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National Eucharistic Revival begins this weekend

Bishop to celebrate Pontifical Mass and Eucharistic Procession launching multi-year event June 19

SCRANTON – With the overall goal of awakening a desire among the faithful to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist and to cultivate a personal devotion and relationship with Him, the Diocese of Scranton will join many other dioceses across the country in launching a National Eucharistic Revival this weekend.

The multi-year Eucharistic Revival will begin on Sunday, June 19, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) and will end with a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis on July 17-21, 2024.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will kick-off our local observance by celebrating the 12:15 p.m. Mass on June 19 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton followed by a Eucharistic Procession out onto Wyoming Avenue.

Everyone is invited to participate in both Sunday's Mass and Eucharistic Procession. For those unable to attend in person, CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast the Mass and provide a livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website and social media platforms.

"As we begin this Eucharistic Revival initiative, it is my hope that all of the faithful in the Church of Scranton come to a

deeper awareness of the boundless love of God made present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, so that it may bear fruit in our lives and in the life of the world," Bishop Bambera said.

At their November 2021 General Assembly, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops voted overwhelmingly to move forward with plans for the National Eucharistic Revival. The National Eucharistic Congress planned for 2024 will be the first in the United States since 1975.

The effort comes at a critical time, when belief in the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist is reportedly waning among professed Catholics.

According to a 2019 Pew Research Center study, roughly two-thirds of U.S. Catholics do not believe that the bread and wine at Mass become Christ's body and blood during the consecration – a core dogma of the Catholic faith and the "source and summit" of the church's life, according to the catechism.

The USCCB's Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, chaired by Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of Crookston, Minnesota, is spearheading Revival efforts.

"We are really aware in these times that we live that the church needs to become more missionary. The culture itself doesn't support what we do anymore as

Catholics," Bishop Cozzens said in a statement. "All Catholics are invited into a renewed encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, especially those Catholics who don't fully understand the power of the Eucharist."

As people are seeking deeper connection more than ever before, "this is a time not to be ashamed of the Gospel but to proclaim it from the rooftops," he added.

The National Eucharistic Revival will have a strategic three-year focus for formation and missionary discipleship beginning at the grassroots level in individual parishes and dioceses along with other Catholic institutions:

Year One (June 2022-June 2023) will be the Year of Diocesan Revival in which U.S. bishops respond to the Lord's personal invitation and empower their presbyterates and parish leaders to host events with a Eucharistic focus. These events include Eucharistic Congresses and designated days for formation and reflection. Trained pastors comprising the National Eucharistic Preachers initiative have also been commissioned to speak at diocesan events.

Year Two (June 2023-June 2024) is planned as the Year of Parish Revival. Individual pastors will engage their staff and



parishioners with community-specific activities and events such as catechetical formation on the Real Presence of Christ, opportunities to better understand and enter more deeply into the Paschal Mystery through the celebration of the Mass, and extended opportunities for Adoration and Reconciliation.

Year Three is the Year of the National Eucharistic Congress and Missionary Sending and

commences with a National Eucharistic Congress set to take place July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN.

Among other components of the National Eucharistic Revival is the selection of 58 priests as National Eucharistic Preachers. They will soon be fanning out to dioceses across the country.

For more information on the National Eucharistic Revival, visit the Diocese of Scranton website at dioceseofscranton.org.



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Panel: Gun violence is pro-life issue that must be addressed

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic leaders in an online discussion June 8 urged the faithful to look at gun violence as a pro-life issue, address the roots of racist thinking that promotes such violence and press for commonsense gun laws.

“Think about the people affected by gun violence, and then organize the community for the common good, advocate with political leaders, use the faith we have learned from Jesus himself,” urged Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller of San Antonio, whose archdiocese includes the town of Uvalde, where a gunman opened fire at an elementary school May 24.

“Put people first. Sensitize the community to the drama and the real consequences of mass shootings,” the archbishop added.

Archbishop García-Siller was one of five panelists taking part in a dialogue titled “After Buffalo, After Uvalde, After Tulsa — Broken Hearts, Broken Nation, Faithful Action.”

The talk was sponsored by Georgetown University’s Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life and moderated by John Carr, the initiative’s founder and co-director.

On May 14, an 18-year-old gunman opened fire in a racially motivated attack at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket, killing 10 Black people and injuring three others. Ten days later in Uvalde, an 18-year-old gunman stormed into Robb Elementary School and shot dead 19 children and two teachers. On June 1, a gunman killed four people at a medical building on the campus of St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma, before killing himself.

“Gun violence is a pro-life issue when you start looking at the statistics and the impact that gun violence has on life and the destructive impact it has on society,” said panelist Mercy

Sister Mary Haddad, president and CEO of the Catholic Health Association. St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa is a CHA member.

“The thought of such violence happening at a medical center really pushed me to the edge,” she said. She added that such violence “is not only a safety issue, but a financial issue. Hospitals have to spend more dollars for security, and that is money being diverted from care and treatment of patients.”

Sister Haddad urged Catholics to “hold our elected officials accountable and demand that action be taken to address gun violence in our country through sensible gun policies.”

That call was echoed by panelist Father Bryan Massingale, a professor of theological and social ethics at Fordham University in New York.

“All too often we frame this (issue of gun violence) as a political issue, not a life issue,” he said, calling for lawmakers to support “commonsense gun legislation” including banning assault weapons, raising the age to legally purchase firearms and requiring mandatory waiting periods.

He said the lawmakers are influenced by the power and money of groups such as the National Rifle Association.

“The church needs to stop being afraid of controversy, we need to name names,” he said. “The reasons why (gun legislation) is not being enacted is because of the influence of money.”

Speaking of the supermarket shooting in Buffalo, Father Massingale stressed that it was a racially motivated hate crime.

“What happened in Buffalo was a hate crime, and hate crimes are intended to send a message. The message was received ... that this is a country where our lives are not safe, where our lives do not matter,” said the priest, who is Black. “What happened in Buffalo was not accident ... the end result



Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller of San Antonio comforts people outside the SSGT Willie de Leon Civic Center, where students had been transported from Robb Elementary School after a shooting, in Uvalde, Texas, May 24, 2022. (CNS photo/Marco Bello, Reuters)

of years of racial manipulation.”

Catholic social teaching, he said, “calls us to have deeper respect for life, even post-birth ... especially for Black and Brown lives.”

“We need to be forthright and talk about the fear that keeps good, white Catholics silent on this issue (of racism),” Father Massingale said. “We need an infusion of courage among good, decent white Catholics to speak up that racism is wrong, and to turn that into action.”

Archbishop García-Siller recalled rushing to Uvalde after the shootings, comforting those who lost children, visiting the wounded and celebrating Mass.

“The experience was something you don’t expect to see or live. I need to be there and connect with people. I had to be with the people and help them recognize that every life is important — those who died, those who survived and those around them,” the archbishop said.

Statement of Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas

On Tuesday evening, May 24, 2022, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, released the following statement on the School Shooting in Uvalde, Texas:

“My heart aches for all of those impacted by today’s senseless school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, especially the young, innocent victims, as well as their parents, families and the entire community. The only way to describe what manifested itself today at Robb Elementary School is unspeakable evil.

“There are far too many families in our nation who have sent their children off to school in the morning yet they never return home in the afternoon.

“I ask all people in the Diocese of Scranton to join me in prayer as we mourn the victims of this terrible tragedy. I ask that we pray also for the wisdom and courage to discover ways to end such senseless violence that has enveloped our land. May the love of Jesus comfort all those who are suffering and in pain.”

‘Root yourself in Jesus’ life and love,’ Deacon Michael Boris told at Ordination Mass

SCRANTON – Just minutes before being ordained a Deacon – as Michael J. Boris laid on the floor of the Cathedral of Saint Peter – five words from the Litany of Supplication really caught his attention.

As the crowd of several hundred prayed to all of the saints, asking for God’s blessing on the Dallas native, Boris said he was struck by the words: “Lord, deliver us we pray.”

“I found myself really saying that from the heart. I think it was the spirit speaking within me to say, Lord, deliver us so that we may experience the Joy of the Gospel, deliver us from our failings and our fears,” Boris said in an interview with The Catholic Light directly following his Ordination Mass.

Boris, 26, was ordained as a transitional deacon on May 28, 2022, 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.

“It really does feel unreal, I know it’s cliché to say that, but it is such a simple moment when the bishop lays his hands on your head and says the Prayer of Ordination. The Holy Spirit is working in powerful ways and I’m trusting that,” he added.

During the Ordination Mass, Boris was called forward by name and officially declared his intention to be ordained to the Diaconate. Following the Litany of Supplication, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, laid his hands on Boris’ head and then recited the Prayer of Ordination.

Following that Prayer, Boris vested as a Deacon and received the Book of Gospels from Bishop Bambera who said, “Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.”



The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, ordains Michael J. Boris a deacon through the Laying on of Hands on May 28, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. (Photo/Mike Melisky)

In addition to serving as ordaining prelate, Bishop Bambera also served as principal celebrant and homilist for the Ordination Mass.

During his homily, he acknowledged the large crowd that filled the Cathedral, saying the day is not only a blessing for Michael and his family, but also for the entire Diocese of Scranton.

“While we ordain one man today, it is so apparent that it takes the entire Church to nurture and bring a vocation to fruition,” Bishop Bambera said. “None of us is ordained for ourselves or to achieve some personal sense of accomplishment. We are called by God and sent forth for mission – to serve God’s holy people. We ought never lose sight of this reality!”

The Bishop noted that Boris is being ordained at a unique moment in the life of the Church. For more than two years, the world has been dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and most

recently, the War in Ukraine has shown the need for peace in the world.

“Our people continue to look to the Church and to the Lord whom we proclaim as their greatest hope. Michael, the Church needs you now, more than ever! Give God’s people reason to hope,” the Bishop explained.

Reflecting on the readings from Mass, the Bishop used Saint Paul’s words from his letter to the Church at Ephesus to explain God’s Spirit will pour grace and mercy into Boris’ life to help bring people that hope, healing and peace.

“If you want your ministry as a deacon to be fruitful, Michael, you must root yourself in Jesus’ life and love. The disciplines of prayer, obedience and celibacy that you are called to embrace this day are meant to enable you to grow in the same spirit of service and mercy that so characterized Jesus’ ministry,” Bishop Bambera added. “These disciplines are not



Family members and friends of Deacon Michael Boris filled the first pews of the Cathedral during his Ordination Mass on May 28, 2022.

obstacles, hurdles or distractions that are somehow detached from what it means to be an ordained minister of the Church. They are not meant to set you up as being better or greater than others. Rather, they are the vehicles that will carry you to a deeper relationship with Jesus.”

As a Deacon, Boris’ ministry will be three-fold. He will assist the Bishop and his priests in ministries of the Word, Liturgy and Charity. This includes proclaiming the Gospel, leading intercessions, preaching, preparing the altar, celebrating baptisms, leading the faithful in prayer, distributing holy communion, witnessing marriages and conducting wake and funeral services. Deacons also identify the needs of poor and underserved, and shepherd the Church’s resources to meet those needs.

“While you have been given tremendous gifts and talents, we pray that you will always rely upon the grace of God to fill up whatever may be lacking in you to carry out fully the ministry entrusted to you this day,” Bishop Bambera ended his homily by saying.

