Holy Redeemer High School

WILKES-BARRE — Holy Redeemer High School was the first Diocesan secondary school to hold spring commencement exercises when graduation ceremonies were staged on June 1 at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts in Wilkes-Barre.

A total of 126 Holy Redeemer seniors, led by Principal Doreen S. Dougherty, were conferred their diplomas by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who also addressed the graduates and offered benediction.

The class’ Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated May 31 at Saint Nicholas Church, Wilkes-Barre, by Father J. Duane Gavitt.

The 2022 Holy Redeemer class valedictorian is Chelsea Flaherty, daughter of Joseph and Heather Flaherty of Plains. Co-salutatorians are Carissa Benderavich, daughter of Paul and Noelle Benderavich, Laflin; and Jordan Chepalonis, daughter of Robert and Amy Chepalonis, West Wyoming.

Of the total number of graduates, 122 will be enrolling in colleges or universities to further their education, including 41 who will be attending Catholic institutions of higher learning. The 2022 Holy Redeemer senior class merited a total of 558 scholarship awards worth $34 million.

“I am beyond excited to see you all chase after your dreams and follow your passions as many of you have already been doing these past four years. Thank you and congratulations class of 2022!”

— Chelsea Flaherty
Valedictory Address excerpt

“Tonight is not the end; rather, it is the beginning of the next chapter of our lives. Although we may be going our different ways, it is important to remember Holy Redeemer’s motto, ‘All things through Christ.’”

— Carissa Benderavich, Salutatory Address excerpt

“As you receive your diploma tonight, be proud of yourself and everything you have achieved throughout your high school career. Go out and change the world because we are the ones who have the power to do so.”

— Jordan Chepalonis, Salutatory Address excerpt

Saint John Neumann Regional Academy

WILLIAMSPORT — Graduation ceremonies were conducted for the Saint John Neumann Regional Academy Class of 2022 on June 2 at the Church of Saint Boniface in Williamsport.

Saint John Neumann Principal Alisia McNamee presided over the presentation of diplomas to the 17 members of this year’s graduating class, which were conferred by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who also offered remarks and the closing benediction.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated June 1 at Saint Luke Church in Jersey Shore, where Father Bert Kozen, host pastor, served as principal celebrant and homilist.

This year’s Saint John Neumann valedictorian is Michelle Pierce, daughter of Robert and Maria Pierce, Muncy. Salutatorian honors were bestowed upon Emma Logue, daughter of Stephen and Anne Logue, residents of Williamsport. Fourteen of the 2022 Saint John Neumann graduates will be pursuing further education on the university/college level, including five class members who plan to attend Catholic institutions of higher learning. As a class, the Saint John Neumann seniors amassed 15 academic scholarships worth $212,000.

“I am beyond excited to see you all chase after your dreams and follow your passions as many of you have already been doing these past four years. Thank you and congratulations class of 2022!”

— Michelle Pierce
Valedictory Address excerpt

“Tonight is not the end; rather, it is the beginning of the next chapter of our lives. Although we may be going our different ways, it is important to remember Holy Redeemer’s motto, ‘All things through Christ.’”

— Carissa Benderavich, Salutatory Address excerpt

“As you receive your diploma tonight, be proud of yourself and everything you have achieved throughout your high school career. Go out and change the world because we are the ones who have the power to do so.”

— Jordan Chepalonis, Salutatory Address excerpt

“Maybe we wish to cultivate gratitude for the gifts that we have been given, or to become more courageous and outspoken on the issues that matter. Ultimately, our goal is to acknowledge and learn from our weaknesses so that we gain the strength, confidence and kindness we need to succeed.”

— Michelle Pierce
Valedictory Address excerpt

“Thinking beyond ourselves and helping those in need are some of the pillars of our school’s mission. Serving others...will definitely stick with us throughout our lives. As well-rounded, responsible, respectful and determined individuals, we are prepared to take on new challenges and succeed wherever God leads us.”

