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Diocesan Annual Appeal positively impacts many lives

Mothers and babies at Shepherd's Maternity House benefit from Appeal funding

EAST STROUDSBURG – When she was just 20 weeks pregnant, Jessica found herself in need of a place to live. Not knowing where to turn, she was encouraged to contact Shepherd's Maternity House in East Stroudsburg.

Within days, Jessica was staying in a safe, comfortable home where she was able to prepare for the birth of her son.

"I am so grateful for the fact that I found this, just for the simple fact of being here while I was pregnant. I got to get comfortable," Jessica said. "I worked almost my entire pregnancy. They took me to and from work and took me to my doctor appointments."

Operated by Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton, Shepherd's Maternity House is a transitional housing facility for women who are single and pregnant, or who have just given birth.

"The staff here is wonderful. This is one of the greatest opportunities that I've ever experienced," she explained.

On July 28, 2022, the world was blessed by the birth of Jessica's son, Jaylin.

"He is fantastic. He sleeps four to five hours and eats every four hours when he's not sleeping," Jessica said. "I am so happy to have him."

Without Shepherd's Maternity House, Jessica does not know where she would have ended up.

"Without this place, I have no idea what I would have done. It was scary as far as being pregnant and just having no answers and then coming here and actually being able to have somewhere comfortable



Above: Christie, who has been staying at Shepherd's Maternity House in East Stroudsburg since Oct. 2021, plays with her daughter Abigail.



Right: Jessica poses with her infant son, Jaylin, who was born on July 28, 2022. Both are currently being assisted by Catholic Social Services.

to stay," she added.

Christie's story is very similar.

She came to Shepherd's Maternity House in October 2021 and gave birth to her daughter, Abigail, six months later in April 2022.

"Abigail is a very happy baby. She's very sweet. Her name means 'joy' so it's very suiting for her. She's very joyful and she loves it here. She loves everyone here,

all of the staff," Christie said.

Christie was referred to Shepherd's Maternity House by a local pregnancy resource center. Staff members quickly helped to get her settled and comfortable.

"I've gotten donations, even maternity clothes, things for the baby and other resources," she explained. "They have pointed me in the right direction so I can get on my feet."

From the minute she walked into Shepherd's Maternity House, Christie said she was given a warm welcome.

"I was surprised to see it was such a home-like atmosphere," Christie said. "All of the moms staying here are here for one another. We support one another. We have our own challenges but we've been able to learn from one another."

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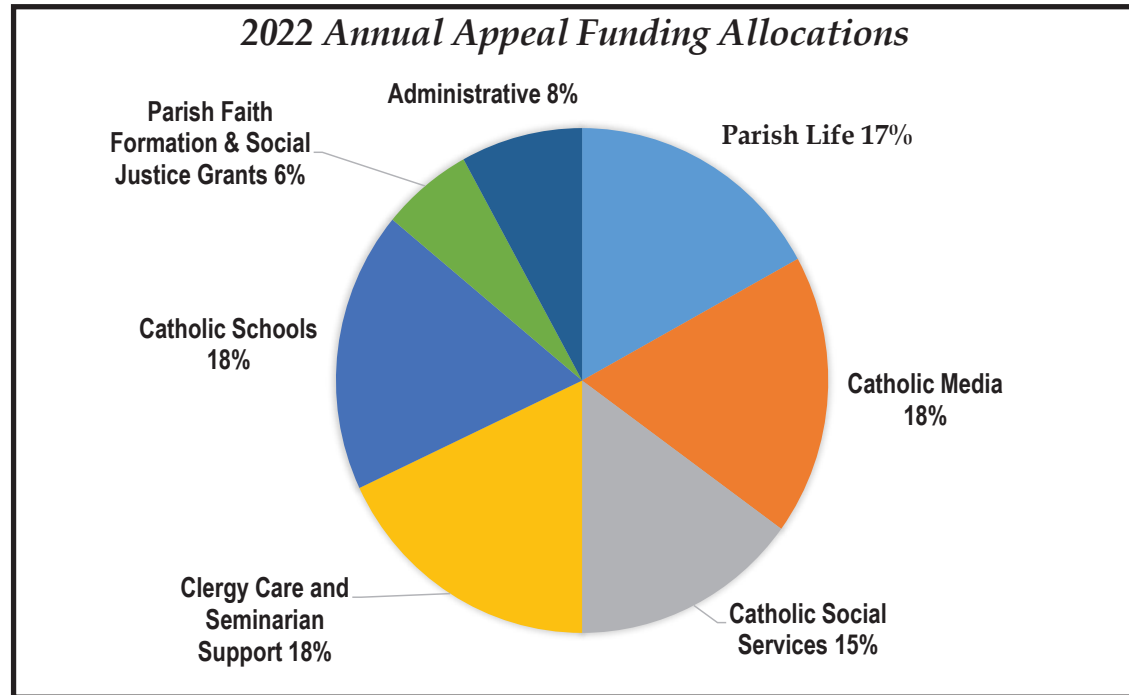
Every mother and baby who comes through the door of Shepherd's Maternity House is loved beyond measure. As many as eight women and eight infants at a time are able to stay at the facility for up to 18 months.

More than just a roof over their heads and a safe place to sleep, Shepherd's Maternity House staff provide resources and support for the women to become self-reliant.

From parenting classes, rides to doctor appointments, and providing donated clothing, diapers, bottles and toys – every need of both mothers and babies is met.

"It is a blessing and it is so needed. I'm so grateful because I didn't know where I was going to go when I first got pregnant and I wasn't aware that there were even maternity shelters so it was a relief," Christie explained. "There are so many women, like me, who don't know where to go. They may be afraid and they need a safe place."

Donations to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal benefit



Catholic Social Services and help to keep the doors of Shepherd's Maternity House open.

"We are so grateful for all the donations from all the local parishes and parishes in our diocese that have given Shepherd's Maternity (House) so much. The girls and the infants have no need," Kathy Chelednik said.

For the last five years, Chelednik has served as supervisor of Shepherd's Maternity House.

"Shepherd's Maternity House is not your typical shelter. It becomes a home and it gives the women a home to be in," she explained.

Chelednik has seen first-hand how gifts to the Diocesan Annual

Appeal directly benefit mothers like Jessica and Christie. She has also seen how little miracles, like Jaylin and Abigail, are provided a loving and nurturing place to call home for the first months of their lives.

"A lot of women come in with nothing and leave with a lot of dignity," Chelednik said.

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Eight men called to Candidacy for Permanent Diaconate

SCRANTON – As a member of Saint Ann Parish in Shohola, Frank A. Fanelli has served his community through the Knights of Columbus for several years. He has proudly helped to distribute thousands of meals over that time but is now looking to serve his community in a new way.

On Oct. 1, 2022, Fanelli was one of eight faith-filled men who took a step toward ordination as a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Scranton during a Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

“I’ve had the calling for a while. It (Mass) was actually tear jerking. This is the first step in a long process,” he explained. “I’m just looking to help people.”

The Mass, in which the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant and homilist, included the Rite of Candidacy.

During the Rite of Candidacy, Bishop Bambera accepted 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.

In addition to Fanelli, the seven other men who participated in the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders were Fernando B. Alves, Saint Luke Parish, Stroudsburg; Ernesto A. Capo, Jr., Saint Ann Parish, Shohola; Michaelangelo J. Colaneri, Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton; Joel Marte, Saint Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg; Jorge A. Roca,



Pictured after the Mass with the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders on Oct. 1, 2022, are, front row, from left: Deacon Walter G. Janoski, Coordinator of Candidate Advisor and Pastoral Formation Programs; Christian D. Saunders; Rafael Sanchez Velasquez; Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton; Jorge A. Roca; Monsignor David Bohr, Diocesan Secretary for Clergy Formation; and Rev. John V. Polednak, V.E., Episcopal Vicar for Clergy. Second row, from left: Michaelangelo J. Colaneri; Joel Marte; Ernesto A. Capo, Jr.; Fernando B. Alves; Frank A. Fanelli; and Francisco Castelan.

Saint Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg; Rafael Sánchez Velásquez, Saint Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg; and Christian D. Saunders, Saint Paul Parish, Scranton.

Capo said one of many things that led him to consider diaconal service is the growing number of people who do not believe in God.

“I believe with the lack of faith now in this world, in this climate, I feel that I can stand in the gap of people who believe and don’t believe, or people that are on the fence, where I can push them toward the way of God,” he explained.

Capo said if he could accomplish just five percent of what the early Apostles did, his ministry will have been successful.

“It’s a lot of responsibility but moving forward, it is something you have to hold dear – and through God – that is how it happens,” he added.

During his homily, Bishop Bambera told those admitted to Candidacy that God is calling them to a moment in life that demands a radical decision of faith and trust.

“Your openness to the call to serve the Church demands a letting go of your own

ego, needs, interests and control in order to trust in Jesus and the life He embraced – a life that found Him washing the feet of His friends in humble service and inviting His followers to do the same,” the bishop said. “Your openness to the call to serve the Church also demands that you know well that you cannot succeed in this way of life apart from the grace of God.”

The bishop also thanked each man on behalf of all people in the Diocese of Scranton.

“You are responding to a call to be a sign and instrument of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life for the sake of the many,” Bishop Bambera explained.