As he listened to the Bishop explain the roles and responsibilities he now assumes, Boris recognized the gravity and importance of the work he

undertakes.

“Obviously, it felt serious before, but during the homily, where he was listing the responsibilities, it started to settle in more that this is what I’m committing to and the moment of making the promise, it really is an unreal experience,” Boris said. “I made the promise and I’m going to keep it to the best of my ability!”

Following Mass, family, friends and many faithful greeted Boris. That includes parishioners from his home parish of Saint Andre Bessette, Wilkes-Barre, as well as people from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Rose of Lima in Carbondale where he served a pastoral year and will be assigned for summer ministry.

“It was really great. I saw a lot of people that I haven’t seen in a couple years. Friends, family and a lot of them don’t even know each other, but the fact that we have the common bond – not only of me – but God’s grace bringing us together,” Boris said.

As he looks to the future, and God-willing, being ordained to the priesthood next year, Boris simply said, “I’m taking it one day at a time. I think what brought me to this moment as a deacon is one day at a time and when God’s ready, he’ll prepare my heart for the next step.”

Closing Mass celebrated for Saint Dominic Church in Wilkes-Barre



Deacon Don Crane delivers the homily during the closing Mass for Saint Dominic Church in Wilkes-Barre on June 11, 2022. After 140 years, the church building is closing for worship but the building will be retained by Saints Peter & Paul Parish in Plains to expand its social ministry programs. (Photo/ Eric Deabill)

Mass, held on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Father Lambert said, “Let us pray that the grace which comes from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, might guide us as we continue our journey of faith.”

During his homily, Deacon Don Crane reminded those in attendance that Jesus never abandons us. He told a story from his days in the Army reserves in the early 1970s when his unit celebrated Mass on the hood of an Army tank.

“It doesn’t matter where you worship God, in a fancy building or your own home, in an elaborate basilica or hospital chapel, a prison cell, a combat field or on the open sea, what matters is that you put your faith in our God, one Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Most Holy Trinity,” he said.

At the conclusion of the final Mass, parishioner Hilda Kalinowski, 83, was given the honor of locking the church door for the final time as a worship space.

“It’s going to be okay because we’re going up to a bigger church. The people are very nice up there. They will welcome us,” she said after her duty was complete.

Appropriately, the liturgical services ended with a Eucharistic Procession that led the faithful to their new home of Saints Peter & Paul Parish.

John Magda explained.

After being married in the Church of Saint Dominic 57 years ago, John and Maureen Magda called Saint Dominic’s a beautiful, quaint building.

“I enjoyed going to this church all my life. It was like a community,” Maureen added.

While the church building is closing for liturgical worship, Saints Peter & Paul Parish will retain the building to expand its outreach to those in need in the community. The church building will become the new home of the parish’s food pantry and

Treasures clothing closet ministry.

“The food pantry and Treasures are a huge help for people who benefit from it. I hope it works out,” parishioner Betty Ann Parri of Plains said.

“If it is going to make things better for people around here to supply them with food and clothing, then that is what we need to do,” parishioner Joann Brage of Plains added. “Nobody likes change but our lives change and we have to accept change and carry on.”

As he welcomed the faithful to the final

Clothing ministry organizers see great potential in future

the closed church building.

“I’m excited about it. I’ve already been thinking, what else can we do besides clothes?” Rudloff said. “How else can we serve the people who are coming? What other needs are there?”

On a recent Friday, several women were shopping for free clothes at Treasures, which is set-up boutique-style and offers a wide variety of sizes and styles. Clothing for women, men and children are available.

“We have beautiful clothes, high-end clothes,” volunteer Arlene Komnath explained.

In a back room, Komnath and several other volunteers needed to step over bags of donations as they worked to sort everything that had come in recently. By moving into the former church, the volunteers would have more space to spread out.

“We’re very fussy. We don’t put anything out that is smudged, dirty or smoky,” volunteer Norma Nardone admitted. “What we are trying to do is help the people who need help.”

Treasures is currently open on Monday evening from 5-7 p.m. and Friday morning from 10 a.m. until Noon. On average, at least 20 people visit the clothing closet each day that it is open.

“We also work with social workers. They will call and say ‘we just met a family and this is the need’ and we will fill it,” Rudloff said. The volunteers from Treasures also help refugees, students from local school districts and many others.

Volunteer June Olszewski, 91, said Treasures recently helped a woman who lost everything in a fire.

“She had nothing except the clothes on her back so it was nice that we could outfit her completely,” she explained.

While it is unknown exactly when Treasures will move into the former Church of Saint Dominic, its organizer says their mission will not change. Volunteers will continue



Treasures clothing closet, which is currently located in the former Saint Dominic Church rectory, will soon move into the former church building itself.

God’s work, taking the Gospel message of serving others out into the community.

“I enjoy it because I get to know the people and their stories and they become friends after a while,” Rudloff said. “I’m pretty excited about moving. I know it will be a lot of work to fix up the church but we’ve done it before!”

Bishop appointed Catholic co-chair for Catholic-Pentecostal International Dialogue

SCRANTON – After having recently completed a term serving as chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera is taking on a new role aimed at advancing Christian unity.

In 2021, the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (PCPCU) appointed Bishop Bambera to serve as the Catholic co-chair for the Catholic – Pentecostal International Dialogue that began 50 years ago, following the completion of the Second Vatican Council.

Bishop Bambera will travel to Rome next month to participate in ongoing Dialogue that is scheduled to take place July 8-14, 2022.

The Dialogue is made up of eight Catholic and eight Pentecostal theologians

from around the world who meet annually to address an agreed upon topic for reflection, dialogue and prayer.

The goal of the Dialogue is to promote mutual respect and understanding in matters of faith and practice. Genuine exchanges and frank discussion concerning the positions and practices of the two traditions have been guiding principles of the Dialogue over the last five decades.

After being delayed for several years because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s Dialogue will focus on the topic of Kerygma/Proclamation and the Christian Life.

Over the past fifty years, the International Catholic – Pentecostal Dialogue has allowed leaders of the two religions to renew their common faith in the healing power of Jesus.

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BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

June 11-17 - USCCB June 2022 Special Assembly
San Diego, California

June 18 - World Refugee Day 2022
YMS of R Park, Scranton, 11:00 a.m.

June 19 - Feast of Corpus Christi Mass & Eucharistic Procession
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 12:15 p.m.

June 20 - Quo Vadis Days Mass
Marywood University, 11:00 a.m.

June 21 - Scout Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 7:00 p.m.

June 25 - Eucharistic Procession and Mass
Epiphany Church, Sayre, 1:30 p.m.

June 26 - Wedding Anniversary Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 2:30 p.m.

June 27 - Vocations Golf Tournament
Blue Ridge Golf Course, Dorrance Township, 11:00 a.m.

July 5-14 - Pontifical Catholic & Pentecostal International Dialogue
Rome

APPOINTMENTS

His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, announces the following appointments, effective as indicated:

Reverend Patrick L. Albert, from Pastor, Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Lake Winola. Father will remain Pastor, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Tunkhannock, with care of St. Joachim Church, Meshoppen, effective July 26, 2022.

Reverend Robert J. Antonelli, from Senior Priest, St. Boniface Parish, Williamsport and St. Lawrence Parish, South Williamsport, to Administrator *pro tem*, St. Boniface Parish, Williamsport and St. Lawrence Parish, South Williamsport, effective May 31, 2022.

Reverend Jacek J. Bialkowski, from Pastor, All Saints Parish, Plymouth, to Pastor, Saint Peter Parish, Wellsboro, and Saint Thomas Parish, Elkland, effective July 26, 2022.

Reverend Stephen Kow Bosomafi, from Assistant Pastor, Christ the King Parish, Archbald, to Pastor, Saint Thomas More Parish, Lake Ariel, effective July 26, 2022.

Reverend William D. Corcoran, from Pastor, St. Boniface Parish, Williamsport and St. Lawrence Parish, South Williamsport, to retirement, effective May 31, 2022.

Rev. Gerald J. Gurka, to Pastor, All Saints Parish, Plymouth, effective July 26, 2022. Father will remain Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish, Larksville.

Reverend Jose Joseph Kuriappilly, from Assistant Pastor, Epiphany Parish, Sayre, to Pastor, SS Peter and Paul Parish, Towanda, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Wyalusing, effective July 26, 2022.

Reverend Glenn E. McCreary, V.E., from Pastor, Resurrection Parish, Muncy, to Pastor, Saint Boniface Parish, Williamsport, and Saint Lawrence Parish, South Williamsport, effective August 16, 2022. Father McCreary will continue to serve as Episcopal Vicar for the Western Pastoral Region of the Diocese of Scranton.

Rev. Edward L. Michelini, from Pastor, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Towanda and Administrator *pro tem*, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Wyalusing, to Pastor Emeritus, effective July 26, 2022.

Reverend Joseph J. Mosley, from Pastor, St. Peter Parish, Wellsboro and St. Thomas Parish, Elkland, to Senior Priest, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Carbondale and St. Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, effective July 26, 2022.

Reverend Alex J. Roche, S.T.L., from Administrator *pro tem*, St. Maria Goretti Parish, Laflin, to Pastor, St. Maria Goretti Parish, Laflin, effective May 17, 2022. Father Roche will remain Director of the Office for Vocations and Chaplain, Misericordia University, Dallas.

Reverend Arbogaste Satoun, to Pastor, Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Lake Winola, effective July 26, 2022. Father will remain Pastor, Our Lady of the Abingtons Parish, Dalton and St. Patrick Parish, Nicholson.

Monsignor John J. Sempa, from Administrator *pro tem*, St. Barbara Parish, Exeter, to Pastor, St. Barbara Parish, Exeter, effective May 17, 2022. Monsignor will remain Pastor, Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston.

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Summer Guide to Church Festivals & Picnics

Mary, Mother of God Parish

Block Party HOLY ROSARY CENTER

Ethnic Foods ♦ Games ♦ Raffle Baskets ♦ Wine & Spirits

★ Friday & Saturday • June 17 & 18 ★

★ Fri. 6 pm-11pm • Sat. 5pm-11pm ★

★ Fri: 6-7pm Veterans Ceremony; 7-11pm Music by Picture Perfect ★

Sat: 5-6:30pm Music by Jim Cerminaro; 7-11pm Music by The Chatter

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Mary, Mother of God in Scranton — June 17 & 18. Parish "Block Party" will be held on Friday, from 6 to 11 p.m., and Saturday, 5 to 11 p.m., on the grounds of Holy Rosary Center, corner of Wayne & West Market streets, North Scranton. Live entertainment: Friday, 6 p.m., Veterans' Ceremony, followed by Picture Perfect, 7 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m., Jim Cerminaro, followed by The Chatter, 7 to 11 p.m. Festival includes ethnic foods, games, raffle baskets and refreshments for all ages.

Saint Leo the Great in Ashley — June 24 & 25. The Summer Festival will be held on the parish grounds, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley, on Friday and Saturday, beginning each night at 6 p.m. Featured attractions include a pet stand, boys & girls stand, basket auction & raffle, craft beers, bottles of cheer, bingo games (in air conditioning), homemade foods and bake sale. Live musical entertainment nightly: Friday, Strawberry Jam; Saturday, DJ Bouncin' Bernie.

