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Young adults energized by annual Leave a Mark Mass



As he left the seventh annual Leave a Mark Mass, Tommy Flynn felt energized and excited.

“I think that Leave a Mark gives a lot of young people in the Diocese the opportunity, some for the first time, to be in a church filled with other

young people and to get to socialize and see people from all across the Diocese being involved in something bigger than just their parish,” he said.

Flynn, 22, was one of several hundred people to attend the Leave a Mark Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022.

As an active parishioner of both Saint John the Evangelist and Saint Joseph Mareello Parishes in Pittston, Flynn says his faith is a sign of hope in a challenging world.

“Having faith and being active in the church really gives young people the opportunity to work through some of the issues they’re facing,” he explained.

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Diocese of Scranton statement on "Pennsylvania Catholic Tribune" publication



The Diocese of Scranton has learned in recent days that numerous parishioners have received a publication in their mailbox called the “Pennsylvania Catholic Tribune.”

Purporting itself to be Catholic, the newspaper features politically related content among its many articles. The publication also has accompanying websites, pacatholictribune and/or americancatholictribune, which appear to mention several dioceses in Pennsylvania, including the Diocese of Scranton.

It is important for all people to know that this publication and its accompanying website are neither endorsed by, nor are they affiliated with, the Diocese of Scranton or the Catholic Church.

The Diocese of Scranton also wants to assure its parishioners that the publisher did not receive mailing information from the diocese or any of its parishes. The diocese does not sell or provide its contact information for parishioners to any third party.

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Dozens attend community meal at Pocono Pines parish



The final free community dinner of 2022 at Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines, was a huge success!

The parish hall was warm and inviting – decorated in the colors of autumn – and friendly conversation filled the room.

More than 86 guests enjoyed a delicious served meal of roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, a garden salad, dinner roll, and their choice of homemade dessert – pumpkin pie or apple cake.

The dinner also provided hot and cold beverages including apple cider, a definite taste of the season!

[Learn More about the Free Community Dinners Held at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish](#)

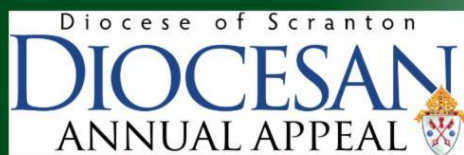
2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal halfway to goal of \$4.5 million

*"Without Holy Cross and my 12 years of Catholic education, I **would not be where I am today!**"*

- Sam Mulvey, 2022 Holy Cross Valedictorian
Now attending U.S. Military Academy at West Point



By supporting **Catholic Schools**, more than 4,400 young men and women receive an education that is both spiritually sound and academically excellent. Each day, our schools are fulfilling their mission of preparing today's youth and young adults to become tomorrow's faith-filled leaders.



GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!

The 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal is now more than half-way to its \$4.5 million goal!

Thanks to the generous donations of thousands of parishioners from parishes all across the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton, the Appeal is able to help many of our brothers and sisters in need.

From helping to operate food pantries, kitchens and shelters through Catholic Social Services - to educating more than 4,400 students in 19 Catholic Schools - the Diocesan Annual Appeal's reach is vast.

Many of the gifts that are received are \$25 and \$100 - and when those gifts come together - big things can happen.

Funding from the 2022 Annual Appeal helps to benefit retired clergy and seminarians, Catholic Schools, Catholic Social Services, Catholic communication efforts, Parish Life initiatives, as well as Social Justice and Faith Formation grants to parishes.

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More than 530 families in Lackawanna County register for 'Gifts for Kids' program in first week; registrations to continue until 750 families register