Colaneri reflected on the importance of the bishop’s words following the Mass.

“It’s a calling to something more than yourself. You want to be in service to those who need you,” he said.

While he already has a full-time job as a store manager for a refrigeration and heating equipment business, Colaneri is looking forward to the opportunity that lies ahead.

“A lot of time people think the pomp and circumstance of being on the altar is where the glory comes, but in being a deacon, you set that aside. You become ‘less than,’ you become one of the people bringing the spirit of Christ to the people through the Church,” he added.

A ninth man, Francisco Castelan, has also been accepted into this formation class for permanent deacons, but he already received the Rite of Candidacy in 2013 in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Special collection for victims of recent hurricanes to be held in parishes across Diocese

SCRANTON – As residents of Florida begin the process of rebuilding their homes and livelihoods after devastation from Hurricane Ian, they will be getting assistance from the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, has asked all parishes in the diocese to take up a special collection to donate to the victims of recent hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Many will hold that special collection on the weekend of Oct. 15 and 16, 2022.

“In view of the devastation caused by Hurricanes Ian and Fiona in the southeast United States starting in Florida, but also

Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, many lives have been lost along with severe damage and destruction to properties,” Bishop Bambera wrote in a letter to priests of the diocese asking them to organize a special collection.

Hurricane Fiona brought winds up to 85 mph and more than 20 inches of rain to Puerto Rico on Sept. 18, knocking out water and power on the island. Over 1,000 people were rescued as the storm flooded streets, caused mudslides and destroyed infrastructure.

On Sept. 23, five days before Fiona dissipated, Hurricane Ian formed, first striking

Cuba, and then making landfall in the Ft. Myers, Florida area on Sept. 28, as a Category 4 storm. When Ian plowed into southwest Florida, the top gust recorded by a National Weather Service station was 155 mph at the Punta Gorda airport north of Fort Myers.

Though Ian was downgraded to a tropical storm, it regained strength and regrouped as a hurricane before heading toward South Carolina.

The funds collected in the Diocese of Scranton’s special collection will become part of the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund. The money will support the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in the

pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church as well as the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church.

Both Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services are already on the ground, assisting local agencies in providing humanitarian relief, supplying food, water and sanitation assistance. Repair and rebuilding of homes will take place as soon as possible.

As he concluded his letter, Bishop Bambera stated, “I thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response to those in need.”

Celebrating 100 years of selfless service

Mass celebrating Centenary of the Founding of the Little Sisters of Saint Francis held in Archbald

ARCHBALD – For nearly 100 years, the Little Sisters of Saint Francis have spread joy, hope, happiness and a love of the Gospel wherever they have gone.

As the religious congregation prepares to celebrate the centenary of its founding in 2023, many of the Catholic sisters who minister to the poor and marginalized in the United States gathered for Mass at Christ the King Parish in Lackawanna County on Oct. 1, 2022.

“Today is a big day for us because we are launching the centennial celebration of our foundress, Mother Kevin Kearney, who founded the Little Sisters of Saint Francis in Uganda, East Africa, in 1923,” Sister Lucy Marindany, LSOSF, said.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant and homilist for the Eucharistic celebration.

Two sisters, Sister Nancy Kamau, LSOSF, and Sister Julietha Mduma, LSOSF, currently live in the convent at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Eynon and serve local missions that benefit many people in the Scranton area.



Sister Nancy serves as the National Superior of the Little Sisters of Saint Francis and oversees communities in six other parts of the United States, including Binghamton, N.Y., Williamsburg, Va., Milwaukee, Wis., Los Angeles, Cali., Brooklyn, N.Y., and Springfield, Mo. She is also the Director of Development of ASEC (African Sisters Education Collaborative) at Marywood University, which raises funds to provide tuition for religious sisters in Africa to do undergraduate and graduate work to deepen their service of the Church locally and abroad.

Sister Julietha serves

selflessly in pastoral ministry at Saint Joseph’s Center.

“We have Sisters working in diverse situations and we are grateful to God for the gift of our vocation that enables us to go out and do ministry following in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi,” Sister Nancy explained.

Many of the Sisters who work in the other parts of the United States attended the Mass in Archbald. That includes Sister Rose Mary Nakhumicha, LSOSF, who works in colonial Williamsburg.

“I work with the disabled, both mentally challenged and physically challenged, as a medical person,” she said. “I enjoy the work in the community.”

Sister Mary Jane Athieno, LSOSF, who works in the Binghamton area, said it is a blessing to help the poor and underprivileged.

“I do pastoral care in five different nursing homes and work with the homebound. I also do church ministry in my parish,” she explained.

In 2016, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints officially accepted the Cause for Beatification of Mother Kevin Kearney and she was declared a



Left: Following their Renewal of Vows, the Little Sisters of Saint Francis sing a Thanksgiving Chorus during a Mass celebrating the Centenary of the Founding of their religious community.

Above Left: Sisters present the Gifts of the Mass in a reserved, traditional African procession.

Above Right: Sister Agnes Narocho, LSOSF, greets parishioners following the Mass on Oct. 1, 2022. (Photos/Mike Melisky)



‘Servant of God.’ That begins the lengthy process to sainthood.

The current Little Sisters of Saint Francis pray for Mother Kevin’s cause daily and work to follow her loving and caring example.

“When she came to Uganda, she really worked tirelessly in Uganda helping so many people. She never got tired. She was always working,” Sister Lilia Kagendo, LSOSF, explained.

During the Mass celebrating the centenary of the founding of the Little Sisters of Saint Francis, the Sisters in attendance renewed their vows and offered a brief hymn of Thanksgiving in response to their renewal.

The Sisters also presented the Gifts of the Mass in a reserved, traditional African procession accompanied by a hymn in Swahili.

“The dance was to give Glory to God for his wonders that he has done in our lives, in our ministries here and back in Africa,” Sister Mary Jane explained.

Father Brian J.T. Clarke, Pastor, Christ the King Parish, works closely with the Little Sisters of Saint Francis who work in the Diocese of Scranton. He said they wonderful partners, friends and companions.

“They pray regularly for the intentions of people who are sick or in need or have struggles in their lives and people are drawn to them because of their goodness and their clear openness to help them,” he said. “We are incredibly blessed to have them in our community and are very grateful that they respond so willingly and without any hesitation to the needs of our people.”

During his homily, Bishop Bambera also noted the gift that the Little Sisters of Saint Francis have been to people locally and around the world. He specifically mentioned their ministries of caring for the sick and suffering, helping the poor and marginalized, and teaching the young and old about life and faith rooted in the vision of Saint Francis of Assisi.

“Saint Francis often encouraged his followers, ‘Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible,’” Bishop Bambera said. “Sisters, may our loving God sustain you in the work that you do – a work that to many may seem impossible – but to those with eyes of faith, a work that flows through your hands from the heart of Jesus, our life and our salvation.”



The Little Sisters of Saint Francis hold candles while participating in the Renewal of Vows during Mass on Oct. 1, at Christ the King Parish.

Sullivan County faithful celebrate 150th anniversary of Saint Basil Church

DUSHORE – Hundreds of people came together in prayer and thanksgiving on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first Mass said inside Saint Basil Church.

While the public celebration was delayed a year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the faith and spirit of those in attendance was undeniable.

“Most of the community is here,” parishioner Hayes Clark said. “We have quite a Catholic community here in the Endless Mountains. It is just a good time for all.”

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant of the Mass.

During his homily, he reminded everyone that a parish is more than just a building, it is the People of God.

“Through our faith in the risen Jesus, we are bound to our mothers and fathers, to grandparents and great-grandparents, and to every soul that has ever worshipped in this wonderful church for its 150 years,” Bishop Bambera said. “We are bound together because of the Eucharist that we celebrate on this altar and because of the words of faith that we proclaim



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera served as principal celebrant for the 150th anniversary Mass at Saint Basil Church in Dushore on Sept. 17, 2022.

in its presence: ‘Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.’”

The special Mass brought people to tears.

From baptisms to weddings and funerals, this church has meant so much to people.

“I started to cry in Mass because I was born and raised in this church, baptized in this church and now I’m raising my kids in this church. My daughter served in the choir for the first time today,” parishioner Megan Bohensky said.

Following the Mass, a special

dinner was held in Saint Basil’s hall.

Two proclamations, one from the Dushore mayor and the other from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, were presented.

The history of Saint Basil Church is significant.

The beginning of Catholic life within the present boundaries of the Diocese of Scranton in the early 1800s traces some of its earliest roots back to the Dushore-area.

“It’s 150 years since the church was built. My granduncle, Father Xavier A. Kaier came from Germany. He traveled and



Following Mass, an anniversary reception for parishioners was held in Saint Basil’s Hall. (Photos courtesy/The Sullivan Review)

said Mass and then came here and was the first rector, I think of this parish. He’s buried outside the church,” parishioner Suzanne Kaier explained.

Numerous renovations have helped Saint Basil Church remain the ‘beacon of faith’ that it is today.

Its most recent challenge came in 2019 when the church was damaged in an EF-1 tornado with winds of up to 110 miles an hour.