Saint Faustina Kowalska in Nanticoke — June 24 & 25. Parish festival will be held on Friday and Saturday evening on the grounds of Saint Faustina Grove, located on Old Newport Street in the Sheatown section.

Our Lady Help of Christians (Saint Mary's) in Dorrance — June 25, from noon to 10 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. in Saint Mary Church, 3529 St. Mary's Road, Dorrance. One-day festival features musical entertainment provided by The Legends from 6 to 10 p.m. and includes homemade foods, games, silent auction with theme baskets, and covered seating area. For more information, call the parish office (570) 868-5855.

Immaculate Heart of Mary in Dushore — July 3, from noon to 5 p.m. Annual picnic will be tent-covered on

the grounds above Saint Basil Church; festival includes chicken dinner with homemade side dishes and pies. Light fare, ethnic foods and refreshments also available. Attractions include games, cash & whiskey raffle drawings, and bountiful theme baskets. Shuttle service provided to and from the church parking lot.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Carbondale — July 14-16. The parish festival celebrating the annual Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be held Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m. each day on the church grounds, located at 6 North St., Carbondale.

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St. Faustina Parish, Nanticoke

Annual Homecoming Festival

on the grounds of St. Faustina Grove,
Old Newport Street, Sheatown

Friday, June 24 • 5pm - 11pm ♦ STEALING NEIL

Saturday, June 25 • 5pm - 11pm ♦ IDOL KINGS



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Saint Nicholas in Wilkes-Barre — July 14-16. Annual bazaar will be held on the parish grounds Thursday and Friday, from 6 to 11 p.m., and Saturday, following the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass until 11 p.m. Event will feature Mexican and Caribbean foods, in addition to traditional American and ethnic fare; grand prize cash raffle drawing plus additional prizes; bountiful baskets, and picnic games. Giant flea market opens on Thursday from 1 to 10 p.m., and Friday & Saturday from 3 to 10 p.m. Nightly musical entertainment provided by Flaxy Morgan, The Sperazza

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Dushore

Invites you to their

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July 3rd • Noon til 5

Under the tent in Dushore above St Basil's Church

Chicken Dinner with homemade fixins & pies

Finger and Ethnic Foods • Refreshments

Games • Cash & Whiskey Raffles • Theme Baskets Galore • Big 6

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JULY 15 and 16

RAIN OR SHINE - EVERYTHING UNDER COVER!
HUGE INDOOR FLEA MARKET, GAMES, BASKETS
LOTS OF DELICIOUS HOMEMADE FOOD!



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FRIDAY, JULY 15 - OPEN 5 to 11 p.m.

Flaxy Morgan

SATURDAY, JULY 16 - OPEN 5 to 11 p.m.

Lance Thomas Band

2011 State Route 29 - Hunlock Creek

Band, and Luongo Brothers Band, respectively. For more information, call (570) 823-7736.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Hunlock Creek — July 15 & 16, from 5 to 11 p.m. Parish "Summer Fest" will be held on the church grounds at Lake Silkworth, 2011 State Route 29. Tent-covered two-day event to feature a huge indoor flea market, theme baskets, festival games and homemade foods. Musical entertainment provided by Flaxy Morgan (Friday) & Lance Thomas Band (Saturday).

Saint Eulalia's in Roaring Brook Township — July 15 & 16, from 5 to 10 p.m. Festival, to be held on the church picnic grounds at 214 Blue Shutters Road, will feature homemade ethnic foods, beer pavilion, Grandma's Attic flea market, tricky tray basket raffles, bake sale, arts & crafts boutique, summer cash raffle and small games of chance. Children's games & attractions include face painting and pony rides. Friday musical entertainment features the Electric City Steel

Drum Project from 6 to 7 p.m., including kids' limbo contest, and playlist selections provided by Vito Picozzo of Dynamic Sound Productions. The Schützengiggles Oompah (Brass) Band, blending traditional Bavarian folk music with pop hits, will perform on Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. The festival's 12th Annual 5K Walk/Run will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Registration is online only at www.steulalia5k.com. For more information, call the parish office (570) 842-7656.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross in Hanover Township — July 15-17. "Big Tent Bazaar" will be held on the church grounds, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood section, on Friday, 6 to 11 p.m.; Saturday (following the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass), 5 to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 5 to 11 p.m. Featuring homemade foods, potato pancake express, full-service Tiki Bar, theme baskets and raffles. Live nightly entertainment: Friday, Souled Out; Saturday, Oz and Sweet Peppers & the Long Hots; and Sunday, 3rd Degree and Pop Star Drive.

Christ the King in Archbald/Eynon — July 29-31. Summer picnic will be held on the grounds of Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church, 417 Main St., Eynon, on Friday & Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m. Festival to include ethnic & American food favorites, beer & wine tent, children's games, raffle drawings, and a "House of Treasures." Live entertainment nightly. For more information, contact Chris Tomaszewski at chriss1973@verizon.net.

Saint Robert Bellarmine in Wilkes-Barre/Hanover Township — Aug. 4-6. Well known as the annual "Saint Al's Bazaar," the parish summer picnic will feature homemade foods, amusement games for all ages, bingo, a bake sale, and nightly entertainment. Live music provided by Triple Fret (Thursday), Guilty Pleasure (Friday) & The Sperazza Band (Saturday). For more information, contact Cathy Swoboda at cathys@stalloysiuswb.com.

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SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH

226 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET, WILKES-BARRE

**Fr. Joseph Verespy, Fr. Fidel Ticona, Fr. Mark DeCelles,
Deacon Michael Golubiewski, Deacon Joseph Sudano, & the Parishioners**
Invite Everyone to their

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Thursday, Friday, Saturday
JULY 14, 15, 16

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*Live Music: Thursday: Flaxy Morgan
Friday: The Sperazza Band - Saturday: Luongo Brothers Band*

Games • Bingo • Fun for All Ages • Giant Flea Market (Opens at 1 PM Thurs.)

Ethnic Food* • Bountiful Baskets • Raffle (1st prize 50-50) + 32 prizes

**Bratwurst, Haluski, Pierogies, Potato Pancakes, Piggies, Pizza, Chicken Wings,
Mexican/Caribbean Food, Fried Dough, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries*





Chelsea Flaherty



Carissa Benderavich



Jordan Chepalonis

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.



— *Chelsea Flaherty*
Valedictory Address
excerpt

"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!"

"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



Michelle Pierce



Emma Logue

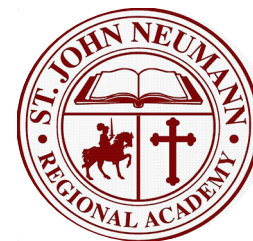
WILLIAMSPORT — Graduation ceremonies were conducted for the Saint John Neumann Regional Academy Class of 2022 on June 2 at the Church of Saint Boniface in Williamsport.

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.



— *Michelle Pierce*
Valedictory 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."

"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

279

The total number of young men and women who graduated from the four Catholic High Schools in the Diocese

\$76 million

Graduates earned more than 1,400 scholarships, cumulatively earning this much toward their future schooling

94%

The percentage of seniors who will continue their education in college. Nearly 100 graduates will attend Catholic institutions of learning



Yianna Papadopoulos



Serabi Francis

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



Samuel Mulvey



Kaitlyn Idhaw

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

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.



Evan McCoy
All Saints Academy



Gregg Novak, Jr.
Our Lady of Peace School



Madeline Szura
Good Shepherd Academy



Luke Nicolai
Good Shepherd Academy



Margaret Jones
All Saints Academy



Cole Lipinski
La Salle Academy



Claire Polishan
St. Mary of Mount Carmel School



Frank Klimovitz
Good Shepherd Academy



Isabel Rista
Holy Family Academy



Lila Voorhees
Epiphany School



Aidan Lalley
Our Lady of Peace School



Giuseppe Pilone
Our Lady of Peace School



Elizabeth Coval
St. Mary of Mount Carmel School



Brandon DelBalso
Good Shepherd Academy



Jacob De La Cruz
Holy Family Academy



Kathryn Apolinario
La Salle Academy



Bridget Fay
Our Lady of Peace School



Mackenzie M. Brown
St. Agnes School



Nina Dunleavy
Good Shepherd Academy



John Fredericks
Good Shepherd Academy



Adilynn M. Thibodeault
St. Agnes School



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.



Theresa Rudloff
Holy Rosary School



Cole Lisowski
Holy Rosary School



Pierce Sparich
St. Jude School



Aurora Roote
St. Jude School



Lily Nguyen
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School



Andrew Grove
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School



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



Richard Partington
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School



Mia Correa
Wyoming Area Catholic School



Brandon Renfer
Wyoming Area Catholic School



Aiden Acosta
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School



Matt Jankowski
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School



Christine Lee
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School



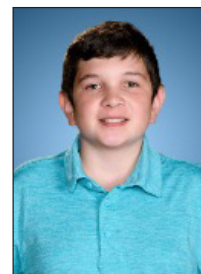
Carlos Vergara
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School



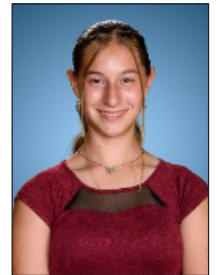
Leah Corcoran
Notre Dame Elementary School



Jedidiah Bioh
Notre Dame Elementary School



Nick Bailey
St. John Neumann
Jr./Sr. High School



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



Brooklyn Clabaugh
St. John Neumann
Elementary School



Kenadee Ballard
St. John Neumann
Elementary School

Congratulations Catholic High School Graduates!

HOLY CROSS

Paul Anthony Aleksak
Logan Joseph Aldrich



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 Chiccheletti
Emily Lolita Clark
Emma Sage Clause
Richard Nathaniel Coble
Jeffrey Thomas Costello
Alicia Victoria Dec
Nodiya 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
Gavyn Nicholas Grems
Priscilla Alden Grill
Jacob Groncki
Matthew Patrick Hassaj

Class of 2022

* Valedictorians

Sean Charles Herbert
Kai Schoen Horeis
Rachel Caroline Hosie
Faith Anne Hosie
Molly Kathleen Houston
Kaitlyn Clementine Idhaw †
Laura Johnson
Sean Patrick Kennedy
Will Kittrell
Kaci Lynn Kranson
Madison Leigh Kranson
Nathan Paul Kwiatkowski

Cameron Jefferey Anthony Moczulski
Isabella Anne Moffitt
Tyler Lee Moncinelli
Christina Elizabeth Monroe
Leila Elizabeth Moran
Samuel Adam Mulvey *
Grace Murtagh
Sofiya Maria Myronyuk
Megan Elizabeth Nidoh
Autumn Catherine Niemiec
Michael Normandia
Ian Xi OToole

† Salutatorians

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
Abigayl Caroline Blasco
Thomas William Brady
Christina Elizabeth Brezinski
Emma Ann Broda
Julia Noelle Bucknavage
Caleb Matthew Cackowski
Kevin Daniel Caffrey
Samara Grace Carey
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