— Emma Logue
Salutatory Address excerpt
Notre Dame High School

EAST STROUDSBURG — Commencement exercises were held June 4 for Notre Dame High School, during which 49 graduates received their diplomas from Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who also offered the principal address and closing benediction.

The high school theater set the stage for the graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2022 at Notre Dame, where Jeffrey N. Lyons serves as principal.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated May 31 in the school’s theater by Father Ryan Glenn, chaplain of Notre Dame High School.

Earning valedictorian honors for this year’s Notre Dame graduating class was Yianna Papadopoulos, daughter of Alexander and Katerina Papadopoulos of Stroudsburg. Serabi Francis, daughter of John and Maria Francis who reside in Bangor, was honored as class salutatorian.

Nearly the entire 2022 Notre Dame senior class will continue their education at the university/college level, including ten students who will be attending Catholic institutions of higher learning. The class received a total of 169 scholarship awards valued at nearly $11 million.

“Whatever respective institutions we go to, whatever jobs we start our careers in, when things get really hard, reach to God, like we were taught here and at home, and let’s not forget where it all started — right here in the hallways of Notre Dame.”

— Yianna Papadopoulos, Valedictory Address excerpt

“I am so lucky to have grown up with such an amazing group of people. The kind of people who text me to see if I’m okay just because they thought I looked sad, or the people who will never let someone sit alone at lunch. When I say we have grown up together, I mean we as a class have influenced each other throughout our time at Notre Dame.”

— Serabi Francis, Salutatory Address excerpt

Holy Cross High School

DUNMORE — The Sette La Vergetta Center for Performing Arts at Marywood University was the setting for the annual commencement of Holy Cross High School.

Graduation ceremonies for the 87 members of the 2022 Holy Cross senior class were held on June 3, led by school Principal Benjamin D. Tolerico.

Presiding over the commencement exercises and conferring the high school diplomas was Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who addressed the Holy Cross graduates and offered the benediction.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated May 27 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, with Father Cyril D. Edwards, school chaplain, serving as principal celebrant and homilist.

The 2022 Holy Cross valedictorian is Samuel Mulvey, son of Mark and Christine Mulvey of Mayfield. Class salutatorian is Kaitlyn Idhaw, daughter of Gil and Barbara Idhaw, Clifford Township.

Nearly 94 percent of the Holy Cross graduating class will be attending institutions of higher learning, with 26 graduates planning to enroll at Catholic colleges or universities. As a whole, the class earned 688 post-secondary scholarship awards totaling more than $31 million.

“Remember you are in control of your identity...You only live once, and you never know when God will call you home, so live with the courage to not only take pride in who you are but also the courage to be who you are meant to be.”

— Samuel Mulvey, Valedictory Address excerpt

“We take our faith into our futures. We take the morals based upon love, kindness and compassion that our education provided us... We are a diverse group of people with various personalities, interests and paths for the future. I hope each of you live lives that bring you true satisfaction.”

— Kaitlyn Idhaw, Salutatory Address excerpt
The Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools Office recognizes these Seton Award recipients. The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award is recognition of 8th grade students who are enrolled in one of our Catholic high schools for the 2022-23 school year and exemplify the traits of Saint Seton: devoutness to faith, compassion, and desire to help others. This award is also given to students in 5th Grade at St. John Neumann Elementary School, and students in 6th Grade at Notre Dame Elementary, Epiphany and St. Agnes Schools, who meet criteria determined by their principal. Families of these individuals are commended for their commitment to Catholic education, and the students are congratulated for this distinguished honor. For these students and for all young people in our Catholic schools, Catholic education impacts their formation by incorporating a strong emphasis on the spiritual that is evident in all components of the learning process. Our vision for these students is to provide them an educational experience that promotes a lifelong learning in the faith, and one that prepared them to be responsible, competent, and confident persons as citizens of our country and world. In addition, our schools are dedicated to providing a loving, safe and nurturing environment where the young learn respect for themselves and for all persons.
To the students who have benefited from a Catholic education, and to those who continue their educational journey in a Catholic environment, we salute you and pray that God, through the intercession of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, guides you in **Faith, Hope and Love.**