“We had a tornado that tore part of the roof off. A tree fell on the rectory and knocked Father

Thom out of bed but when Father said ‘we need to raise money,’ everybody came through,” parishioner Bob Guglielmi said.

After more than a century and a-half of doing Christ’s work, celebrating life, teaching people about Jesus and the faith, and helping those in need, the people in Dushore show no signs of slowing down.

“We as a Catholic community really strive to help out wherever we can in the community and the community in general is just one wonderful community to live in,” parishioner Donn Tourscher said.

Father Horanzy dies at age 90; served the Scranton Diocese for 63 years

NANTICOKE — Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant of a Pontifical Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial for Father Joseph M. Horanzy on Oct. 7 at Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke.

Father Horanzy, pastor emeritus of the former Saint Stanislaus Parish, Wilkes-Barre, died Oct. 2 at Saint Mary’s Villa Nursing Home in Elmhurst at the age of 90.

Born in Nanticoke on March 6, 1932, son of the late Michael and Stella Saulinski Horanzy,

Father Horanzy graduated from Nanticoke High School before enrolling at King’s College in Wilkes-Barre.

A graduate of Saint Mary’s Seminary at Orchard Lake, Mich., he completed his preparatory studies and priestly formation at Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, and was ordained to the priesthood for the Scranton Diocese on Feb. 21, 1959, at Saint Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo, N.Y., by Most Rev. Joseph A. Burke, late Bishop of Buffalo.

Following ordination, Father Horanzy was assigned as parochial



Father Joseph M. Horanzy

vicar at Saint Leo Parish, Ashley, where he served until being appointed parochial vicar at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Peckville, in

February 1966. He subsequently was named parochial vicar at Saints Peter and Paul in Plains in January 1975.

A year later, Father Horanzy received his first pastoral appointment, at the parishes of Saint Francis, Friendsville, and Saint Thomas, Little Meadows, serving until 1977, when he was assigned the pastorate of Saints Peter and Paul, Avoca.

In 1982, Father was named pastor of Saint Casimir in Dunmore, where he ministered to the parish faithful for ten years. He received his final parochial

assignment in 1992, as pastor of Saint Stanislaus Parish, Wilkes-Barre, serving for 15 years until his appointment as pastor emeritus and retirement from active ministry on July 10, 2007.

“Anyone who knew Father Horanzy knows that he was never shy about telling you what he thought,” Father Bob Simon began to open the homily at the funeral Mass for his longtime dear friend, after which he indicated that a few months earlier, Father Horanzy reminded the younger priest that he would soon preach at his funeral.

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“Because of your prayers, Ukraine is still standing”

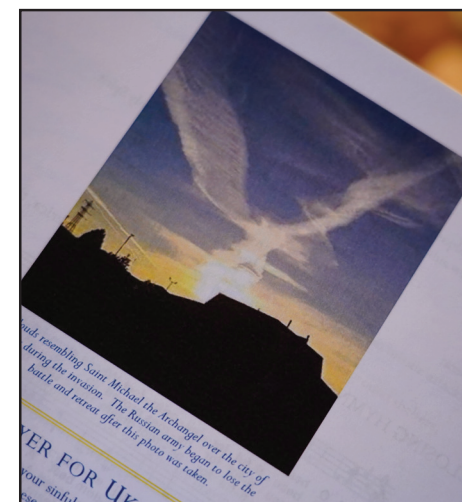
Community joins together for Prayer Service for an End to the War in Ukraine



Father Myron Myroniuk, left, Pastor, Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church of Scranton and the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, lead a Prayer Service for an End to the War in Ukraine on Sept. 25, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. (Photos/Mike Melisky)



Director Patrick Marcinko leads the Choir of Saints Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church of Olyphant in song during the Prayer Service for an End to the War in Ukraine.



The Prayer Service program included a photo featuring clouds resembling Saint Michael the Archangel over the city of Kyiv during the invasion. The Russian army began to lose the battle for Kyiv and retreat after this photo was taken.

SCRANTON – 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 Myroniuk, 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.

“It was a beautiful event and I think it brought everyone together to share in the need for prayer to stop the war in Ukraine,”

Mary Beth Carson of Scranton said.

As the Russian invasion of Ukraine reached its seven-month mark, Carson said she continues to have concerns about how long the war will last.

“I do have concerns about how the people of Ukraine will continue to be able to sustain themselves against the enemy,” she added. “That just underscores why we need to be here and we do need to work together in prayer.”

As he welcomed the crowd to the Cathedral, Bishop Bambera noted that with the passage of time many people have become “desensitized” to the ongoing war.

“We must continue to be vigilant,” the bishop noted. “Perhaps this is the most appropriate time to storm heaven with our hopes, our prayers and most especially our trust in God’s mercy.”

The Russian invasion of Ukraine began on Feb. 24. Thousands of Ukrainians have been killed in the conflict and many others, including civilians, have been wounded.

Father Myroniuk expressed his deep appreciation and gratitude for everyone who has been praying for his motherland.

“What is clear is that great suffering and a heavy cross have been placed upon

many innocent people, who in all truth, have nowhere to turn expect to God – God, who is the comforter of the afflicted, the refuge of the storm,” he said.

The Ukrainian pastor said his brother, who is a member of the Ukrainian military, has gotten all of his fellow soldiers to pray. He said they have no fear in repelling their Russian aggressors.

“They all pray. They pray the rosary. Most of them, they don’t pray often but they know they need the help,” Father Myroniuk recounted.

Since the beginning of the Russian invasion, Father Myroniuk noted that people in Lackawanna County have donated \$200,000 to help Ukraine, including medications, winter pants, boots and much more.

“Churches, schools, hospitals, homes, orphanages, cultural centers, libraries, roads, bridges and parks are being destroyed,” he said. “But you know, because of your holy prayers, Ukraine is still standing!”

The prayer service came during a pivotal time. Just days prior, in a prerecorded video message, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a



More than 150 people attended the Prayer Service for an End to the War in Ukraine on Sept. 25, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

partial military mobilization that would call up roughly 300,000 reservists to the military. During the address, Mr. Putin also challenged the West over its support for Ukraine.

“Today, Ukraine is fighting for every nation’s right to exist,” Father Myroniuk added.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help those impacted by the War in Ukraine, you may drop it off or it mail to:

Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church of Scranton
430 North Seventh Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503

Thousands attend second annual 'March for Life' in Harrisburg

HARRISBURG – As he finished marching around the State Capitol, Thaddeus Zielinski, 67, a resident of Chinchilla, said he was “thrilled” by the size of the crowd at the second annual Pennsylvania March for Life.

“I was very impressed, especially for a state march or gathering,” Zielinski said. “I’ve been to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life numerous years and I was very impressed with the Harrisburg March – thrilled actually – and I hope we send a clear message into the Capitol to the governor and whoever the next governor may be.”

More than 5,000 anti-abortion advocates filled the Capitol steps on Sept. 19, 2022, sprawling out onto the complex lawn and even onto North 3rd Street. It was the first official state March in the nation since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*.

Churches from across the Diocese of Scranton had a strong presence at the 2022 March for Life. Numerous buses traveled from nearly every corner of the diocese, including Towanda, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton, Williamsport and Pocono Pines.



More than 5,000 anti-abortion advocates attended the second annual Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg on Sept. 19, 2022. This was the first official state March in the nation since the *Roe v. Wade* reversal.

“Love life, choose life,” the Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, Archbishop of Philadelphia, said as he welcomed the large crowd to an outdoor rally immediately before the march.

Other speakers included Ann McElhinney, producer and co-writer of the film “Gosnell – The Untold Story of America’s Biggest Serial Killer,” Jeanne Mancini, president of the national March for Life, and

former U.S. Senate candidate Kathy Barnette.

Barnette told the crowd she is the byproduct of rape and her mother was just 11 at the time she was conceived.

“I am grateful that there were adults in the room, adults with a mind, with a heart,” Barnette said. “My grandmother couldn’t spell her name but she had enough sense to know that what was growing in my mother’s womb was not a broomstick and was not a clump of cells but a human. It was a life!”

Barnette’s story touched Mike Kilmer of Wyalusing, who arrived at the March for Life on a bus with 35 other people from the Towanda, Wyalusing and Dushore areas.

“Her story is like wow,” Kilmer exclaimed. “I know there were a lot of tears in the audience. What a powerful story. She wouldn’t be here if people subscribed to the theory, ‘Oh, you were raped, so you should abort your baby.’”

Many families and schoolchildren – including students from Holy Redeemer High School, The University



Zach Houston, left, a sophomore at Marywood University, takes a photo with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera and Jordan Cook, a senior at Marywood, at the second annual PA March for Life. (Photos/Eric Deabill)

of Scranton and Marywood University – attended the second annual Pennsylvania March for Life. They joined many Republican lawmakers who have proposed anti-abortion legislation in the GOP-controlled General Assembly.

“A lot of our representatives should be paying attention. We’ve noticed that several of the representatives won’t even acknowledge the fact that we’re out here and you can see that there are thousands of people. How can you ignore that?” Alex Piechocki, a resident of Towanda and parishioner at Saints Peter & Paul Parish, asked.

Carol Carroll organized a bus trip from Luzerne County’s Back Mountain with the assistance of a Social Justice Grant from the Diocesan Annual Appeal. That meant dozens of parishioners from Gate of Heaven Parish and Our Lady of Victory Parish could attend the March for Life.