Abigail Marie Joan Grula
Jayden Anthony Halstead
Abigayle Marie Hanson
Kyra Rose Elizabeth Hayden
Vianna Christine Hindmarsh
Courtney Hine
Grace Ann Holmes
Dean Michael Hudak
Emma Hunter
Emily Mae Humm
Richard Hynick
Jacob Ralph Jachimik
Cora Emily James
Erek B. Jamiolkowski
Abby Elizabeth Jones
Aubrey Jumper
Janeb Kanate
Lauren Mary Kane
Zachary Robert Kane
Derek James Kasmark
Alexandra Regan Keefer
Evelyn S. Kilburn
De'Shaun R. L. Knox
Akira Grace Kopec
Kylie Ann Krashnak



Gurpreet Singh Lahl
Abby Theresa Lazecki
Ryan Robert Legg
Ariyana Maristella Linko
Zachary Michael Luciani
Sarah Josephine MacDonald
Rocco James Mack
Dana Jessica Mackin
Kalli Patricia Mahasky
Mariah Alexandra Mancuso
Adam Robert Mariotti
Nathan V McAndrew
Meghan Elizabeth McDonnell
Anna Marie Mellody
Julia B Menichello

Brennah Marie Piasecki
Grace Kathleen Polansky
Madison Elizabeth Rodriguez
Caitlyn Ann Roever
Thomas Rohan Rohan
Aleena Marie Sandy
Sophia Lisa Scalese
Mya Joie Schimelfenig
Nicholas David Sikorski
Milana Ariel Snyder
Emily Alexis Stone
Jonelle Ann Symonies
Summer Mariah Troiani
Matthew Charles Tucker
Molly Erin White
Carly Anne Wywoda





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 Matusavige
Kathryn Lee McIngvale
Elizabeth Mendrzycki



Emma Marie Midkiff
Sebastion 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
Gabiella 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
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Lynese Swida
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Hunter Michael Wesolowski
Matthew Edward White
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William Eric Wolfgang
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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 Eme fieh 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

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Riley Elizabeth Henderson
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Catherine Terese Pascal
Jordan M. Paskel
Trenton Charles Wayne Porter
Joshua Emmanuel Quijada
Natalie Nicole Rinaldi
Timothy Ryan Rogel
Alexander Tadros
Tyler Sofia Thompson
Jeremy Gavin Buenaseda Torres
Arrington Olivia Triantis
Alexis L. Wess
Kylee Diane Wickenheiser



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Brady Craig McKimpson
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Elizabeth Ann Schall
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Ryan Magee Thompson
JerVal Weeks-Shuler
James Franklin Weller



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OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS • DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

FINANCIAL REPORT

Diocese of Scranton Fiscal Year 2020-2021



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I appreciate this opportunity, along with our new Diocesan Secretary for Financial Services, Eileen Giombetti, to share directly with you the audited financial statements of the Administrative Offices of the Diocese of Scranton for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

This financial report details our stewardship of the gifts, sacrificial offerings and resources that so many people have generously made over the last year. While our community has continued to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic along with growing division in our world – your incredible generosity has allowed the Church of Scranton to remain a source of help and hope to countless individuals.

Within the last year, it is my hope that many of you have taken the time to read and reflect about our ongoing pastoral planning process called *Vision 2030: Creating Parish Communities Rooted in the Life of Jesus Christ*. As we strive to be a “mission-driven” church, we must all work together in a way that we best live out our baptismal calling in both a world – and local environment – that continues to change.

One of the priority drivers included in the *Vision 2030* process is recognizing the financial realities of our diocese and all of its parishes. Parishes are much more expensive to maintain now than they were in the past. With a fewer number of parishioners supporting the mission of the church overall, parish offertories have not been able to keep up with current realities in some places. Just like in the past, I will continue to stress the need for all pastors to transparently share financial information with their parish communities. We are all co-workers in the Vineyard of the Lord.

Likewise, I wish to share the following financial report on the Diocese of Scranton Administrative Offices with you. As we continue to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to our care, please know we take great care in utilizing our funds in an honest, ethical, compassionate and just manner.

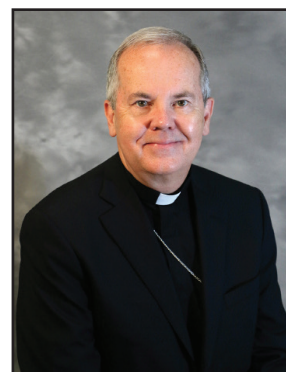
As always, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to everyone supporting the Diocese of Scranton, from employees and volunteers to donors and parishioners. I am thankful for your generous support and for your continued prayers as we work to fulfill our mission to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus.

Many Our Lord Jesus bless you and your families, fill you with his peace and continue to keep you safe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Joseph C. Bambera

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



The financial information contained on the following pages is derived from the audited financial statements of the Administrative Offices of the Diocese of Scranton as of June 30, 2021 and 2020. The full report is available under the “Financial Services” page at www.dioceseofscranton.org

Dear Friends,

As the Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese of Scranton, it is my privilege to present the 2020-2021 audited financial report for the Diocese of Scranton Administrative Offices. This report provides an overview of the prudent use of funds that have been received for the period covering July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

This is my first official budget message prepared for the Diocese of Scranton as Diocesan Secretary for Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer. In October 2021, after consultation with the Diocesan Finance Council and the College of Consultors, Bishop Bambera appointed me to succeed Bob Miller in this important role upon his retirement. Having served as Assistant Finance Director under Bob since 2018, the transition was seamless and along with the commitment and dedication of our financial services staff, we have continued to assist every Diocesan office, parish, school and affiliated agency without interruption.

Bishop Bambera continues to stress accountability and transparency regarding financial information. I share his feeling that it is critical to share with you the care and prudence with which we manage the resources that you, the faithful, entrust to the Diocese to make a positive impact in our 11-county region and beyond. To emphasize our commitment in that regard, I think it is important to highlight that the Diocese of Scranton was one of only four dioceses in the United States to receive an overall score of 100% in regards to transparency in 2021 from Voice of the Faithful, a lay organization of faithful Catholics which monitors all U.S. Catholic dioceses' online financial transparency.

While it was our hope that we would have put the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic behind us this past year, that was unfortunately not the case. Our Diocesan ministries, parishes and schools all continued to feel the financial impact of the global pandemic. Due to concerns over variants, some people have remained cautious about returning to Mass in person, which means our overall offertory for many of our parishes still has not rebounded completely. However, we are always thankful for the generous parishioners who continued to provide resources to their parishes, schools, and the diocese, and those that chose to supplement their normal giving.

The key points of the 2020-2021 fiscal report are:

- The Diocese had a net gain from operations in the amount of \$7,480,216. This came primarily from the sale of the Diocese's Educational Broadband Services (EBS) License for \$5 million. In 2019, the Federal Communications Commission adopted new rules governing EBS spectrum that allowed current licensees the ability to sell their

licenses. The Diocese also received proceeds of \$843,000 from the sale of another property. The Diocese used the majority of the income to contribute approximately \$5 million to its Lay Pension Plan.

- Funds raised by the 2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal totaled \$4,076,900. The Diocese returned \$98,209 directly to parishes that exceeded their goal for the campaign. This means the revenue from the Appeal to the Diocese totalled \$3,978,691. Funds raised by the 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal totaled \$4,106,002. In that year, the Diocese returned \$69,133 directly to parishes that exceeded their goal for the campaign.

- The prior fiscal year (2019-2020) included non-recurring income in the form of a loan from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) in the amount of \$1,267,629 and the gain on the sale of the Diocese's long-term care facilities for \$26.6 million. The proceeds from the sale of the long-term care facilities were used to pay claims totaling \$27.6 million under the Independent Survivors Compensation Program (ISCP).

- As in previous years, the financial statements of the Diocesan Administrative Offices have been independently audited by McGrail Merkel Quinn & Associates, P.C., Certified Public Accounts. The statements include activities related to the Diocesan Administrative Offices, not activities related to Catholic Social Services or the Catholic School System. These organizations are audited separately. The statements also do not include parish activities.

I invite you to view the complete audited financial statement for the 2020-2021 fiscal year on the Diocese of Scranton website at dioceseofscranton.org/directory/offices/financial-services.

I want to publicly thank the members of the Diocesan Finance Council for the support they provide to the Bishop and my staff and extend that appreciation to Catholics throughout the Diocese. The continuing generosity of the Catholic community and the sharing of time, talent and treasure make possible the good works of our Church in the Diocese of Scranton.

Sincerely in Christ,

Eileen Giombetti

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Diocesan Secretary for Financial Services



Offices in Support of the Parishes and Diocese include:

Administrative Offices and Chancellor
Catholic Schools
Catholic Social Services
Child Protection/Victim Assistance
Communications
Development Office
Finance Office
Human Resources
Information Technology
Parish Life Office
Pontifical Mission Societies
Property and Risk Management
Tribunal
Vocations/Clergy Formation



REVENUE

- Sources of Revenue for 2020-21 Fiscal Year -

The Diocese of Scranton’s operating revenue for the 2020-2021 fiscal year was \$35.6 million.

The Diocese’s Self-Insurance Program (both medical and general) were two of the largest sources of revenue in the fiscal year’s budget. Under self-insurance, the Diocese assumes responsibility for all claims. In effect, this means that every parish or agency is sharing in the payment of claims through its premiums.

Another large source of revenue for the support of programs and ministries continues to be from parish assessments, constituting \$5.1 million, or approximately 15% of the \$35.6 million in operations revenue in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Assessments fund administration support services, financial services, human resources, information technology, the Diocesan Property and Risk Management and much more. They also help support the administrative offices of Catholic schools.

The Diocese of Scranton had a net gain on sale of property of more than \$5.6 million during this fiscal year. That came primarily through the sale of the Diocese’s Educational Broadband Services (EBS) License for \$5 million. In 2019, the Federal Communications Commission adopted new rules governing EBS spectrum that allowed current licensees the ability to sell their licenses. Prior to the sale, the Diocese had a long-term lease with a company to utilize their license. The Diocese used a majority of the income to fund its Lay Pension Plan.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal continues to support

the charitable, educational and pastoral services of the Diocese. Funds from the Appeal support Catholic Schools, Catholic Social Services, Office for Parish Life, Office of Communications, Vocations and Clergy Support and more.

Based on the terms of the Annual Appeal, each parish is assigned a “goal,” which represents its portion of the overall Diocesan goal. Parishes share in the success of the campaign to the extent that they receive seventy-five percent of the funds which are raised in excess of their goal.