Aurora Roote
St. Jude School

Richard Partington
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School

Aiden Acosta
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School

Carlos Vergara
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School

Leah Corcoran
Notre Dame Elementary School

Theresa Rudloff
Holy Rosary School

Lily Nguyen
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School

Matt Jankowski
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School

Savana Smith
St. John Neumann Jr./Sr. High School

Cole Lisowski
Holy Rosary School

Mia Correa
Wyoming Area Catholic School

Jedidiah Bioh
Notre Dame Elementary School

Brooklyn Clabaugh
St. John Neumann Elementary School

Andrew Grove
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School

Brandon Renfer
Wyoming Area Catholic School

Christine Lee
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School

Kenadee Ballard
St. John Neumann Elementary School

Grace Stetz-Madden
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School

Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School

Notre Dame Elementary School

Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School

Holy Rosary School

Wyoming Area Catholic School
Congratulations Catholic High School Graduates!

Class of 2022

**Holy Redeemer**

- Sajidul Alam
- Lacey Marie Amos
- Aleia Jean Atherton
- Mason Patrick Bagusky
- Daniel Gabriel Balas
- Jacob Michael Baldrica
- Sebastian Charles Beck
- Victoria Marie Becker
- Carissa Lauren Benderavich
- Sophia Mariam Bere
- Ryan Jacob Bilski
- Abigail Caroline Blasco
- Thomas William Brady
- Christina Elizabeth Brezinski
- Emma Ann Broda
- Julia Noelle Bucknavage
- Shawn Alan Carey, Jr.
- Brooke Elizabeth Casey
- Jordan Alexis Chepalonis
- Paul J. Cooper
- Aubrey Ann Curley
- Nathaniel Joseph Dudeck
- Nicholas Michael Dunleavy
- Julie Anna Duris
- Jordyn Elisabeth Dutko
- Lucas James Dwyer
- Ethan Michael Elmes
- Chisom N. Eneh
- Katharine Maria Isabella Fitzgerald
- Chelsea Christine Flaherty
- Charles John Floryan
- May Ann Fredericks
- Sabrea Carys Goyne

**Holy Cross**

- Emily Joan Bentler
- Caitlin F Bestrycki
- Nora Avery Betts
- Bryce William Betz
- Kayla Dominica Bickauskas
- Malaney Isabella Brady
- Leah Gail Brundage
- Nicholas David Cabets
- Krista Nicole Carachilo
- James Ceccoli
- Christian Michael Ceccoli
- Giovanna Rose Cerminaro
- Gianna Gianna Chickeletti
- Emily Lolita Clark
- Emma Sage Clause
- Richard Nathaniel Coblentz
- Jeffrey Thomas Costello
- Alicia Victoria Dec
- Dodya DeFreitas
- Isabella Marie Diana
- Dawson Daniel Errigo
- Maiah McKenzie Fadl
- Kaitlyn Margret Farrell
- Madelyn M Franceski
- Andrew James Francis
- Jordyn E Glover
- Julia Christina Goetz
- Gayn Nichols Grems
- Priscilla Alden Grill
- Jacob Groncki
- Matthew Patrick Hassaj

