



# *The Catholic Light*

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

**Weekly E-Newsletter**

**September 29, 2022**

## **Respect Life Sunday Mass to be celebrated Oct. 2 at Cathedral of Saint Peter**

### *Respect Life Sunday Mass*

Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.  
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton



**MASS TO BE BROADCAST LIVE ON CTV:  
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respect life



[respectlife.org](https://respectlife.org)

October is Respect Life Month and the first Sunday in October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate Respect Life Sunday Mass on Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The Mass is open to the public. Faithful from across the Diocese of Scranton are invited to attend the Respect Life Sunday Mass and focus on

God's precious gift of human life and our responsibility to care for, protect and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters.

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

During this special month, the faithful are encouraged to pray for the wisdom and courage to lovingly protect God's gift of human life at every stage, in sickness and in health.

The faithful are also asked to pray for women and men suffering after abortion. Through Christ's endless mercy, we ask that they find peace and healing, especially with the assistance of the Church's abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel.

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## **Bishop Bambera calls eight men to Candidacy for Permanent Diaconate**



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# **RITE OF ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR HOLY ORDERS**

## **Permanent Diaconate Formation Program**



**Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 12:10 p.m.  
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton**

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Eight faith-filled men will take a step toward ordination as permanent deacons for the Diocese of Scranton during a Mass on Oct. 1, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The Mass, which will be celebrated at 12:10 p.m. by the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will include the Rite of Candidacy.

During the Rite of Candidacy, Bishop Bambera will accept the men to formally enter the diaconate formation process as Candidates. Over the next four years, these men will receive spiritual, theological and pastoral formation, and upon completion, will be called to ordination as permanent deacons.

The Rite of Candidacy is the first official recognition of the positive signs of a man's vocation to the permanent diaconate.

[Read the Full Story - Including the Names of those participating in the Rite of Candidacy - By Clicking Here](#)

# **"Because of your prayers, Ukraine is still standing"**

*Community joins together for Prayer Service for Ukraine*



Daria Dolhy felt blessed being able to join with more than 150 other people during a prayer service for an end to the war in Ukraine on Sept. 25, 2022.

“It was beautiful and all the prayers go straight up to heaven and help with, hopefully, stopping the war and securing peace for everyone,” the Scranton woman said.

Dolhy, a parishioner of Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church of Scranton, was happy to visit the Cathedral of Saint Peter for the prayer service.

“It gives me goose pimples whenever I go to something like this,” she said.

Father Myron Myronyuk, Pastor, Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church of Scranton, who has several family members still living in Ukraine and fighting in the Ukrainian military, led the prayer service along with the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton.

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## **Catholic educators receive Saint John Paul II Award for dedicated service**





Three educators and two administrators in the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System are being recognized for their commitment to Catholic Education and sharing the love of Christ with young people.

During the Diocesan Teachers' Institute Mass, held Monday, Sept. 26, 2022, at Saint Nicholas Church, each honoree received the Saint John Paul II Award for 25 years or more of dedicated service to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Scranton.

The recipients include Diane Centrella of Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg; Alisia McNamee of Saint John Neumann Regional Academy in Williamsport; Jennifer Olmstead of Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg; Ann Marie Rogers of Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton; and Christopher Tigue of Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School in Wilkes-Barre.

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## **Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen installs new Advisory Board members**



St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton recently installed a new member and officers to its advisory board.

Shown, from left: Judge Julia K. Munley, past board president, who swore in the new member and the new officers; Paola Giangiacomo, the newest addition to the Saint Francis Advisory Board; David Hollander, incoming advisory board president; Maria McCool, incoming advisory board secretary; Michele Bannon, incoming advisory board vice president.

For information about volunteer opportunities or the donation needs of the St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, call (570) 342-5556.

## **Hurricane Ian leaves catastrophe in Florida, millions without power**



It's too early to tell the extent of the damage in the Catholic dioceses of Venice and St. Petersburg in Florida following a direct hit Sept. 28 by Hurricane Ian, one of the most powerful hurricanes the state has seen.

However, organizations such as Catholic Charities USA said they have their response teams in place to deal with the aftermath of the massive Category 4 storm that lashed western and central Florida with winds of more than 155 mph Sept. 28 and 29.

Even in a state used to powerful storms, Ian's destruction managed to shock, leaving mementos of its might in the form of cars battered by winds and water, left floating in flooded city streets next to uprooted trees and parts of roofs torn from buildings in the cities of Fort Myers, Tampa and Punta Gorda.

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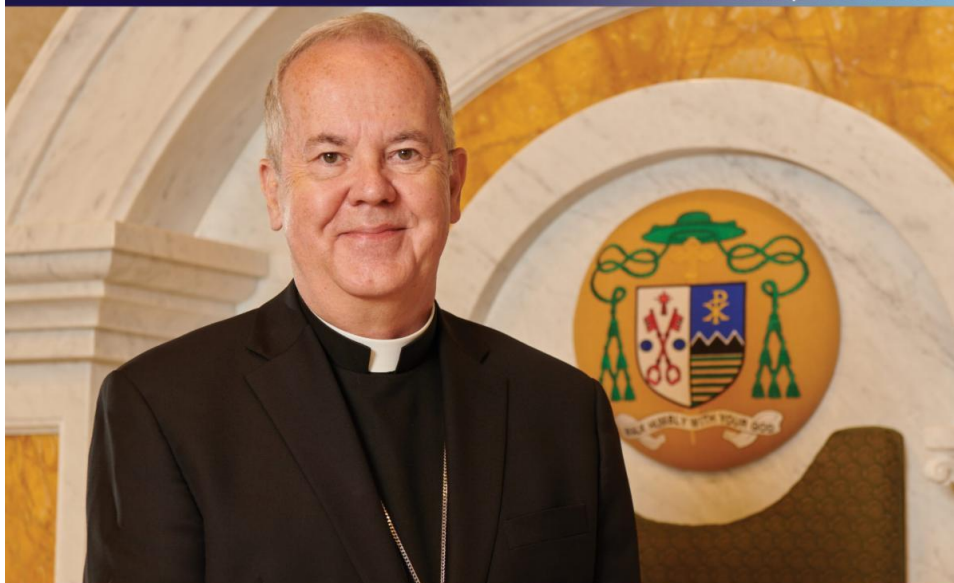
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**2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal underway, goal  
set at \$4.5 million**



*"The Diocesan Annual Appeal helps us come together as **one community of faith** to provide the **essential ministries** that no one parish can do on its own."*

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



### ***Thank You for Changing Lives!***

Your **generosity** to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal reaches tens of thousands of our friends and neighbors throughout the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton.

We are called to share our gifts with others to build the Kingdom of God. Your support of the Appeal provides support that fulfills **basic needs** and **builds the future of our church**.



***GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!***

Your generosity to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal reaches many of our friends and neighbors throughout the 11 county area of northeastern and north central Pennsylvania.

Gifts to the Appeal provide necessary support that fulfills basic needs and builds the future of our Church. God calls us to share our gifts with others to build up the Kingdom of God.

No gift is too small to make a difference!

Make a Safe & Secure Online Donation to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal Today

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