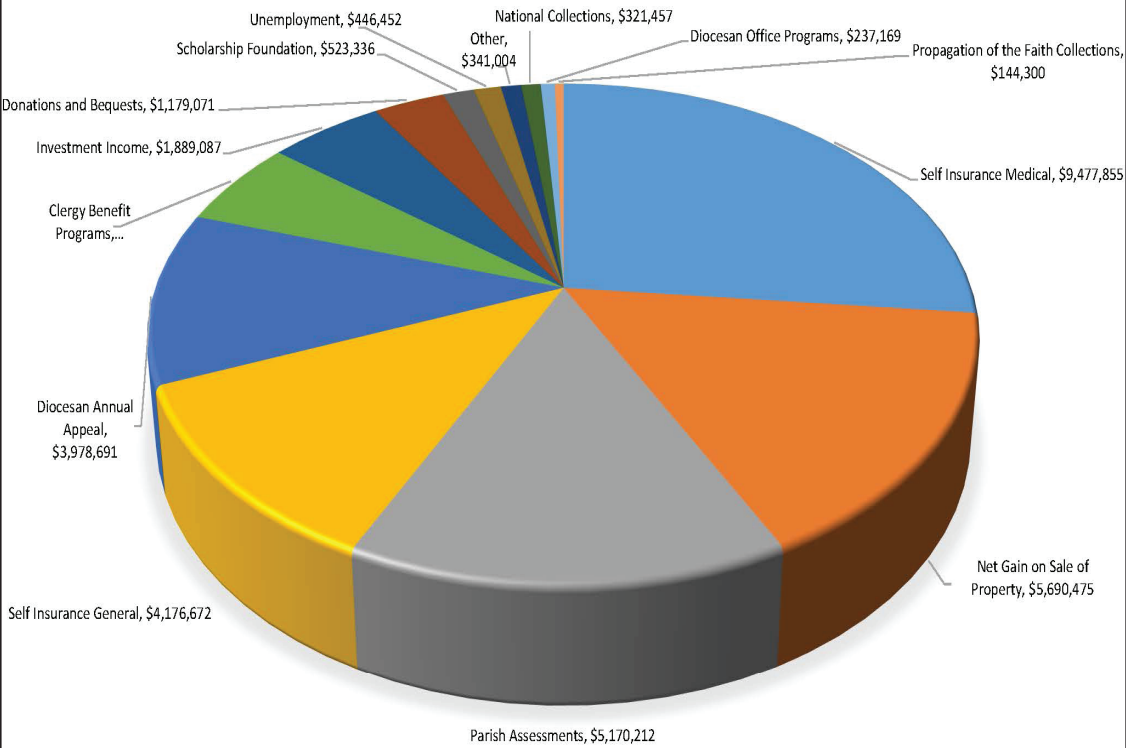
Funds raised by the 2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal totaled \$4,076,900. The Diocese returned to parishes \$98,209 representing seventy-five percent of the funds raised in excess of any individual parish goals for the 2020 campaign. This means the overall revenue for the Diocese itself during this fiscal year is \$3,978,691.

When looking at the two previous fiscal years back-to-back, a person might notice that in the previous year there was a significant number (\$26.6 million) in regards to net gain on sale of property that dropped significantly to this year’s fiscal period.

As a reminder, during the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the Diocese of Scranton sold Little Flower Manor and Saint Luke’s Villa, for which it received approximately \$26 million from the sale and subsequent transfer of assets. These funds were used to pay for the Independent Survivors Compensation Program (ISCP) to provide assistant to survivors of child sexual abuse. The sale proceeds offset a large loss in the 2018-2019 fiscal year because of funding for the ISCP.

DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES SUPPORT AND REVENUE

\$35,607,131



Support and Revenue	2021	2020
Self Insurance Medical	\$9,477,855	\$9,795,585
Net Gain on Sale of Property	\$5,690,475	\$26,632,024
Parish Assessments	\$5,170,212	\$5,337,917
Self Insurance General	\$4,176,672	\$4,102,697
Diocesan Annual Appeal	\$3,978,691	\$4,036,869
Clergy Benefit Programs	\$2,031,350	\$2,097,028
Investment Income	\$1,889,087	\$5,774,021
Donations and Bequests	\$1,179,071	\$1,399,786
Scholarship Foundation	\$523,336	\$606,692
Unemployment	\$446,452	\$403,833
Other	\$341,004	\$1,498,243
National Collections	\$321,457	\$523,053
Diocesan Program Offices	\$237,169	\$696,278
Propagation of the Faith Collections	\$144,300	\$445,512
Called to Holiness Transfers	---	\$2,327
Total	\$35,607,131	\$63,351,865

EXPENSES

- Embracing the Challenges of the 2020-21 Fiscal Year -

The Diocese of Scranton's expenses for the 2020-2021 fiscal year were \$28.1 million.

Like any year, the 2020-2021 fiscal year brought both challenges and opportunities to the Diocese of Scranton. One of the biggest challenges remained the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite pandemic challenges, the Catholic Church in our Diocese has continued to carry out the mission of the Church while remaining flexible to the current health situation, always focusing on people's safety and health. We are so thankful for the generosity of the Catholic community in the Diocese of Scranton. They have blessed the ministries in their parishes and schools with gifts that have in turn blessed the whole Diocese.

Just like during the prior year, the clergy, religious and laity throughout the Diocese of Scranton were creative and determined to continue all essential programs and ministries. The virus did not slow the vital evangelization and service efforts that are provided on a daily basis.

Concerns about the Delta and Omicron variants of the COVID-19 virus had some parishioners remain cautious about attending Mass in person, but many parishes continued to offer livestream Mass opportunities. In addition, all parishioners are always invited to participate in the Daily Mass broadcasts from the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton that are produced by the Diocesan Office for Communications.

Throughout the year, numerous special liturgical celebrations occurred in addition to the many Lenten, Easter and Christmas traditions that are so integral to our faith. The Diocese

continued to celebrate its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass, Respect Life Sunday Mass, World Mission Sunday Mass, Bishop's Youth Award Masses and the Leave a Mark Mass for youth and young adults, among many others.

Other diocesan milestones during the fiscal year included the ordination of one new priest, Father Mark DeCelles, as well as the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Villa Saint Joseph in Dunmore, our retirement home for clergy.

The Diocesan Catholic Schools Office was once again well prepared to safely handle in-person education throughout this fiscal year and the ongoing pandemic. Students, families, teachers and administrators have shown great resiliency, perseverance and creativity since early 2020 when the virus first appeared in our community.

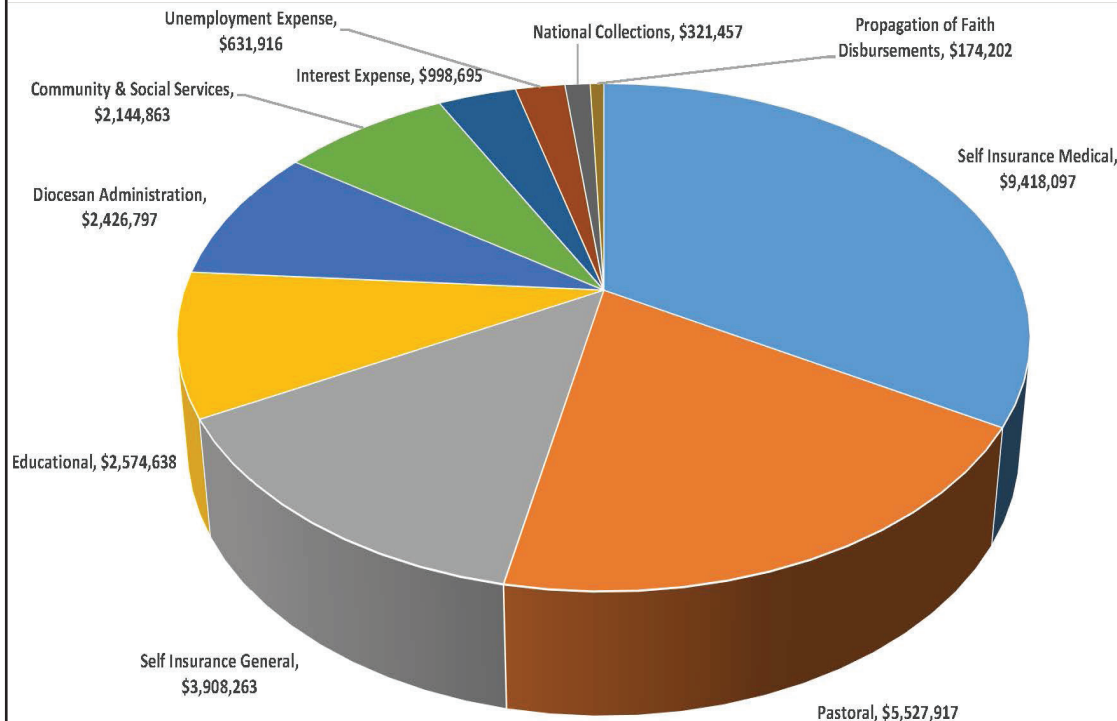
Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton continued to provide food, housing and assistance to the poor, needy and vulnerable each day of the year. More than 67,000 clients received a warm, nutritious meal at Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre. In addition, more than 16,670 households received food assistance between the agencies' offices in Carbondale, Hazleton, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre.

Furthermore, between its emergency shelters in Hazleton, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, CSS provided nearly 13,000 individual nights of shelter to individuals in need of a safe space to sleep.

The staff of the Diocese of Scranton, thanks to the generosity of the faithful, continues to serve the Lord with gladness. We are grateful to all those who demonstrate their commitment to the Church.

DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES EXPENSES

\$28,126,845



Expenses	2021	2020
Self Insurance Medical	\$9,418,097	\$10,541,835
Pastoral	\$5,527,917	\$6,041,758
Self Insurance General	\$3,908,263	\$6,736,938
Educational	\$2,574,638	\$3,524,095
Diocesan Administration	\$2,426,797	\$2,545,722
Community & Social Services	\$2,144,863	\$2,040,919
Interest Expenses	\$998,695	\$845,965
Unemployment Expenses	\$631,916	\$119,813
National Collections	\$321,457	\$523,053
Propagation of Faith Disbursements	\$174,202	\$371,701
Called to Holiness Transfers	---	\$133,071
Total	\$28,126,845	\$33,424,870

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Years Ending June 30, 2021 and 2020)

	2021			2020		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues, gains and other support						
Parish assessments						
Diocesan	\$ 4,210,209	\$ -	\$ 4,210,209	\$ 4,381,933	\$ -	\$ 4,381,933
Clergy Care and Wellness	960,003	-	960,003	955,984	-	955,984
Intra-Diocesan billings						
Self-insurance premiums - General	4,176,672	-	4,176,672	4,102,697	-	4,102,697
Self-insurance premiums - Medical	9,477,855	-	9,477,855	9,795,585	-	9,795,585
Clergy benefit programs	2,031,350	-	2,031,350	2,097,028	-	2,097,028
Diocesan Program Revenues -						
Schedule 1	237,169	-	237,169	696,278	-	696,278
Diocesan Annual Appeal	-	3,978,691	3,978,691	-	4,036,869	4,036,869
Special collections	-	20,614	20,614	-	20,102	20,102
Donations and bequests	770,062	409,009	1,179,071	692,249	707,537	1,399,786
Scholarship Foundation contributions	-	523,336	523,336	-	606,692	606,692
Custodial receipts						
National collections	-	321,457	321,457	-	523,053	523,053
Unemployment	446,452	-	446,452	403,833	-	403,833
Called to Holiness transfers	-	-	-	2,327	-	2,327
Propagation collections	144,300	-	144,300	445,512	-	445,512
Other revenue	297,289	-	297,289	210,512	-	210,512
Paycheck Protection Program loan funds	23,101	-	23,101	1,267,629	-	1,267,629
Investment income, net	1,136,187	121,629	1,257,816	1,060,406	155,907	1,216,313
Net realized gain on sale of investments	599,766	31,505	631,271	4,557,708	-	4,557,708
Net realized gain on sale of property	5,690,475	-	5,690,475	26,632,024	-	26,632,024
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 6):						
Satisfaction of program restrictions	4,933,921	(4,933,921)	-	5,322,231	(5,322,231)	-
 Total revenues, gains and other support	 \$ 35,134,811	 \$ 472,320	 \$ 35,607,131	 \$ 62,623,936	 \$ 727,929	 \$ 63,351,865