“This year’s March was definitely bigger than last year. There was a lot more excitement too. It was great,” Carroll said.

“We’ve now got to go home and spread the word, not only

to be here in Harrisburg but be in our communities and in our churches,” her fellow parishioner, Nancy Restaino, added.

Pennsylvania remains a state where abortions are still legal through the end of the 23rd week of pregnancy and allowed after only in cases of life or health endangerment.

Meanwhile, other states are passing laws or implementing restrictions on abortion in the post-*Roe* era where the legality of abortion is left up to each state.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, attended this year’s March for Life in Harrisburg. He also concelebrated the 1:30 p.m. Mass at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral in Harrisburg which was attended by hundreds of people, including many from the Scranton area.

“It is a great testimony and witness to the fact that at the heart of the belief of so many of our Catholics is this incredible respect for human life and it’s really consoling to me to see our people be willing to stand on what they believe and be willing to profess it so boldly,” the bishop said.



Attending the March for Life on Sept. 19, 2022, from Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre was, from left: Jeff Passetti, Sophia Fiedorczyk, Marcus Fiedorczyk, Lukas Kachinko and Megan Martin.

Bishop appoints priests to serve as Deans in twelve Diocesan Deaneries

SCRANTON – In accord with canon 553 of the *Code of Canon Law*, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, has appointed several priests to serve as Deans in the twelve Deaneries of the Diocese of Scranton for

a term of three years, effective Oct. 6, 2022.

Deans, who are also known as Vicar Forane, are appointed by the Bishop after he has consulted the priests in the deanery.

Besides presiding at

scheduled deanery meetings, Deans are responsible for soliciting any concerns of the priests in his deanery to be brought before the Presbyteral Council. The Dean can also serve as a Representative of the Bishop

at community, parish or deanery events as requested by the Bishop.

Deans cooperate with the Regional Episcopal Vicar and the Office for Parish Life to foster common pastoral action in the Diocese and to

coordinate common pastoral activity in the deanery.

As outlined in the *Code of Canon Law*, Deans also see to it that the clergy of his deanery perform their duties diligently, ensure that liturgical celebrations are

carried out in accord with the prescribed ritual books and that sacramental registers are properly maintained.

Deans also conduct canonical visitations of each parish in his deanery as determined by the Bishop.



Rev. David P. Cappelloni, V.F.
Dean of Dunmore Deanery

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Dunmore
Ss. Anthony and Rocco Parish, Dunmore
Blessed Sacrament Parish, Throop
Holy Cross Parish, Olyphant
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Dickson City
St. Eulalia Parish, Roaring Brook Township
St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Moscow



Rev. Brian J.W. Clarke, V.F.
Dean of Stroudsburg Deanery

St. Luke Parish, Stroudsburg
St. Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg
St. John Parish, East Stroudsburg
Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Brodheadsville
Our Lady of Victory Parish, Tannersville
St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines
Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco
St. Rita Parish, Gouldsboro



Rev. Bert S. Kozen, V.F.
Dean of Williamsport Deanery

St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Williamsport
St. Ann Parish, Williamsport
St. Boniface Parish, Williamsport
St. Lawrence Parish, S. Williamsport
Immaculate Conception Parish, Bastress
St. Luke Parish, Jersey Shore
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Montoursville
Resurrection Parish, Muncy
Holy Child Parish, Mansfield
St. Peter Parish, Wellsboro
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Elkland



Rev. Kevin M. Miller, V.F.
Dean of Sayre Deanery

Epiphany Parish, Sayre
Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, Towanda
St. Michael Parish, Canton
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Wyalusing
St. Brigid Parish, Friendsville
Holy Name of Mary Parish, Montrose
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Dushore
Most Holy Trinity Parish, Susquehanna



Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn, V.F.
Dean of Clarks Summit Deanery

St. Gregory Parish, Clarks Green
Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit
Our Lady of the Abingtons Parish, Dalton
St. Patrick Parish, Nicholson
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Tunkhannock
St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Lake Winola
St. John Vianney Parish, Montdale



Msgr. Neil J. Van Loon, V.F.
Dean of Scranton Deanery

Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton
St. Paul Parish, Scranton
Immaculate Conception, Scranton
Mary, Mother of God, Scranton
St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Scranton
St. John Neumann Parish, Scranton
Divine Mercy Parish, Scranton
St. Lucy Parish, Scranton
Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, Scranton
St. Ann Basilica Parish, Scranton
St. Patrick Parish, Scranton
St. Michael Parish, Scranton
Prince of Peace Parish, Old Forge



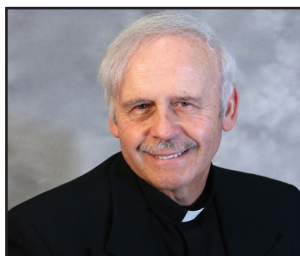
Rev. Richard J. Cirba, V.F.
Dean of Wilkes-Barre Deanery

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, Plains
Our Lady of Fatima Parish, WB
St. Nicholas Parish, WB
St. Andrew Parish, WB
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, WB
Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Hanover Township
St. Leo the Great Parish, Ashley
St. Elizabeth Parish, Bear Creek
St. Jude Parish, Mountain Top
Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish, Dorrance



Rev. Joseph P. Elston, V.F.
Dean of Pittston Deanery

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston
St. Joseph Marelo Parish, Pittston
Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish, Pittston
Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston
Queen of the Apostles Parish, Avoca
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Dupont
Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Duryea
St. Barbara Parish, Exeter
St. Maria Goretti Parish, Lafflin
St. Monica Parish, West Wyoming



Rev. Joseph Manarchuck, V.F.
Dean of Honesdale Deanery

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Honesdale
Queen of Peace Parish, Hawley
St. Thomas More Parish, Lake Ariel
St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Dingman Hills
St. Joseph Parish, Matamoras
St. Patrick Parish, Milford
St. John Neumann Parish, Lords Valley
St. Ann Parish, Shohola
St. Mary Parish, Waymart



Rev. Michael J. Piccola, V.F.
Dean of Hazleton Deanery

Annunciation Parish, Hazleton
Holy Rosary Parish, Hazleton
Most Precious Blood Parish, Hazleton
Queen of Heaven Parish, Hazleton
Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Hazleton
Holy Name of Jesus Parish, W. Hazleton
St. John Bosco Parish, Conyngham
Good Shepherd Parish, Drums
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Freeland
St. Patrick Parish, White Haven



Rev. Brian Van Fossen, V.F.
Dean of Kingston Deanery

St. Ignatius Parish, Kingston
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Swoyersville
All Saints Parish, Plymouth
St. John the Baptist Parish, Larksville
Holy Family Parish, Luzerne
St. Faustina Parish, Nanticoke
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Lake Silkworth
Holy Spirit Parish, Mocanaqua
St. Therese Parish, Shavertown
St. Frances Cabrini Parish, Carverton
Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas
Our Lady of Victory, Harveys Lake



Rev. Seth Wasnock, V.F.
Dean of Carbondale Deanery

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Carbondale
Christ the King Parish, Archbald
Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Jermyn
Queen of Angels Parish, Jessup
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Peckville
Ascension Parish, Forest City
St. Katherine Drexel Parish, Pleasant Mount

Are you ready to #Leave a Mark?

Make sure to join us for Mass on Nov. 6

SCRANTON – Young people from around the Diocese of Scranton will come together on Sunday, Nov. 6 for the annual #Leave a Mark Mass, which will celebrate its seventh anniversary in 2022.

The Mass will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton and there will be a reception featuring live music and a food truck immediately afterward.

The idea for the #Leave a Mark Mass came after Pope Francis spoke to pilgrims at World Youth Day 2016 in Poland.

The Pope said, “Dear young people, we didn’t come into this world to ‘vegetate,’ to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on. No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark. It is very sad to pass through life without leaving a mark.”

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will serve as principal celebrant of the Mass. Father Ryan Glenn, Assistant Pastor, Saint Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg, will serve as homilist.

Hundreds of young people traditionally attend the #Leave a Mark Mass, which helps to kick off National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton.

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast the #Leave a Mark Mass for those who are unable

to attend. The Mass will also be available on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and across all Diocesan social media platforms. Donations to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal help to make all CTV broadcasts possible.



APPOINTMENTS

His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, announces the following appointments, effective October 10, 2022:

Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn, J.D., J.C.L., from Pastor, Saint John Neumann Parish and Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Scranton, to Pastor, Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit.

Reverend Jonathan P. Kuhar, from Parochial Vicar, Saint John Neumann Parish and Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Scranton, to Pastor, Saint John Neumann Parish and Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Scranton.

Reverend Alfredo Rosario Paulino, from the Diocese of La Vega, Dominican Republic, to Parochial Vicar, Saint John Neumann Parish and Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Scranton.

Reverend John M. Lapera, from Administrator, Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit. Father Lapera will continue to serve as Pastor, Saint Gregory Parish, Clarks Green.

His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, announces the following appointment, effective November 26, 2022:

Reverend Helias De Oliveira, from Parochial Vicar, Saint John Neumann Parish and Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Scranton. Father De Oliveira will return to ministry in the Diocese of Joinville, SC, Brazil.