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR KIDS REGISTRATION

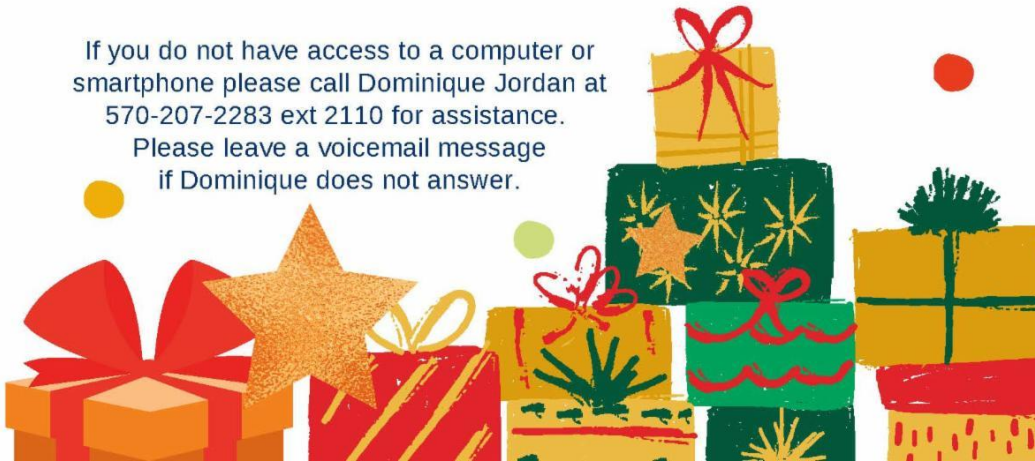
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Registration is open until 750 families have registered.
Go to <https://form.jotform.com/223004779449159>
or scan the QR code on the left to register.

Parents **Must** upload proof of address in Lackawanna County,
and one of the following for **EACH CHILD**:
insurance card, birth certificate, social security card, or report card

If you do not have access to a computer or
smartphone please call Dominique Jordan at
570-207-2283 ext 2110 for assistance.
Please leave a voicemail message
if Dominique does not answer.



**Seminaries don't form 'supermen,' but humble
servants, pope says**



The mission of a seminary “is not to form ‘supermen’ who pretend to know and control everything,” but to help seminarians become priests who are humble servants of the communities they continue to belong to, Pope Francis said.

“The Lord calls some of his disciples to be priests, that is, he chooses some of the sheep from his flock and invites them to be shepherds of their brothers and sisters,” the pope wrote in a speech prepared for a group of rectors and staff members of seminaries in Latin America.

As priests, “we are fellow disciples of the rest of the Christian faithful and, therefore, we share the same human and spiritual needs, just as we are subject to the same frailties, limitations and errors,” he wrote in the text he handed to the group Nov. 10 before speaking to them off the cuff.

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Ukrainian Archbishop tells Pope Russia wants to destroy, not negotiate



Pope Francis has continued to call on Russian and Ukrainian leaders to negotiate an end to the war, but the head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church told him Russia wants only the destruction of Ukraine.

Ukrainian Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Halych met Pope Francis Nov. 7 at the Vatican, the first time the two have met in person since Russia started the war in late February, although they have spoken on the phone many times.

Archbishop Shevchuk gave the pope “a fragment of a Russian mine that destroyed the facade of the Ukrainian Catholic church building in the town of Irpin, near Kyiv, in March,” the archbishop’s office said. “It is a very symbolic gift, not only because Irpin was one of the first ‘martyr towns’ affected by the Russian aggression against Ukraine, but also because similar pieces of landmines are extracted from the bodies of Ukrainian soldiers, civilians and children, a visible sign of the destruction and death that war brings every day.”

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Vatican opens clinic in St. Peter's Square for World Day of the Poor



As part of the Vatican celebration of World Day of the Poor, a dozen doctors and nurses and 90 medical students set up shop in St. Peter's Square.

“We know there are people who need medical care and are not getting it, so our aim is to offer exams and blood tests and make referrals to specialists,” said Dr. Giuseppe Marinaro, an emergency room physician from Padua, who was on duty in the square Nov. 10.

While the primary goal is to help the poor, especially those living on the streets around the Vatican, the presence in the square of three campers modified as clinics also is “a provocation,” said Archbishop Rino Fisichella of the Dicastery for Evangelization, which coordinates the World Day of the Poor events. “The poor exist and there are more of them than most people think. This is a reminder.”

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Join us in Praying for Vocations!

Prayer for Vocations

O Father, you desire all of us to be happy.

Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts
of many men and women.

Grant to them the willingness and generosity
to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their
talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our
Lord and Savior, and to His Holy Church.

May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons,
brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic
faith to all others so that soon they, too, may know You
better and love You more...
and serving You, be truly happy. Amen.



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