**Valedictorians**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sean Charles Herbert</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kai Schoen Horeis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rachel Caroline Hosie</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Faith Anne Hosie</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Molly Kathleen Houston</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kaitlyn Clementine Idhaw</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Laura Johnson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sean Patrick Kennedy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Will Kittrell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kaci Lynn Kranson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Madison Leigh Kranson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nathan Paul Kwiatkowski</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cameron Jefferey Anthony Moczulski</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Isabella Anne Moffitt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tyler Lee Moncinelli</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Christina Elizabeth Monroe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leila Elizabeth Moran</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Samuel Adam Mulvey</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grace Murtagh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sofiya Maria Myronyk</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Megan Elizabeth Nidoh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Autumn Catherine Niemiec</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michael Normandia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ian Xi OToole</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Salutatorians**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Gurpreet Singh Lahl</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abby Theresa Lazecki</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ryan Robert Legg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ariyana Maristella Linko</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zachary Michael Luciani</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sarah Josephine MacDonald</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rocco James Mack</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dana Jessica Mackin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kalli Patricia Mahasky</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mariah Alexandra Mancuso</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adam Robert Mariotti</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nathan V McAndrew</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Meghan Elizabeth McDonnell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anna Marie Mellody</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Julia B Menichello</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brennah Marie Piasecki</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grace Kathleen Polansky</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Madison Elizabeth Rodriguez</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Caitlyn Ann Roever</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thomas Rohan Rohan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aleena Marie Sandy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sophia Lisa Scalese</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mya Joie Schimelfenig</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nicholas David Sikorski</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Milana Ariel Snyder</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emily Alexis Stone</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jonelle Ann Symonies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Summer Mariah Troiani</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Matthew Charles Tucker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Molly Erin White</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carly Anne Wywoda</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Congratulations Catholic High School Graduates!**

**Class of 2022**
Cameron Joseph Krugel
John Paul Kuderka III
Edward Joseph Langdon
Grace Anne Lehman
Christian Ernest Billy Leon
Isabella Rose Locke
Marie Isabella Lombardi
Nicholas Philip Lombardo
Raeann Elizabeth Luca
Daniel John Marinelli, Jr.
Teresa S. Martin
Gordon Jacob Matusavage
Kathryn Lee McIngvale
Elizabeth Mendryzcki

Edward Lee Patrick, III
Andrew John Phillips
Madison Elizabeth Polachek
Matthew Francis Prociak
Arianna Puscavage
Kalie Nichole Quaglia
Yousef Shereef Ramadan
Gabriella Rose Randazzo
Taedrah Ann Randolph
Nicholas James Reilly-Bonomo
Jonathan J. Renfer
Jack Redington Riley
Lacey Ann Rinker
Brayden Mark Rogowski
Isabelle Marie Romano
Laurel Grace Roth
Jenna Santuk
Grazia Jean-Chloe Saporito
Christopher Alan Schell
Laney Marie Schulz
Robert Sedlak
Faith Elizabeth Sekol
Taylor Lynn Serafin
Justice Divine James Shoats
Jenna Elizabeth Skibitsky
Grant Smith
Saige Stempien
Lynese Swida
Eva Catherine Szura
Emily Barbara Theroux
Izabella Margaret Timchack
Diane Tran Tang
Justin L. Tran

Jack Trybulski
Eric J. Vogt, Jr.
Skylar Marie Voytko
Hunter Michael Wesolowski
Matthew Edward White
Lily Marie Wickizer
William Eric Wolfgang
Nathaniel Joseph Wren
Adam Joseph Zarola

NOTRE DAME
Audrey Ann Adorno
Ryan Christopher Cabrera

Lia Polly Castner
Madison Renee Cheslock
Camron Karife Curtis
Shea Catherine Dailey
Ryan Joseph DeFabo
Ellan Saputalo DeLaCruz
James Joseph DeSilva
Kevin John Dillon
Kido Emefieh Douglas
Sebastien Richard Durand
Isabelle Rose Ems
Kyle Austin Erickson
Jonathan Miguel Fernandez
Serabi Christina Metelus Francis
Angelina Victoria Glaskey
Lea Nicole Gore
Melissa S. Guaman

Veronica Sylvia Guercio
Trevor Alexander Hardy
Riley Elizabeth Henderson
Zyrus Edwin Hernandez
Alyssa N. Lorusso
Emily Jean Loughran
Chelsea Lubbe
Neha Dristhi Matta
Chase R. Medina
John Michael Melchiori
Daniel C. Miranda
Gary J. Natale, Jr.
Alyssa Marilyn Neely
Edward Schrezade Newallo
Chloe Debbie O’Donnell
Luis Ochoa Cordova
Corey Ortiz
Yianna Papadopoulos
Catherine Terese Pascal
Jordan M. Paskel
Trenton Charles Wayne Porter
Joshua Emmanuel Quijada
Natalie Nicole Rinaldi
Timothy Ryan Rogn
Alexander Tadros
Tyler Sofia Thompson
Jeremy Gavin Buenaseda Torres
Arrington Olivia Triantis
Alexis L. Wess
Kylee Diane Wickenheiser