BISHOP BAMBERA'S SCHEDULE

October 20-21 - USCCB Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs Meeting
Chicago

October 22 - Polish National Catholic Church General Synod & 125th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving, Scranton, 11:00 a.m.

October 22 - Mass at Cathedral of Saint Peter
Scranton, 4:00 p.m.

October 23 - World Mission Sunday Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 12:15 p.m.

October 24 - Saint Jude Novena Mass
Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish, Pittston, Noon

October 26 - School Mass for Saint John Neumann Regional Academy
Saint Boniface Church, Williamsport, 10:00 a.m.

October 27 - School Mass for Holy Cross High School
Dunmore, 9:00 a.m.

October 29 - Mass at Saint Michael Church
Canton, 4:00 p.m.

October 30 - Mass at Saint Aloysius Church
Ralston, 8:00 a.m.

October 30 - Mass at Saint Michael Church
Canton, 9:30 a.m.

October 30 - Mass at Saint John Nepomucene Church
Troy, 11:15 a.m.

October 31 - St. Mary's Seminary Board Meeting
Baltimore

November 1 - School Mass at Scranton Preparatory School
Scranton, 8:45 a.m.

November 2 - All Souls' Day Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 12:10 p.m.

November 3 - School Mass for La Salle Academy
Saint Michael Church, Jessup, 9:00 a.m.

November 6 - Consecrated Life Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 12:15 p.m.

November 6 - #Leave A Mark Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, 5:00 p.m.

November 12 - Mass of Gratitude for the Ministry of Eldercare
Mercy Center, Dallas, 4:00 p.m.

November 13-17 - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops General Meeting, Baltimore

Catholic educators receive Saint John Paul II Award for dedicated service

WILKES-BARRE – 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 Tigie of Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School in Wilkes-Barre.

Olmstead, who teaches French to students in seventh thru 12th grade, reflected on what her teaching profession has meant after accepting her award.

"My school is like a family. When we walk in the door, we know that our kids are part of our extended family. Their families are also a part of it," she said. "The teachers at my school are some of my dearest friends. The administration is supportive, so



Three educators and two administrators received the Saint John Paul II Award for 25 or more years of dedicated service to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Scranton on Sept. 26, 2022. Pictured, from left: Michele Long, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Ann Marie Rogers, Saint Clare/Saint Paul School, Scranton; Diane Centrella, Notre Dame Elementary School, East Stroudsburg; Alisia McNamee, Saint John Neumann Regional Academy, Williamsport; Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton; Christopher Tigie, Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School, Wilkes-Barre; Jennifer Olmstead, Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School; and Kristen Donohue, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education/Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

there is a lot that brings us back year after year."

Centrella is now in her 26th year teaching kindergarten.

"I'm always honored to teach the littlest ones. I've learned so much and they're great teachers," she explained. "Every day is different. It is creative and full of God."

Centrella said her students get excited to learn about God.

"It is their favorite subject. They want to hear about Jesus every day. They want to hear stories, they want to talk about what Jesus would do," she added.

After teaching at La Salle Academy in Jessup for nearly two decades, Rogers moved to Saint Clare/Saint Paul School six years ago. She has taught art, pre-school and first grade during all

that time. She also coached track and field and cross-country at Holy Cross High School for more than a decade.

"I have been able to combine my love for Jesus with my daily work," she said. "It's nice to see the kids that you've had grown up and all their accomplishments, getting married. I now have kids of kids that I've taught in school!"

After starting his teaching career in Hazleton, Tigie spent time in Scranton and Dunmore before ending up in Wilkes-Barre. He is currently the principal at Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School.

"We not only teach excellence, but we teach faith and passing that on is really what the mission is all about," he said.

While all the educators receiving the Saint John Paul II Award have seen changes in technology, instruction methods and security, Tigie said one thing has not changed.

"The core values that we have haven't changed," he said.

That is a sentiment that McNamee, the current principal at Saint John Neumann Regional Academy in Williamsport, agreed with wholeheartedly.

"I am a product of Catholic education, actually in the buildings I teach in and lead right now," she said. "The faith, morals and values are needed so much in today's world and society."

While she laughed while explaining that some of her former students are now part of her teaching staff, McNamee said one of the best parts of the job are when former students reach out and explain the lasting impact she has had on them.

"When they come up to you and tell you what you have meant in their life, it's really overwhelming," McNamee ended by saying.

Catholic educators focused on student growth this academic year

WILKES-BARRE – As a new academic year begins for the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System, educators and administrators are focusing on student growth.

"Every single day counts," Kristen Donohue, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education/Superintendent of Catholic Schools, said during the Diocesan

Teachers' Institute on Sept. 26, 2022, at Holy Redeemer High School.

Each year, hundreds of Catholic school educators and administrators from all 19 Diocesan schools gather for the Diocesan Teachers' Institute. The day-long Institute began with the celebration of Mass led by the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera,

Bishop of Scranton, and continued with teachers learning from one another at breakout sessions.

Donohue provided the day's keynote presentation where she outlined growth goals that include attention to Catholic Identity, STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics), Differentiated Instruction and Social Emotional

Learning.

"Every student who comes to us, every single one, can grow," Donohue explained. "We have an incredible opportunity to promote growth for each of our students. We are their biggest cheerleaders."

During her presentation, Donohue explained how students learn in different ways and at

different paces. She also challenged each educator in the audience to have a "growth mindset" instead of a "fixed mindset."

In a "growth mindset," a student's natural abilities are enhanced by a nurturing environment. Under a "fixed mindset," it is believed that a student is born with only a certain

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3. The Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund will contact you when it receives notification that its Special Purpose Entities have been awarded tax credits and will request your contribution.
4. Make your contribution to the Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund. All contributions will be distributed to the Diocese and be used for the school(s) you select.



How Do I Receive My Tax Credit?



In February 2023, the Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund will send you your State and Federal K-1 forms. Your PA K-1 will list your **90% PA tax credit**, which will go on Payment line 23 OC for Other Credit on your PA-40 tax form. The Federal K-1 will list your investment and Federal charitable contribution, which you deduct on Schedule A if you itemize.

For questions or more information, contact Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development at Jim-Bebla@dioceseofscranton.org or call (570) 207-2250

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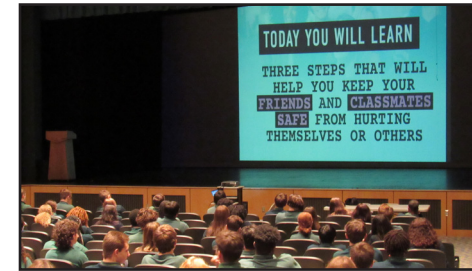
The Diocese of Scranton is committed to educating our students in an environment that is academically excellent and facilitates the development of moral judgment and Christian decision-making. We are proud to share the following successes of our students in the classroom and in their service to others. Each day, our schools are fulfilling their mission of preparing today's youth and young adults to become tomorrow's faith-filled leaders.



The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, celebrated Mass for students, faculty and families of **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** on Oct. 7, 2022. In his inspiring homily, the Bishop reminded everyone they should give thanks for God's love and give that love back by giving to others.



Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton is pleased to announce their Student Council Officers for the 2022-23 school year: Kevin Hayes, President; Eddie James, Vice President; Chloe Mancuso, Treasurer; and Samantha Kelly, Secretary.



Students at **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg** participated in a Mental Health Awareness Assembly which included Safe2Say training.



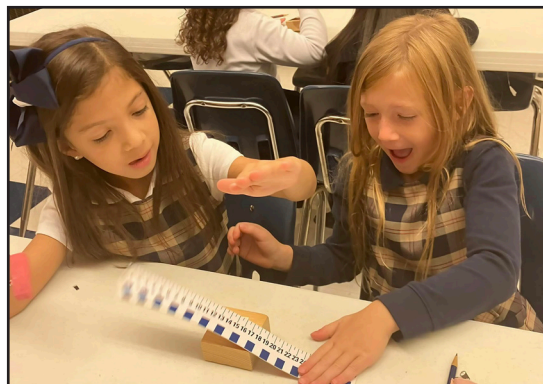
Pre-Kindergarten students at **Epiphany School in Sayre** practice making the sign of the cross and saying prayers every morning to start their school day.



Grace Albert, Milania Curtis, Gianna Venditti and Alexandra Natkaniec, fifth grade students at **Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg**, work on friction and motion science experiments.



Jozef Savage, India Moss, Adelyn Dawes, and Malachi Coleman, 11th grade students at **Saint John Neumann Jr./Sr. High School in Williamsport**, pose with Mark Stiller as they accept a donation from the Pennsylvania Skill Charitable Giving for the school's Neumann Angels Campaign.



There is excitement at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton** as the first grade class learns about simple machines, levers and rollers.



Eric Snarski, a kindergarten student at **Saint Jude School in Mountain Top**, blesses "Pigeon" with holy water for the feast of Saint Francis while classmate Catalina Shoff looks on.



Congratulations to the newly inducted Student Council Officers, Student Council Representatives and Class Officers at **Holy Cross High School in Dunmore**.



Olivia Wasp, Santino Roman, Colin Farrell and Kameryn Gale were recently named the 2022-23 Student Council Officers at **La Salle Academy in Jessup**.



