andrew Parish, as its primary worship site, Saint Patrick Church on Parrish Street, will mark a century of service to the community.

The public is invited to the church's 4 p.m. Mass and to enjoy a coffee-and-dessert reception following the liturgy. The principal celebrant for the special liturgy will be Rev. Gerald W. Shantillo, S.T.L., V.G., Vicar General of the Diocese of Scranton and Moderator of the Curia.

"We have invited all of the surviving former pastors to be here with us. Most have said yes," Deacon Bill Behm, Parish Life Coordinator of Saint Andrew Parish, said.

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Peckville parish marks 75 years with Jubilee Mass and reception



The COVID-19 pandemic may have delayed the party but there was no way it was going to cancel the celebration.

On April 23, 2022, one year after it was originally scheduled to take place, hundreds of people gathered at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Peckville to celebrate the parish's 75th anniversary.

The celebration began with a Jubilee Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, and continued well into the night with a dinner at Fiorelli Family Catering.

Father Andrew Kurovsky, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish since 2017, delivered the homily.

"For 75 years, you have touched the presence of Jesus Christ in our midst by the way that you have reached out to one another in your woundedness, in your hurt and in your pain," Father Kurovsky said. "For 75 years, you have recognized the presence of a Resurrected Christ right here in our midst and that is what we celebrate today."

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'Small groups' making 'big difference' in Poconos parish



In a big parish, sometimes it is better to go small.

That is the lesson that the ministry team at the Church of Saint John in East Stroudsburg is learning as they recently launched a pilot program known as “Small Groups.”

At the beginning of Lent, the parish began offering parishioners the opportunity to participate in small group discussions about their faith, spiritual growth and real life experiences.

“It is the power of sharing testimony and sharing your faith and making those connections matter,” Kathy Fisher, Small Groups Leader, said.

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Celebrate Generosity and 'Vote' Diocese of Scranton on NEPA Gives Day, June 3

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- MINI-REPRISE OF "CATHEDRAL CAPERS" WITH SOLO, DUET AND INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCES BY FATHERS JIM PAISLEY AND JOSEPH ELSTON AND A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE ORIGINAL COMPOSITION "THE BISHOP AND I," WITH BISHOP BAMBERA PRESENT AT 5:30!
- WINE TASTINGS AND FROZEN HOT CHOCOLATE TASTINGS PLUS HOT CHOCOLATE PACKET AUTOGRAPHS BY FATHER PAISLEY!
- AT LEAST TWO ARTISTS PAINTING ON SITE! STUDENT ART + SCIENCE EXHIBITS + LIVE DRONE DEMONSTRATION!
- STRESS-RELIEF PEPPERMINT CANDY SMASHING WITH THE HAMMER MADE FAMOUS BY "RECTORY, SET, COOK!"
- GRATITUDE KARAOKE (SING A DUET WITH FR. PAISLEY!)
- PHOTO "BOOTHs" - SNAP A SELFIE WITH "POPE FRANCIS" OR FR. PAISLEY AND HIS PROPS, POSE-AND-POST TO WIN PRIZES!
- LIVE HAMILTON COLLECTION 'I LOVE LUCY' DOLL AUCTIONS!
- PARACHUTE PLAY IN THE GYM, PLUS CATHOLIC PLAYING CARDS, PUZZLE AND BOARD GAME TABLES!
- GIVEAWAYS AND PRIZES THROUGHOUT EVENING + BEAUTIFUL GRATITUDE COOKIES FOR THE FIRST 100 IN-PERSON DONORS!

NEPA GIVES RALLY AND CAUSE FAIR!
BRING YOUR FAMILY TO MEET OUR FAMILY!
Join us for a fun, fast-paced **FIRST FRIDAY** evening that showcases the good work of Diocese of Scranton schools and organizations while celebrating the donors who make this work possible.
WHEN: 5 until 8 p.m. Friday June 3, 2022
WHERE: The Diocesan Pastoral Center (formerly Bishop Hannan High School) 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton
COST: Free! (All offerings free will.)
NO RSVP necessary. Come and go as you wish between 5 and 8! Or watch from home on Facebook Live while donating online:
<https://www.nepagives.org/organizations/diocese-of-scranton> (Donation link live from midnight until 11:59 p.m. June 3!)
MORE INFO: Call Sandra Snyder at 570-591-5004 or email Sandra-Snyder@dioceseofscranton.org

What do frozen hot chocolate, drones and kindergarten art have in common?

All three – and much more – will be featured at our first-ever First Friday fun rally and cause fair at the Diocesan Pastoral Center from 5 until 8 p.m. on Friday June 3.

Picture a telethon-turned-webathon with lots of in-person engagement. The event will include musical performances, comedy, games and a host of demonstrations, displays, exhibits, prizes and giveaways.

The fun is all part of NEPA Gives, the one-day online giving extravaganza and challenge spearheaded by five of the region's charitable foundations. The Diocese is participating for the third year in a row and hoping once again to top the leaderboards and secure some of the thousands of dollars in bonus prizes.

For 24 hours – from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59:59 p.m. – on June 3, donors may make secure donations to the Diocese through the [nepagives.org](https://www.nepagives.org) website, which features about 200 other nonprofit organizations.

The cause fair will highlight Catholic schools, Diocesan youth ministry, Saint Francis Kitchen and Saint Francis Commons.

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Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen 'Sponsor for a Day' campaign will assist thousands of people



“Go to the poor: You will find God.”

Those words, written by Saint Vincent de Paul, a tireless servant of the poor and marginalized, come to life each day at the Wilkes-Barre kitchen that bears his name.

Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen, located at 39 East Jackson Street, serves hot, nutritious meals to anyone in the community every day of the week, including weekends and holidays. Besides providing nutrition, the daily meals also provide an opportunity for socialization for many in the community.

In 2021, Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen served 67,616 meals and assisted 4,051 households through the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Generous individuals, businesses and community groups help to keep the mission of Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen going each day. On May 2, the Kitchen launched its main fundraiser of the year, "Sponsor for a Day."

For a donation of \$125, people in the community can become a "Sponsor for a Day." Monies raised from the fundraising campaign will continue to provide nourishing meals to everyone who needs one.

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Buffalo bishop lays flowers, personal prayer at mass shooting memorial



Bishop Michael W. Fisher of Buffalo joined mourners outside a Tops grocery store where 10 people were killed and three others were injured in what law enforcement authorities said was a racially motivated crime.

Placing flowers and a handwritten note remembering "the souls of our brothers and sisters lost to the acts of violence and racism" at a growing memorial outside the store, Bishop Fisher paid his respects to the victims May 17, the Western New York Catholic reported.

Cheryl Calire, director of pastoral ministries for the Buffalo Diocese, told the Buffalo diocesan news outlet that the bishop's visit was a way to offer a "prayerful, peaceful way of being present" with others who had gathered at the site.

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