Emma Marie Midkiff
Sebastian Lawrence Morgantini
Zebulon Moses
Grace Bernadine Nealon
Thang Q. Nguyen
Grace Mira Nicolai
Olivia Marie Orlando
Christopher Jeffrey Papciak
Rosalyn Partington

Edward Lee Patrick, III
Andrew John Phillips
Madison Elizabeth Polachek
Matthew Francis Prociak
Arianna Puscavage
Kalie Nichole Quaglia
Yousef Shereef Ramadan
Gabriella Rose Randazzo
Taedrah Ann Randolph
Nicholas James Reilly-Bonomo
Jonathan J. Renfer
Jack Redington Riley
Lacey Ann Rinker
Brayden Mark Rogowski
Isabelle Marie Romano
Laurel Grace Roth
Jenna Santuk
Grazia Jean-Chloe Saporito
Christopher Alan Schell
Laney Marie Schulz
Robert Sedlak
Faith Elizabeth Sekol
Taylor Lynn Serafin
Justice Divine James Shoats
Jenna Elizabeth Skibitsky
Grant Smith
Saige Stempien
Lynese Swida
Eva Catherine Szura
Emily Barbara Theroux
Izabella Margaret Timchack
Diane Tran Tang
Justin L. Tran

Jack Trybulski
Eric J. Vogt, Jr.
Skylar Marie Voytko
Hunter Michael Wesolowski
Matthew Edward White
Lily Marie Wickizer
William Eric Wolfgang
Nathaniel Joseph Wren
Adam Joseph Zarola

NOTRE DAME
Audrey Ann Adorno
Ryan Christopher Cabrera

Lia Polly Castner
Madison Renee Cheslock
Camron Karife Curtis
Shea Catherine Dailey
Ryan Joseph DeFabo
Ellan Saputalo DeLaCruz
James Joseph DeSilva
Kevin John Dillon
Kido Emefieh Douglas
Sebastien Richard Durand
Isabelle Rose Ems
Kyle Austin Erickson
Jonathan Miguel Fernandez
Serabi Christina Metelus Francis
Angelina Victoria Glaskey
Lea Nicole Gore
Melissa S. Guaman

Veronica Sylvia Guercio
Trevor Alexander Hardy
Riley Elizabeth Henderson
Zyrus Edwin Hernandez
Alyssa N. Lorusso
Emily Jean Loughran
Chelsea Lubbe
Neha Dristhi Matta
Chase R. Medina
John Michael Melchiori
Daniel C. Miranda
Gary J. Natale, Jr.
Alyssa Marilyn Neely
Edward Schrezade Newallo
Chloe Debbie O’Donnell
Luis Ochoa Cordova
Corey Ortiz
Yianna Papadopoulos
Catherine Terese Pascal
Jordan M. Paskel
Trenton Charles Wayne Porter
Joshua Emmanuel Quijada
Natalie Nicole Rinaldi
Timothy Ryan Rogn
Alexander Tadros
Tyler Sofia Thompson
Jeremy Gavin Buenaseda Torres
Arrington Olivia Triantis
Alexis L. Wess
Kylee Diane Wickenheiser

Emma Marie Midkiff
Sebastian Lawrence Morgantini
Zebulon Moses
Grace Bernadine Nealon
Thang Q. Nguyen
Grace Mira Nicolai
Olivia Marie Orlando
Christopher Jeffrey Papciak
Rosalyn Partington

Mr. Jason W.S. Morrison, M.B.A. • Diocesan Secretary of Catholic Education/Chief Executive Officer
Mrs. Kristen Donohue, M.Ed., Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Ms. Charlene Krushinsky, M.S. • Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Mrs. Michele Long, M.Ed. • Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Mr. Michael Slesinski, M.S. • Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS • DIOCESE OF SCRANTON