Deacon Steven Frye blesses the stuffed animals of the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students at **Saint John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport** in memory of Saint Francis of Assisi.



In honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, students at **Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School in Wilkes-Barre** invited their pets (real and stuffed) to join them for the annual Blessing of the Animals.



Meet the newly elected Student Council officers at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clerks Green**: Sophie Boland, Recording Secretary; Catalina Campos, Corresponding Secretary; Keira Stofko, President; Nolan Moore, Treasurer; and Sarkis Hazzouri, Vice-President.



Pre-Kindergarten students at **Saint Agnes School in Towanda** learn to use a 3D Doodler so they can make dinosaurs.



Second grade students at **All Saints Academy in Scranton** enjoy some independent reading time during the school day.



The Pre-Kindergarten Class at **Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston** celebrated the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi with the blessing of their stuffed animals by Monsignor David L. Tressler, pastor of Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston, and Holy Family Parish, Luzerne. After the blessing, each child received a special prayer card from Monsignor.



Dylan and Brandon Kroll, twin brothers in first grade, and all of the students at **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter**, celebrated International Peace Day 2022 with a prayer service and peace inspired activities, including hat making.



The school community at **Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore** go GOLD for pediatric cancer research in support of Gemma, an eighth grade student at the school who is currently undergoing cancer treatments.



World Mission
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“YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES”

Pray and Give Generously on **OCTOBER 23, 2022**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



A Pontifical Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Peter at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022. The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Father Brian J.T. Clarke, Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, will concelebrate. CTV: Catholic Television will provide a live broadcast the Mass. The Mass will also be livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and across all Diocesan social media platforms.

Bishop Bambera's Letter for World Mission Sunday



Just a few days ago, I was privileged to spend time with my brother priests during our annual clergy convocation. This annual event brings together the priests of our diocese for days of prayer, continuing formation and fraternity. I treasure these days with them.

This year, as with other years, we introduced the 21 international priests who serve throughout our diocese. Many of them, you know well. As each priest approached the dais and spoke about himself, I was in awe of the beautiful diversity: a unique story, a different land, an openness to leave his home and serve in a foreign land for the sake of the people of God.

What a blessing! By God's Providence - and flowing from the generosity of bishops and priests from seven countries - we are enriched by God's grace through the Sacraments they celebrate and the Word of God that they proclaim. Through the generosity of these men who serve alongside of the faithful native sons of our Diocese, we continue to come face-to-face with Jesus, despite the fact that we have been confronted with a scarcity of priestly vocations for many years.



This year, World Mission Sunday falls at a time when its motto, "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:18), is as crucial and relevant as ever. Just as so many men and women come from throughout the world to serve our needs, and just as so many throughout the world count on us to serve their needs, I implore you during this missionary month to take to heart that we are all in this together. Yes, for generations we have sent missionaries to preach the Gospel to continents beyond our shores. Now, in return, they come back to serve us in our need. In the collections and opportunities that will be set before you to support them in the weeks to come, I humbly ask you to be as generous as you are able.

We are indeed witnesses to the wonders of God's acts of love and mercy. In this bicentennial year of the founding of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith by Blessed Pauline Jaricot, may the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, remind us of the mission that lies before us: "Albeit in poor health, [Pauline Jaricot] accepted God's inspiration to establish a network of prayer and collection for missionaries, so that the faithful could actively participate in the mission 'to the ends of the earth.' We may be poor and from a world beyond our home, but we are called to serve and to be witnesses to the ends of the earth."

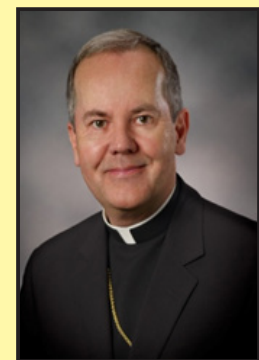
Whether we are firmly missioned in the place of our birth, or sent miles away, I pray that each of us will faithfully embrace the mission to be the Lord's witnesses to the ends of the earth.



Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

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



Ordinary people called to be extraordinary Christian witnesses, pope says



VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Living out and proclaiming the Gospel are inseparable aspects at the heart of an authentically Christian life and witness, Pope Francis said in his message for World Mission Sunday.

"Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ," the pope wrote in his message for the celebration, which will be held Oct. 23.

In his message, the pope reflected on three key "foundations of the life and mission of every disciple," beginning with the call to bear witness to Christ.

While all who are baptized are called to evangelize, the pope said the mission is carried out in communion with the church and not on "one's own initiative."

"Indeed, it was no coincidence that the Lord Jesus sent his disciples out on mission in pairs; the witness of Christians to Christ is primarily communitarian in nature," the pope wrote. "Hence, in carrying out the mission, the presence of a community, regardless of its size, is of fundamental importance."

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MISSION MESSAGE

Go Forth

BY FATHER BRIAN J.T. CLARKE
DIOCESAN DIRECTOR,
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Dear Friends in Christ,

I am especially pleased to write to you in this October edition of *The Catholic Light*. October, after all, is Missionary Month in the Church. As you peruse this special section and see the impact you have made on the missions from your generous support, allow me to thank you for your selflessness and your generosity to the work of The Pontifical Mission Societies. It is truly humbling to be the “middleman” that receives your kind donations and to send them to so many missionary groups throughout the world. Without you, I assure you the ministry of so many Catholic missions would struggle greatly.



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The Missionary Union, the soul of the other Mission Societies, is an association of the clergy, men and women religious and laypersons which proposes to arouse the passion for the mission in the Church, contribute to missionary formation, and encourage the Christian communities to cooperate and take active part in evangelization.

I would like to remind you and your pastors of opportunities ahead of us in October and November to support the missions once again. World Mission Sunday is October 23 this year and each parish will take up a special second collection to support the missionary work of so many throughout the world. Please be as generous as you are able. I also ask that you keep an eye out in November for special sections in your parish bulletin which will feature a message from missionaries serving here in Scranton and abroad. They will share their stories and give you a bird’s eye view of the ministries they sponsor here and abroad, ministries that very much need your support. Above all, I ask for your continued support in praying for the missions and ask that you consider becoming an active member of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. You can use the form below and return it to **The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, c/o Diocese of Scranton, 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA, 18503.**

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2022 PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE VOTER GUIDE // NOV. 8, 2022

"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."
- Pope Francis, 9/16/13

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference is the public affairs arm of the Catholic Bishops across the Commonwealth. The Conference neither supports nor opposes any candidate or political party. The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference aims to educate and inform Catholics about issues that are addressed in Catholic social teaching and about issues that impact the Church and our practice of the faith.

As Catholics, we are called upon to form our consciences for faithful citizenship for the good of all. More information on conscience formation is on website of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.

This voter guide was developed in order to help voters **start** to discern how to respond to elections this November. Our bishops teach us to "hear, receive, and act upon the Church's teaching in the lifelong task of forming his or her own conscience." Foremost amongst those teachings are the four basic principles of Catholic social doctrine: the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 160). With this foundation, Catholics are better able to evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel and the moral and social teaching of the Church in order to help build a better world.

This voter guide is a platform from which we can learn about the major party candidates for our statewide races for Pennsylvania governor and U.S. senator. Voters should reflect and pray over their choices, considering all issues that affect human life and human dignity. Candidates and topics are listed in alphabetical order.

The topic areas listed are a sampling for those on which candidates have taken a written position. **Those positions are taken verbatim from their official campaign websites. What is shown is the entirety of the candidate's explanation of each topic. We neither trimmed down any of the entries nor did we make any corrections to grammar, spelling or punctuation.** We encourage everyone to visit those sites for more information and to discern other areas that candidates have or have not addressed in their official platforms. Likewise, we encourage Catholics to seek additional voter resources that are authorized by their own bishops.

Finally, we must remember that, despite the differing political beliefs that Catholics may hold, we are first and foremost followers of Christ, committed to offering everyone the love, mercy and compassion of Jesus.

GUBERNATORIAL RACE

PA State Senator Doug Mastriano (R)

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE: DOUG4GOV.COM

REPUBLICAN LT. GOVERNOR CANDIDATE: PA HOUSE REP. CARRIE DELROSSO (R), CAMPAIGN WEBSITE: CARRIEFORPA.COM



ABORTION

To protect the right to life, Mastriano will sign the Heartbeat bill into law, end funding to Planned Parenthood, and expand counseling for adoption services.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Doug Mastriano believes government's top job is to provide for the safety of its citizens. As governor, he'll hold elected officials accountable for enforcing the law and prosecuting crime. If they won't do their jobs, Mastriano will remove them.

Mastriano will support law enforcement by ensuring they have adequate funding. He'll keep violent criminals behind bars where they belong and he'll strengthen penalties for repeat offenders and those convicted of violent crime. He'll also support funding for additional prosecutors in high-crime areas.

Mastriano will clean up PA's worst neighborhoods and he won't hesitate to assist local law enforcement with State Police and National Guard to protect law-abiding citizens and businesses during periods of mass unrest and riots.

EDUCATION

Doug Mastriano believes every Pennsylvania child is entitled to a top-notch education and that, when schools compete, it promotes excellence. While he'll make sure public schools are well-funded, he'll also fight like hell to provide them the competition that will make them great. Mastriano will work with the legislature to finally bring school choice to Pennsylvania families, so that no child is trapped in a failing school ever again.