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Years Ending June 30, 2021 and 2020)

	2021			2020		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Total revenues, gains and other support - carried forward	\$ 35,134,811	\$ 472,320	\$ 35,607,131	\$ 62,623,936	\$ 727,929	\$ 63,351,865
Expenses						
Pastoral - Schedule 2	5,527,917	-	5,527,917	6,041,758	-	6,041,758
Educational - Schedule 3	2,574,638	-	2,574,638	3,524,095	-	3,524,095
Community and Social Service - Schedule 4	2,319,065	-	2,319,065	2,412,620	-	2,412,620
Administrative - Schedule 5	15,753,157	-	15,753,157	19,824,495	-	19,824,495
Called to Holiness transfers	-	-	-	133,071	-	133,071
Custodial disbursements						
National collections	321,457	-	321,457	523,053	-	523,053
Unemployment	631,916	-	631,916	119,813	-	119,813
Interest expense	998,695	-	998,695	845,965	-	845,965
Total expenses	28,126,845	-	28,126,845	33,424,870	-	33,424,870
Excess of revenues over expenses	7,007,966	472,320	7,480,286	29,199,066	727,929	29,926,995
Other changes						
Provision for bad debt	(723,625)	-	(723,625)	(362,007)	-	(362,007)
Other components of net periodic pension cost	(420,000)	-	(420,000)	(320,751)	-	(320,751)
Pension-related changes other than net periodic pension cost	4,413,804	-	4,413,804	(2,319,761)	-	(2,319,761)
Transfer to lay pension plan	(5,119,910)	-	(5,119,910)	(1,357,720)	-	(1,357,720)
Reduction of related party payable	-	-	-	10,000,000	-	10,000,000
Change in net unrealized gains and losses on investments	10,158,351	635,767	10,794,118	(5,619,703)	-	(5,619,703)
Increase in net assets	15,316,586	1,108,087	16,424,673	29,219,124	727,929	29,947,053
Net assets, beginning	1,488,750	8,361,636	9,850,386	(27,730,374)	7,633,707	(20,096,667)
Net assets, ending	\$ 16,805,336	\$ 9,469,723	\$ 26,275,059	\$ 1,488,750	\$ 8,361,636	\$ 9,850,386



Diocese of Scranton 2021

Parish Life Statistics



Catholic Population	317,426
Total Population	1,092,286
Infant Baptisms	1,841
Minor Baptisms	97
Adult Baptisms	58
First Communions	2,296
Confirmations	2,824
Marriages (Catholic & Interfaith)	409
Funerals	3,943

Students in Catholic Schools

Elementary (Pre-K to 8)	2,622
High School	1,161

Children in Religious Education Programs

Elementary:	9,186
High School:	598

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2021 and 2020

	<u>ASSETS</u>	
	2021	2020
Cash and equivalents	\$ 8,474,047	\$ 12,332,713
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4,726,135 in 2021 and \$4,060,845 in 2020	6,290,399	6,411,106
Accrued interest receivable	219,879	133,928
Contributions receivable	546,796	1,225,520
Due from Catholic Cemeteries	161,538	324,059
Prepaid expense	138,340	123,270
Cash subject to program restrictions	6,718,515	6,028,305
Notes and loans receivable	3,005,736	3,181,856
Investments	66,151,133	54,710,041
Land, buildings and equipment, net	5,738,323	5,891,743
Other assets	599,340	489,076
Beneficial interest in charitable trust	282,377	-
Total assets	\$ 98,326,423	\$ 90,851,617

	<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
	2021	2020
Accounts payable	\$ 846,517	\$ 963,507
Custodial funds payable	249,732	519,070
Accrued interest expense	-	205,159
Contributions payable	1,140,223	1,128,145
Scholarships payable	595,328	533,015
Liability for pension benefits	7,553,892	11,792,686
Accrued claim expense	3,230,829	3,440,649
Accrued Independent Survivors Compensation Program	-	4,740,027
Accrued postretirement benefit obligation	10,120,732	10,731,428
Refundable advances	-	23,101
Loans payable	3,005,736	3,181,856
Due to Diocese of Scranton Institute	13,239,623	12,882,371
Funds on deposit		
Catholic Cemeteries Perpetual Care and other funds	18,825,933	18,012,149
Other Diocesan organizations Perpetual Care	13,242,819	12,848,068
Total liabilities	72,051,364	81,001,231
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions	16,805,336	1,488,750
With donor restrictions	9,469,723	8,361,636
Total net assets	26,275,059	9,850,386
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 98,326,423	\$ 90,851,617

Mission Statement of the Diocese of Scranton

"We, the Catholic community of the Diocese of Scranton, are called through Baptism to imitate the servant leadership of Jesus Christ. In union with Our Holy Father, the Pope, we proclaim the Gospel faithfully, celebrate the sacraments joyfully, and boldly promote life, justice and peace in northeastern and north central Pennsylvania."

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

June 30, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Operating activities		
Increase in net assets	\$ 16,424,673	\$ 29,947,053
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities:		
Net realized gain on sale of investments	(631,271)	(4,557,708)
Net unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(10,794,118)	5,619,703
Net realized gain on sale of property	(5,690,475)	(26,632,024)
Amortization (accretion) on investments	116,563	(35,829)
Depreciation expense	367,035	369,487
Provision for bad debt	723,625	362,007
Reduction in due to Diocese of Scranton Institute	-	(10,000,000)
Change in beneficial interest in charitable trust	(282,377)	-
Increase in accounts receivable	(602,918)	(1,606,140)
Increase in accrued interest receivable	(85,951)	(7,721)
Decrease (increase) in contributions receivable	678,724	(362,070)
Decrease in due from Catholic Cemeteries	162,521	72,254
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expense	(15,070)	234,435
Increase in other assets	(110,264)	(70,486)
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable	(116,990)	481,815
Decrease in custodial funds payable	(269,338)	(90,714)
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest expense	(205,159)	(96,139)
Increase in contributions and scholarships payable	74,391	296,439
(Decrease) increase in liability for pension benefits	(4,238,794)	1,546,354
(Decrease) increase in accrued claim expense	(209,820)	518,708
Decrease in accrued Independent Survivors Compensation Program	(4,740,027)	(15,259,973)
(Decrease) increase in accrued postretirement benefit obligation	(610,696)	483,490
(Decrease) increase in refundable advances	(23,101)	23,101
(Increase) decrease in due to Diocese of Scranton Institute	357,252	(99,799)
Contributions and interest restricted for long-term investment	(10,724)	(8,279)
Net cash used in operating activities	(9,732,309)	(18,872,036)
Investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	\$ (213,615)	\$ (71,647)
Proceeds from sale of property	5,690,475	26,632,024
Principal collected-loans receivable	176,120	170,584
Purchase of investments	(29,205,293)	(79,671,594)
Proceeds from sale of investments	29,083,751	81,757,036
Net cash provided by investing activities	5,531,438	28,816,403
Financing activities		
Principal payments on loan	(176,120)	(5,170,584)
Funds on deposit		
Additions	1,244,535	209,137
Withdrawals	(36,000)	(25,036)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1,032,415	(4,986,483)
Net (decrease) increase in cash	(3,168,456)	4,957,884
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning	18,361,018	13,403,134
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, ending	\$ 15,192,562	\$ 18,361,018

Ordained Priests & Deacons

2021 Statistics



Bishops	1
Retired Bishops	3
Priests Assigned in the Diocese	96
Priests Assigned Outside the Diocese	4
Retired or Ill Priests	99
Total Number of Diocesan Priests	199
 Religious Order Priests	 50
Religious Order Brothers	4
Religious Order Sisters	319
 Permanent Deacons	 90
Seminarians	9
 Number of Parishes	 116

Financial Accountability

Transparency and accountability are important parts of our stewardship responsibilities. Each year, the Diocese subjects itself to an independent audit. Diocesan leadership has established and regularly confers with the Diocesan Finance Council. The council, whose existence is required by Canon Law, focuses on financial policies, procedures and activities of the Church of Scranton.

Current members of the Diocesan Finance Council are: Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, John Devine, John Graham, Barbara Maculloch, Sister Therese O'Rourke, Carlon Preate, Rev. Gerald Shantillo and Paul Woelkers.

Diocesan finances are audited by McGrail Merkel Quinn & Associates, P.C., Certified Public Accountants & Consultants. The full audited financial statements for the Fiscal Year 2021-20 are published on the Diocesan website at: www.dioceseofscranton.org/directory/offices/financial-services

Father Casimir Stanis, pastor emeritus of Friendsville parish, dies in New York

BRACKNEY — Father Gerald Shantillo, Vicar General of the Diocese of Scranton, served as principal celebrant of a concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial for Father Casimir Stanis on June 15 at Saint Augustine Church in Brackney, Silver Lake Township.

Father Stanis, who was pastor emeritus of Saint Brigid Parish in Friendsville, died June 11 at UHS Wilson Medical Center, Johnson City, N.Y.

Born Sept. 3, 1949, in Somerset in western Pennsylvania, son of the late Casimir and Beatrice Goodock Stanis, Father Stanis received his early education at Montrose Area High School and was a 1971 graduate of Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn.

Following a career of more than 20 years with the PA Department of Transportation as an auditor and audit supervisor, he retired from the position in 1995 and entered the seminary to begin preparatory studies for the priesthood for the Scranton Diocese.

Father Stanis completed his theological training and formation at Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Mass., and was ordained a priest on June 30, 2001, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter by the Most Rev. James C. Timlin, now Bishop Emeritus of Scranton.

As a newly ordained priest of the diocese, Father Stanis was appointed assistant pastor at Saint John the Evangelist Parish,



Rev. Casimir M. Stanis

Pittston, in July 2001 and served as chaplain of Saint Mary's Villa Nursing Home in Elmhurst.

In August 2003, he was named administrator of Saint Joseph Church, Hudson, and Sacred Heart Church, Plains, and was appointed

pastor of the faith communities later in the year.

Several months later, Father Stanis was assigned as pastor of Saint Francis Xavier, Friendsville, and Saint Thomas the Apostle, Little Meadows. While serving in the pastorate, he would fulfill the duties of administrator *pro tem* of Holy Name of Mary Parish, Montrose, during the summer of 2005.

Continuing to serve as the pastor in Friendsville and Little Meadows, Father Stanis was additionally assigned the pastorate of Saint Joseph Church in Saint Joseph, Susquehanna County. The three churches consolidated to create Saint Brigid Parish, Friendsville, and Father Stanis would serve as pastor of the newly

formed parish community until his early retirement due to health reasons on Aug. 2, 2021.

From May 2013 to June 2020, while remaining pastor of Saint Brigid's, he would again assume responsibilities as administrator *pro tem* at Holy Name of Mary in Montrose.

In addition to his parochial duties, Father Stanis also served as spiritual moderator for the Scranton Diocesan Pre Cana program.

Surviving are a sister, Eileen Stanis West, Camp Hill; two brothers, David and his wife, Linda, Friendsville; and Raymond, Montrose; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Interment was to be held at Holy Name of Mary Cemetery, Montrose.