ELECTIONS

To keep our elections free and fair, Mastriano will appoint a Secretary of State who will secure our elections from fraud. He'll partner with the legislature to eliminate "no-excuse" mail-in voting, get rid of drop boxes, and pass universal voter ID.

LGBTQ

On day one, Mastriano will place an immediate ban on biological males in girls' locker rooms and restrooms. On the same day, Mastriano will ban biological males from competing in girls' sports.



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ABORTION

Abortion is health care. As Governor, Josh will defend access to reproductive health care — and continue to defend a woman’s right to choose in Pennsylvania.

Our Democratic Governor’s veto pen is the only thing standing in the way of Harrisburg Republicans’ attempts to ban abortion, pass dangerous Texas-style laws, and put women’s health at risk. In the face of unprecedented attacks against the right to choose, Josh will be the last line of defense for Pennsylvanians — he will veto any bill that would restrict abortion rights, and he will expand access to reproductive care.

Throughout his career, Josh has never wavered in defense of reproductive rights and a woman’s right to choose. From taking on the Trump Administration in federal court to protecting access to contraception and winning an injunction against the “gag rule,” to filing an amicus brief in support of the U.S. Department of Justice’s challenge to Texas’ early-term abortion ban — Josh has always stood up for and defended the right to choose.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Pennsylvanians deserve a criminal justice system that both keeps us safe and enforces the law fairly and impartially. Almost 180,000 Pennsylvanians are currently on probation-and our Commonwealth has the second highest incarceration rate in the country. Furthermore, Pennsylvania is the only state in the entire country that doesn’t allocate state general funds for indigent defense.

As Attorney General, Josh has worked to make communities more safe while pushing for reform. Under Josh’s watch, the Office of the Attorney General has arrested an average of four drug dealers a day and has taken thousands of illegal guns off the streets. His office has also worked to curb gun violence by collaborating across state lines to crack down on illegal gun trafficking, and led the fight to close the ghost gun loophole. Josh has supported law enforcement across Pennsylvania, calling for increased funding for training and working collaboratively with local police departments. As communities across the Commonwealth face a historic shortage of police officers, Josh is calling to immediately hire officers to fill open roles, and invest in recruitment and training to ensure you can count on law enforcement to respond in an emergency.

To keep our communities safe, Pennsylvanians across the Commonwealth must have faith in our criminal justice system – so we must also address the reality that Pennsylvania’s justice system disproportionately impacts people of color. While Black Pennsylvanians constitute 12% of state residents, they account for 46% of people in prison. Josh believes we must invest in public safety while pursuing smart criminal justice reform that will address those inequities, restore trust, and make our communities safer.

At the same time, Josh enacted bail reform for non-violent and low-level offenses for cases handled by the Office of the Attorney General, announced the first-of-its-kind agreement with the largest firearms show promoter in Pennsylvania to stop their sales of ghost gun kits, and led the bipartisan coalition to create a statewide Police Misconduct Database in Pennsylvania. His office also started the Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative (LETI), which partners with local law enforcement to expand access to treatment for Pennsylvanians suffering from substance use disorder.

As Pennsylvania’s next Governor, Josh will continue to keep our communities safe by working with law enforcement and spearheading smart, data-driven criminal justice reform that will make our Commonwealth safer and more just. He will work to improve public safety and reduce recidivism by reforming probation and parole, funding indigent defense, and keeping guns out of the hands of dangerous individuals. He will also invest in addiction prevention programs and expand treatment options so that non-violent offenders can access the support they need. As Governor, Josh will reform the cash bail system for non-violent offenses while maintaining strict standards of accountability for violent crimes, continue to oppose mandatory minimum sentences and the death penalty, and reform Pennsylvania’s costly and broken probation and parole system.

EDUCATION

Every child in Pennsylvania — regardless of race, class, or zip code — deserves access to a quality education and the opportunity to shape their own future. A strong education system is foundational to a functioning democracy, and it’s critical to moving Pennsylvania forward. As Governor, Josh will ensure every student has access to the “thorough and efficient” education Pennsylvania’s constitution promises. He’s going to fully fund our schools—especially those that have been chronically underfunded— and make critical investments we need like attracting and retaining quality teachers, repairing old and dangerously unhealthy buildings, and keeping pace with changing technology so our students are prepared for the future.

Josh will make our children’s mental health a priority and ensure that every school building in the Commonwealth has at least one mental health counselor, and end our reliance on standardized testing so we can create more time for kids to learn and more flexibility for teachers to teach. Josh will empower students with the skills necessary to succeed in whatever path they choose, ensuring every high school student has access to vocational, technical, and computer training.

Josh believes parents deserve to be empowered to ensure their kids receive a good education and that every child has access to quality learning. That requires boosting funding for education and innovating to ensure children in our most challenged schools receive the education and care they deserve. Josh favors adding choices for parents and educational opportunity for students and funding lifeline scholarships like those approved in other states and introduced in Pennsylvania.

And, Josh will make sure parents have a seat at the table when decisions about education are made by appointing at least two parents to the State Board of Education.

We can keep Pennsylvania’s promise to our students by fully funding and fixing up our schools, prioritizing mental health, empowering students with vocational, technical, and computer training, and ensuring parents have a real voice in their children’s education. As Governor, Josh will tackle these challenges head on and ensure we build opportunity for Pennsylvania’s children.

ELECTIONS

The attacks on our democracy didn’t stop after January 6th, 2021. Josh would know. Because as the Attorney General who stopped Donald Trump’s attempts to undermine and overthrow Pennsylvania’s election, Josh went to court dozens of times to defend Pennsylvanians’ right to vote and ensure every legal vote was counted — and he won. More than a year after votes were cast in the 2020 election and two legal, bipartisan audits confirmed Pennsylvania’s results, Josh continues to defend our election as Pennsylvania Republicans bring a sham “audit” to the Commonwealth.

As Governor, Josh will defend our democracy, ensure access to the ballot box, and keep our elections secure. He’ll veto any efforts to restrict mail-in voting, expand early voting, and set up automatic voter registration — making it easier than ever for legal voters to participate in our democracy. He’ll appoint a pro-democracy Secretary of State to run our elections, expand pre-registration opportunities for young people, and implement same-day voter registration through Election Day.

Josh knows that to grow our economy, improve our schools, and make our communities safer, we must have a stable foundation of our democracy. As Attorney General, he spoke truth to lies and went to court to protect Pennsylvanians’ rights. As Governor, he’ll continue to protect every citizen’s right to vote — and make sure every legal vote is counted. *(ISSUES CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE)*



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Josh will continue to advocate for LGBTQ+ Pennsylvanians and fight for equality as Governor — just like he has for his entire career. Josh has stood with LGBTQ+ communities throughout his career — he defended LGBTQ+ rights from the Trump Administration’s attacks as Attorney General, helped the first LGBTQ+ couples in Pennsylvania marry as a Montgomery County Commissioner, and pushed to expand protections for our Commonwealth’s LGBTQ+ communities as a State Representative.

Pennsylvania is the only state in the Northeast without comprehensive nondiscrimination protections for sexual orientation and/or gender identity. This means that LGBTQ+ individuals can be discriminated against across the Commonwealth in many sectors, including employment, housing, credit issuance, education, and various public accommodations.

As Governor, Josh will put his full capital behind the effort to finally ban discrimination against LGBTQ+ individuals in Pennsylvania so that LGBTQ+ community can work, attend school, and seek housing under the same rights as everyone else in the Commonwealth. He’ll expand our hate crime laws to cover our LGBTQ+ communities, invest in mental health resources to support LGBTQ+ youth, and finally ban conversion therapy for minors. For too long, members of the LGBTQ+ community in Pennsylvania — and all across America — have not been afforded the protections they deserve. Josh will work tirelessly to ensure and expand the rights of the Commonwealth’s LGBTQ+ residents.

U.S. SENATE RACE

PA LT. GOVERNOR JOHN FETTERMAN (D)

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ABORTION

A woman’s right to make her own health care decisions is sacred and non-negotiable. Period.

Right-wing extremists have been hellbent on rolling back abortion access since the ink was barely dry on the Roe v. Wade decision. And in the decades since, the GOP has worked to do away with this fundamental right with extreme laws aimed at banning abortions without exceptions for rape or incest and even putting women who seek abortions and doctors who perform them behind bars. As your senator, I will vote to enshrine access to safe and legal abortion into federal law by passing the Women’s Health Protection Act, because deciding how and when to become a mother is a decision that should always be made by a woman and her doctor — not politicians. I will also stand up to attacks on Planned Parenthood, and fight to repeal the Hyde Amendment.

Democrats must do everything we can to protect this fundamental right. I believe that if you are not willing to do whatever it takes to protect abortion rights when they are on the line, then you cannot call yourself pro-choice. It’s that simple.

EDUCATION

I was fortunate to get a solid education that helped set me on a solid path. Far too many families struggle to find good public schools for their kids, and the price of college has become outrageous. And there are too few opportunities for the many young people who don’t think college is the right option for them. If we want to prepare the next generation for a highly competitive world, we need to get serious about what education in the 21st century looks like.