Father Cyril Rable, Scranton Diocesan priest for 66 years, dies at age 93

SCRANTON — Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant of a Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial for Father Cyril Rable on June 10 in the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

A priest of the Diocese of Scranton for 66 years, Father Rable died June 7 at Allied Services Meade Street Senior Living in Wilkes-Barre.

Born May 5, 1929, in Dunmore, son of the late John and Anna Chobej Rable, Father Rable received his early education at William Penn School, Dunmore, and was a graduate of Dunmore High School.

He enrolled at the University of Scranton and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Bonaventure University in upstate New York.

Father Rable completed his theological training and preparatory studies for the priesthood at Christ the King Seminary in Olean, N.Y., and was ordained a priest for the Scranton Diocese on May 26,

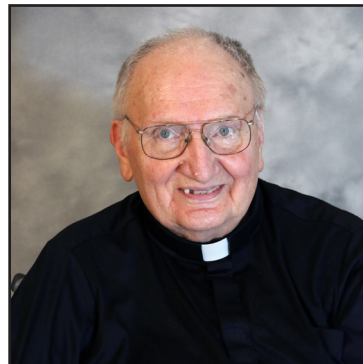
1956, in Saint Peter's Cathedral by the late Most Rev. Jerome D. Hannan, fifth bishop of Scranton.

Following ordination, Father Rable served in assistant pastoral assignments at Saint Philomena Parish, Hawley, and Saint Joseph Parish, Hazleton.

He received his first appointment as pastor on Sept. 4, 1973, to Holy Trinity Parish in Simpson, where he served as the parish shepherd for 11 years.

Father Rable subsequently was assigned the pastorate of Saint Michael Parish in Jessup, and was named administrator of Holy Name of Mary Parish, Montrose, in January 1990. He would serve in the position for several months until his appointment as pastor of Saint Stanislaus Parish in Old Forge.

In addition to his parochial duties, Father Rable also served the diocese as Dean of the Old Forge Deanery. In September 2001, Father was appointed to serve as chaplain to the retired Sisters of Saints Cyril & Methodius at Maria



Rev. Cyril J. Rable

Hall, Danville, where he fulfilled his chaplaincy duties until October 2008.

During the Mass of Christian Burial for his dear friend, Father Joseph Kutch, pastor of Saint Michael Parish in Canton, served as homilist and began his eulogy by remarking, "What an honor it is that Father Rable, or Father "Cy" as his brother priests affectionately referred to him, requested I deliver the homily at his funeral liturgy."

Father Kutch paid tribute to the deceased priest by referring to a poem he penned on the occasion of Father Rable's Silver Jubilee of

Ordination more than 40 years ago, when he was the family's pastor in Simpson and young Joe Kutch was just beginning his own priestly formation.

"Father Rable is a wonderful pastor/There is hardly anything he can't master," Father Kutch opened, memorializing his beloved former pastor with the same words from the personalized verse he wrote long ago.

His recitation of the poem continued, "He made many changes as we're all aware/But that just means he shows a lot of care/Not only for the parish community as a whole/But for each individual's own soul."

The rhyming tribute concluded: "If you ever get to know Father Cyril J. Rable/You'll soon find out he's a priest who is always willing and able/To lend a hand or do you a favor/Following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Savior."

Quoting an article entitled "The Hands of Holy Orders," Father Kutch further honored his

longtime priest friend with these final words:

"These hands of yours are the hands of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. We reverence them and we cannot live our lives without them...without you. Thank you for faithfully loving and serving us. We are so proud that you are our beloved priest."

Father Rable was also preceded in death by three sisters, Ann, Verna and Mary; four brothers, George, Frank, John and Andrew; and a nephew, Cyril J. Rable.

Surviving are numerous nieces and nephews, George Rable and wife, Mary, Moscow; Jerome Domkowski, West Wyoming; Frank Rable and wife, Mary, Levittown; Margaret Beyer and husband, Robert, Langhorne; Richard Rable, Interlachen, Florida; Phillip Rable and wife, Sue, Mount Airy, Maryland; Theresa Dicey, Cocoa, Florida; Andrew Rable, Philadelphia; and several great nieces and nephews.

Interment was held at Saint Catherine's Cemetery, Moscow.

Bishop to visit Rome in July for ongoing Catholic-Pentecostal International Dialogue

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When it started in 1972, most Pentecostal denominations were not yet open to any ecumenical activity and some Pentecostal leaders did not want it to exist and even tried to stop the dialogue from taking place.

Father Kilian McDonnell, OSB, the founding Catholic Co-Chair of the Dialogue, once called the Dialogue a set of "Improbable Conversations."

Over its five decades, the Dialogue has helped to open doors for greater understanding and built unexpected bridges. Among the topics discussed over the last five decades are the Holy Spirit and Sacraments, Mission and Evangelization

and how Classical Pentecostals understand the gifts of prophecy, healing and discernment.

Despite the Dialogue that has taken place, Cecil M. Robeck, Jr., author of "Fifty Years of Catholic - Pentecostal Dialogue, 1972-2022: A Pentecostal Assessment," noted "Pentecostals have a

long way to go before minds and hearts are changed, but change is slowly taking place.

The most significant issues continue to be Pentecostal ignorance of Catholic teaching and the fears that Pentecostals continue to hold over past Catholic actions."

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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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Between my sophomore and junior year of college, I spent part of my summer doing mission work in Guyana, South America. The experience had a profound effect on me. To this day, one event during that summer was so significant that my life as a Christian man and my life now as a Catholic priest is defined by it.

The Missionaries of Charity, better known to you and me as Mother Teresa's Sisters, operate a nursing home for the sick and suffering in Georgetown, Guyana's capital city. At the same complex, the Sisters also sponsor a daycare for local children. Our task as mission workers was to tend to the daily needs of these groups: We washed, dried and pressed their bed linens and clothes. We literally spoon-fed patients too ill

to feed themselves. We entertained the children and the older residents with games and songs. Most importantly, we led the groups in prayer, privately and at Holy Mass.

The Sisters who organized our daily tasks consistently reminded us of the need to see Christ in those we served. We were called upon to bring Christ to those in need. I had an epiphany during my experience in Guyana, one that sad to say did not occur in some reflective moment of prayer, nor did it come in an experience that was at all from inside my own mind or soul. It was brought on from an outside source, a three-year-old boy. While at Mass one particular day, the boy was seated in front of me in a row of children perched on small playroom chairs. Throughout the entire Mass the boy was dozing off, and with every doze he bobbed forward and sideways. As he did this I became nervous, envisioning that at any moment he was going to take a nosedive to the floor. Sure enough, he did.

Naturally, the boy came to and began to cry hysterically at having fallen face-first to the floor. Being the only adult within arm's reach, I picked up the boy with hopes of consoling him. To my surprise, after I whisked him up from the floor and into my arms, his cries stopped and almost immediately he fell back asleep. The moment was profound and I remember in those moments thinking about what had gone on over the course of my experience. Unfortunately, my thoughts were not centered on how Christ was the source my work in Guyana.

I began patting myself on the back for all the wonderful things I had done for those impoverished people. I selfishly puffed myself up recalling how I and others literally and figuratively built bridges, helped modernize and update hospital facilities, cared for and brought gifts to children in orphanages and hospitals. As I held that little boy, I looked at him and the others at Mass who I believed I was helping so much. To sum it up in a phrase, as I held that kid in my arms who was sleeping so soundly and seemed so much like a little saint, I was thinking how everything about that experience was about me. I was so arrogant and self-righteous. And then it happened: He peed on me. Yes, apparently he was quite comfortable. And apparently I needed that humbling moment to bring me back to reality.

Not long after getting cleaned up and sterilized, and receiving some crash-counseling my epiphany came: It wasn't about me! It's not about me! It's never going to be *about* me! From then on I knew, as a future priest and as a believing Christian, if what I do from day to day isn't motivated by God's love and grace and done for His greater honor and glory, then I am a failure. Missionary discipleship demands of us a focus not on self, but first and foremost on God, then the people we serve. If there is any other motivation than those two things, then we need also to be shocked back to reality, too. To go forth into the world as missionary disciples we must allow our Lord to increase, not ourselves.



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Luzerne County pastor, winner of Rectory, Set, Cook!, donates fundraiser proceeds to help fight hunger

SHAVERTOWN — After raising more than \$31,000 in donations by teaching people how to make hot chocolate, Father Jim Paisley is now paying that generosity forward.

On May 25, the pastor of Saint Therese Parish, Shavertown, and Saint Frances X. Cabrini Parish, Carverton, donated his parish's half of the proceeds from its 'Rectory, Set, Cook!' video to several community groups committed to fighting hunger.

"I am still overwhelmed by the generosity of parishioners, family and friends. I was thinking maybe we'll do \$5,000, \$6,000, \$7,000 — but to reach over \$31,000 by the generosity of the people is unbelievable," Father Paisley said.

Father Paisley was one of nearly 30 pastor chefs who participated in the Diocese of Scranton's 'Rectory, Set, Cook!' fundraiser earlier this year to raise money for anti-hunger programs affiliated with Catholic Social Services.

Each priest filmed a video of themselves in their kitchen. While most were serious recipes, Father Paisley's tutorial on making hot chocolate was part comedy and part musical performance. Parishioners voted for their favorite video or recipe by making a monetary donation. Half of the money raised from each donation stayed with the pastor's parish while the other half went to Catholic Social Services.

In keeping with his promise to donate all of the money he raised to hunger programs, Father Paisley presented his share — more than \$15,000 in checks — to local non-profit groups that included Meals on Wheels of the Wyoming Valley and Hazleton, Back Mountain Food Bank, Dinner for Kids, Fork Over Love and his parishes' own stewardship efforts.

"I think he could have poured a glass of water and had just as much success. I think it's fantastic and is really a testament to his gigantic,




Father Jim Paisley presents a \$3,000 check to Tracy Selingo from Fork Over Love on May 25, 2022.

Started during the COVID-19 pandemic, Fork Over Love collaborates with struggling area restaurants to purchase take-out food and they provide the meals for free to the community. As a 100-percent volunteer and donation-based organization, Fork Over Love depends on community donations to keep its mission going.

"It really only takes one person to motivate the masses and it's such a gift that he was able to do that and then provide to all of these organizations that are really in the fight to help people who are hungry every day," she added.

The Dinner for Kids organization also received a \$3,000 gift from Father Paisley and his parishes.

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Seasonal Church Picnics & Festivals

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Sacred Heart of Jesus in Dupont — Aug. 5 & 6. Parish's 75th Annual Polish Picnic held on the church grounds, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Friday and Saturday evening from 5 to 10 p.m. Featuring homemade ethnic foods, theme baskets, games of chance, beer tent, and lively Polka music nightly. For more information, call Kathy Vojta (570) 654-3713.

Saint Matthew's in East Stroudsburg — Aug. 12-14.

Summer festival will be held Friday & Saturday, from 5 to 10 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Three-day event includes live entertainment, homemade international foods & desserts, beer & wine garden, Prize Bingo for adults (Friday & Saturday), Kids' Toy Bingo (Sunday), children's games, raffle drawings, and mega cash raffle. For more information, contact Kathy Coyle at (570) 421-2342.

Saint Jude's in Mountain Top (Wright Township) — Aug. 12-14. Parish's 68th annual "Picnic in the Grove" in Mountain Top will be held Friday & Saturday, from 4 to 10 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Tracie Machalick at (570) 474-6315 or tmach@stjc.org.

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123rd "La Madonna del Monte Festival" honoring the Blessed Mother includes devotional services and festival food nights & live entertainment on Friday, from 4 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, 4:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday pasta & meatball dinner served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (pre-order & takeout only).

Saint Juliana's Rock Lake Picnic — Aug. 20. Sponsored by Saint Katherine Drexel Parish, the time-honored summer festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the grounds of Saint Juliana Church, 2048 Creamton Drive (Route 247), Rock Lake. The church picnic includes a chicken barbecue dinner, with tickets sold in advance and dinner pick-up from noon to 3 p.m. Event also features pierogi, pie and bake sales, a finder's market, games and prizes. For more information, call (570) 798-2539.

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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.

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1:30 AM		EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY				
2:00 AM	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)										
2:30 AM	THEY MIGHT BE SAINTS							SPECIALS	GOSPEL GLIMPSSES	LIFE ON THE ROCK	BATTLE READY
3:00 AM	SPECIALS	PAPAL AUDIENCE(3:15)	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY (Call in thurs)	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY							
3:30AM					DEFENDING LIFE						
4:00 AM	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	METANOIA	SIGNS OF LIFE	REFLECTIONS (4:15)	BOB AND PENNY LORD	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH				
4:30 AM		SUNDAY BEST WITH FR GROESCHEL	JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	MATTHEW'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS	METANOIA	ICONS				
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	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	CATHOLIC SPHERE			CATHOLICS COME HOME				
6:00 AM	ANGELUS WITH POPE FRANCIS	EWTN ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS									
6:30 AM	THE HERESIES	G.K. CHESTERTON	CHURCH AND THE POOR	THE MIRACLE HUNTER	SAINTS VS SCOUNDRELS	THE CHOICES WE FACE	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE				
7:00 AM	THE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL					STATIONS OF THE CROSS	CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL				
7:30 AM	HOLY LAND ROSARY						THE HOLY ROSARY				
7:50 AM	THE HOLY LAND ROSARY	LITANY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME	LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH	LITANY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD	LITANY OF SACRED HEART					
8:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS (Live)	DAILY MASS (Live)									
9:00 AM	(9:20AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	HOLY ROSARY WITH THE FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF THE ETERNAL WORD									
9:30 AM	EWTN ROSARY FRANCISCANS	SUNDAY BEST WITH FR. GROESCHEL	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	EWTN LIVE (ENCORE)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	THE ROAMIN' CATHOLIC				
10:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL	RELIGIOUS CATALOG		LIVE WITH PASSION	FOCUS	CATHOLIC CLASSICS	CAT CHAT				
10:30 AM		CHOICES WE FACE	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE					ST ANN'S WEEKLY NOVENA	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	
11:00 AM	EWTN NEWS IN-DEPTH	OFOD/LIVE WITH PASSION/SPECIALS	THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS	THE EUCHARIST	SACRAMENTS THROUGH THE AGES	PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST	BOB & PENNY LORD PRESENT				
11:30 AM		EUCHARISTIC JOURNEY									
12:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LIVE AT 12:10 p.m. "DIOCESAN DATEBOOK" airs before and after Mass.					EWTN DAILY MASS (Encore)				
12:30PM	(1:20PM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	WOMEN OF GRACE					EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE				
1:30 PM	IN CONCERT	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	CHOICES WE FACE/OFOD	WOMEN OF GRACE HOUR LONG	DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MERCY				
2:00 PM		CALLED TO COMMUNION	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	THE JOURNEY HOME	LIFE ON THE ROCK	EWTN ON LOCATION				
2:30 PM						STATIONS OF CROSS					
3:00 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG										
3:20 PM	LIVE ADORATION FROM EWTN CHAPEL										
3:30 PM	THE ROSARY FROM LOURDES	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)					ROSARY FROM LOURDES				
4:00 PM	VATICANO	THE HOLY ROSARY DIOCESAN DATEBOOK					SUNDAY VIGIL MASS ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL				
4:30 PM	SAVORING OUR FAITH	IMAGE OF GOD	MY CATHOLIC FAMILY	TRUTH IN THE HEART	CAT CHAT	MY TIME WITH JESUS					
5:00 PM	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHOICES WE FACE	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE	THE HERESIES	THEY MIGHT BE SAINTS	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM				
5:30 PM	SUNDAY PASSIONIST MASS	SPECIALS					SIGNS OF LIFE				
6:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS FROM ST. PETERS CATHEDRAL	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)					THE MIRACLE HUNTER				
6:30 PM		LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	CATHOLIC SPHERE	LIVING DIVINE MERCY	VATICANO	THE WILL OF GOD	WALSINGHAM STORIES				
7:00 PM		SUNDAY MASS	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)					DAILY MASS			
7:30PM	THE HOLY ROSARY DIOCESAN DATEBOOK										
8:00 PM	(8:20) LITANY OF SACRED HEART		THE JOURNEY HOME (Live)	OFOD OR SPECIALS (CAN BE 90 MINUTES)	EWTN LIVE	THE WORLD OVER (Live)	EWTN NEWS IN DEPTH				
8:30 PM	CATHOLICS COME HOME	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD									
9:00 PM	LIFE ON THE ROCK	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)					EWTN CINEMA				
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					
10:00PM	EWTN SPECIALS	THE WORLD OVER LIVE (ENCORE)	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	PRO-LIFE WEEKLY	LIFE ON THE ROCK		LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY			
10:30 PM		DEFENDING LIFE	ICONS SPOTLIGHT								
11:00PM	CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS	BATTLE READY	LONG RIDE HOME	CROSSING THE GOAL	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	WOMEN OF GRACE HOUR LONG	WEB OF FAITH				
11:30PM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	WOMEN OF GRACE					EWTN BOOKMARK				



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APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

Reverend Stephen J. Stavoy, from Pastor, St. Thomas More Parish, Lake Ariel, to retirement, effective July 26, 2022.

Rev. Rawel Toppo, from Assistant Pastor, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Brodheadsville, to Assistant Pastor, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Freeland and Good Shepherd Parish, Drums, effective May 31, 2022.

Monsignor David L. Tressler, to Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, effective July 1, 2022. Monsignor will continue to serve as Pastor, Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston.

Reverend Jarrod Waugh, C.S.C., from Administrator, Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, to ministry within the Congregation of Holy Cross, effective July 1, 2022.

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Reverend Joseph P. Elston, Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Parish and St. Joseph Morello Parish, Pittston, elected to a 3 year term, effective July 1, 2022.

Reverend Michael J. Kloton, Pastor, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Freeland and Good Shepherd Parish, Drums, elected to a 3 year term, effective July 1, 2022.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Reverend Jonathan P. Kuhar, to Chaplain of Scouts in the Diocese of Scranton, for a period of five (5) years, effective June 6, 2022. Father will continue to serve as Assistant Pastor, Saint John Neumann Parish and Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Scranton.

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Hunger initiatives get financial boost

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Their volunteer program packages food at Ollie's Restaurant and hand delivers it to children in need in several local school districts.

"The scary thought is there are approximately 10,000 kids in Luzerne County that go to bed hungry. It's a horrible situation. We feed 170 children meals, six days a week, in the Wilkes-Barre Area, Wyoming Valley Area and Dallas School Districts and we're just scratching the surface," Bob Borwick said.

Gary Williams from Meals on Wheels of the Wyoming Valley said its share of money

would help serve dozens of elderly clients who receive food and comfort five days a week.

"One of the things that this donation does is help pay for our meals. We charge \$6 a day for the meals but it costs us \$9 a day to make the meals so it is through the generosity of individuals, churches, such as the situation here, businesses, that we're able to do this and still operate," Williams explained.

In all, the Diocese of Scranton's 'Rectory, Set, Cook!' fundraiser raised more than \$171,000 in donations and corporate sponsorships.

Catholic Happenings

Parish Flea Market — **JUNE 24-26**, hosted at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Brodheads ville; market hours: Friday & Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Sale items at bargain prices will include collectibles, furniture, clothing, housewares, jewelry, electronics, tools, fashion accessories, toys, books, movies, crafts, lawn & garden, and a bargain tent. Basket raffle, bake sale, and lunch food menu will also be available. For more information, contact Kimberly Hoffman at (610) 681-6137.

Combined Parish Concert: "In God We Place Our Trust" — **JUNE 30**, presented by the combined music ministries of the Pittston parishes of Saint John the Evangelist and Saint Joseph Mare llo; performance begins at 7 p.m. in Saint John the Evangelist Church, William Street, Pittston. Special musical selections focusing on the concert theme will be performed, imploring the Lord's help and guidance in light of the war in Ukraine, the global

pandemic and other tragedies and hardships. All are welcome.

New York Yankees Baseball Trip — **AUG. 3**, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 8224 and Gate of Heaven Parish in Dallas; Martz bus excursion to Yankee Stadium in New York will depart from the Gate of Heaven parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return at approximately 8 p.m. Game time for the Yankees vs. Seattle Mariners is 1:05 p.m. Cost: \$98 per person, includes game ticket (200 level), roundtrip bus transportation, driver gratuity, light refreshments and door prizes. For more information and reservations, call Deacon Tom at (570) 675-4890.

Drive-Thru Chicken Barbecue — **AUG. 6**, sponsored by St. John Vianney Parish at St. Pius X Church in Royal; take-out dinner held from noon to 3 p.m. Event also includes cash raffle drawing and basket stand. For more information and to purchase barbecue or raffle tickets, call the parish office at (570) 254-9502.

Monthly 'Faith Sharing' sessions in Kingston

KINGSTON — Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish announces it has begun offering small-group Faith Sharing gatherings on the second Friday of each month, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Conlan Hall at the parish.

Confidential sharing, open to all faithful 18 years of age and older, is based on Sacred Scripture passages from the Sunday Mass readings from each particular month.

For more information, call (570) 690-7732.

Eucharistic Adoration at Wilkes-Barre parish

WILKES-BARRE — Our Lady of Fatima Parish will celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ with an afternoon of Eucharistic devotion on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19.

The Annual Day of Eucharistic Devotion will be offered at the parish worship site of Saint Mary Church of the Immaculate Conception, 134 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, from 1 to 4 p.m.

All faithful are invited to spend time in prayerful visitation and meditation with the Eucharistic Lord. The hours of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Mary's will conclude with Evening Prayers (vespers) at 4 p.m.



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2022 Priest Jubilarians Recognized



Several priests who are celebrating milestone anniversaries of their ordination year were honored and recognized during the 2022 Mass for Priest Jubilarians on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Being honored for 65 years of service are Rev. Michael J. Rafferty and Monsignor William P. Ward.

Being honored for 50 years of service are Rev. William J. Karle, Rev. Connell A. McHugh and Rev. Joseph R. Kakareka.

Pictured at the 2022 Mass for Priest Jubilarians are, from left: Rev. John V. Polednak, V.E., Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; Rev. Connell A. McHugh, celebrating 50 years of priesthood; Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton; Monsignor William P. Ward, celebrating 65 years of priesthood; Rev. Joseph R. Kakareka, celebrating 50 years of priesthood; and Rev. Gerald W. Shantillo, S.T.L., V.G., Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.

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