In Washington, I’ll fight for universal pre-k and childcare, and I’ll make sure our public schools have the funding they need so our teachers aren’t shouldering so much of a burden. I will also work to increase investments in career and technical programs to prepare young adults for successful and in-demand careers in critical industries. And for students who do opt to attend college, to make sure the cost isn’t a barrier I’ll support efforts to make community colleges tuition-free and reduce the burden of student loan debt that too many borrowers are experiencing right now.

ENERGY

Across the Commonwealth, Pennsylvanians are paying astronomical prices at the pump. But the truth is, prices wouldn’t be this high if it weren’t for the greed of oil companies. While we are getting squeezed, companies like Shell, Chevron, BP and ExxonMobil are raking in record-breaking profits. It’s gross and it’s hurting Pennsylvania families.

We must do everything we can to bring down gas prices, including suspending the federal gas tax to provide immediate relief for people at the pump. We should also continue to use American oil, produce and invest in more American energy, and invest in programs that help low-income Pennsylvanians pay their energy bills.

I believe that climate change is an existential threat, and we need to transition to clean energy as quickly as possible. But we must do it in a way that preserves the union way of life for the thousands of workers currently employed or supported by the natural gas industry in Pennsylvania and the communities where they live. We need to make sure that as we transition we honor and uphold the union way of life for workers across Pennsylvania, and create thousands of good-paying union jobs in clean energy in the process.

In the Senate, I will support legislation that combats high gas prices, invests in upgrading infrastructure, and responsibly transitions us to cleaner energy sources. We must make proper investments in greener, cleaner technology in America — and make more of that technology right here at home. I have never taken a dime from the fossil fuel industry, and I never will. So you can be assured that any vote I take when it comes to energy production and climate will be what I believe is right — not what fossil fuel executives tell me to do.

This is what I’ve been saying for nearly 15 years: I believe that clean energy can revitalize former steel towns all across Pennsylvania, including Braddock, the town I call home. It’s a total false choice that we have to choose between creating jobs and working towards a cleaner environment — we can and must do both.

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HEALTHCARE

I believe that health care is a basic, fundamental human right, not a privilege. But health care in America is far too expensive and convoluted. In the richest nation on earth, I believe we have a moral duty to guarantee quality health care coverage for every American, and end the disgusting practice of corporations profiting from people's health and well-being.

In the Senate, I will support any legislation that gets us closer to the goal of universal health care coverage. I'm less fixated on what you call it, and more focused on the result: ensuring access to health care for every American. I will also support efforts to lower the Medicare eligibility age to 60 while expanding its benefits to include vision, hearing, and dental care.

Under our current system, many people are forced to pay thousands of dollars for medicine that they need to survive. It's inhumane and inexcusable. If we are going to bring down the prices of prescription drugs, we need to go after the pharmaceutical companies that jack up the prices. We have finally passed a law to allow Medicare to negotiate certain drug prices and cap annual prescription drug costs, but we cannot stop there—we must allow for the importation of lower priced prescription drugs from other countries and limit drug costs for all Americans.

IMMIGRATION

I fundamentally believe immigration is what makes America, America. This issue is personal to me. My wife, Gisele, was a Dreamer who came to America when she was 7, fleeing violence in Brazil with her family. I would not have my family if it weren't for immigration.

It is no secret our immigration system is broken. We need a system that is strong, secure, and humane. In the Senate, I would support investments that go towards keeping our borders strong and preventing the flow of illegal drugs into our country. We also must work to ensure that our immigration system is humane. I support commonsense immigration reforms that will restore our country's legacy as a nation built by immigrants. In the Senate, I will work to modernize our visa system and asylum programs so that they can't be exploited by bad actors. I will also fight for a pathway to citizenship for frontline workers, small business owners, and young people who have only known this country as their home.

We have to reject the false choice pitting laws and strong borders against those coming to America to seek a better life for themselves and their families.

DR. MEHMET OZ (R)

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ABORTION

Dr. Oz is a successful heart surgeon – he has literally held a beating heart in his hands. He knows how precious life is and is 100% Pro-Life.

EDUCATION

Dr. Oz believes that a good education is fundamental to a better future. But he believes we need to fundamentally change the way we approach education in this country – by incorporating financial literacy from an early age, focusing on empowering students to make their own career choices, and stopping wealthy universities from raising tuition every year while sitting on millions of dollars in tax-protected endowments. Dr. Oz also believes that the extreme left wants to use our schools to indoctrinate our children with an anti-American ideology –and as Senator he'll fight to block that from happening.

ENERGY

Pennsylvania is a leader in the production of natural gas and coal. The Biden Administration has launched an attack on the energy industry stifling domestic energy production and weakening the U.S. position in energy production. These attacks have resulted in skyrocketing gas and energy prices and made our current energy options less reliable. Dr. Oz will work to overturn these heavy-handed regulations that are hurting Pennsylvania jobs and our local communities.

HEALTHCARE

As a doctor, Oz has seen the inside of the massive health-care industrial complex and knows how they work with lobbyists and powerful special interests to protect it. He's bravely argued against costly drugs, even as it made him a target of drug companies. As a U.S. Senator, he'll work to dismantle policies that lead to more expensive prescription drugs for our seniors, and he'll expand access to private sector plans expanded by President Trump and beloved by seniors for their low costs and high quality that could be available to all Americans who want them.

IMMIGRATION

Dr. Oz believes that one of the core responsibilities of the federal government is to protect you. In order to do that, we need to have a secure border with a barrier – whether that is a physical wall or one patrolled by technological advances.



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Catholic School educators set priorities for academic year

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amount of intelligence and/or talent that is unchangeable.

"It takes intentional planning and making sure that that you're thinking about what is really going

to challenge a student in order to give them that rigorous education that they need," she explained.

Following the keynote presentation, the educators were able to choose between breakout sessions that focused on one of the identified growth goals.

Father Ryan Glenn, Assistant Pastor of Saint Matthew Parish in East Stroudsburg, presented one of the breakout sessions focused on Catholic Identity.

Father Ryan, Chaplain of Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School for the last three years, emphasized the teachings of Popes Benedict and Francis who said we need to be people who pray, people who serve and people who proclaim Jesus.

"That happens in our classrooms, that happens when we

gather for Mass, it happens on our sports teams but it is always going back to those three fundamentals," he explained.

He also said it is vital for parishes and schools to see each other as partners in mission.

"We need our students to come to our parish and to join us for the Sunday Eucharist and to be a part of the community and likewise, we need our parishioners to support our schools, whether it is financially or whether it is in support of the values of Catholic education. I think there is just a great harmony between our parishes and our schools and hopefully that keeps going," Father Ryan said.

Geralyn Durham, a first grade teacher at Notre Dame Elementary School focused on the Catholic School System's STREAM initiative.

Her interactive presentation focused on how to use "3D Doodle" pens to enhance lessons.

"It's almost like a glue gun that heats up, but doesn't get too hot to touch and we have plastic filament sticks that go in the end and melt and they come out as a liquid and dry immediately," Durham said.

Describing the pens as an early version of a 3D printer, she explained how she uses the pens in many different lessons, including explaining the life cycle of a butterfly.

"They love it. It takes learning to the next level. I can stand up there and talk about the life cycles of a butterfly but when they're actually doing it, hands on, in front of them, tracing and welding the parts together, they love it," the educator emphasized.



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— I make house calls —



Father Horanzy buried from Nanticoke parish

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"He suggested I should speak just a few simple words from my heart. He then proceeded to tell me what I should say," Father Simon continued. "Just tell everyone that I was ready to go home to the Lord.

Tell everyone that I have always, throughout my life, placed myself in God's hands. Tell everyone I was at peace with dying and have trust in God's goodness and mercy."

The homilist shared that Father Horanzy's "sole goal to be a good priest" had been achieved. "I thanked him for the gift of his priesthood and assured him that I and so many others found in him a good, faithful and holy priest."

Father Simon then told of how two years after his own ordination, Father Horanzy was assigned to his home parish of Saint Stanislaus in Wilkes-Barre, admitting that as his family soon came to know and love the seasoned pastor, he "got a little jealous."

"When I asked my Mom when I should come to bless our home, she told me, 'Father Horanzy will take care of it.'"

"Father Joe found simple ways to make connections and develop relationships with parishioners," Father Simon noted. "His infectious laughter, his love of tradition, his reverence at Mass and his love of life led the people

of (Saint Catherine of Siena Parish) Moscow, where he would gladly cover for me after his retirement, to call him 'the priest we love.'"

Stating that Father Horanzy had the "heart of a pastor of souls," the homilist went on to say, "He has always been the kind of priest Pope Francis calls us to be — a priest who gets his shoes dirty and is comfortable being close to his sheep."

"This beautiful priestly heart beat for more than 63 years with love and zeal. May Christ, gentle and humble of heart, welcome him to the Father's house and grant rest to his soul," Father Simon concluded.

Surviving are two nephews, David Horanzy and his children; Eugene Horanzy and his wife, Lisa; a niece, Kathy Ann Wilkes and her husband, Rick; cousins; and dear friends, Gerald and Margaret McGinnis.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Michael and Eugene Sr.; and sister-in-law, Regina.

Interment was held at Saint Stanislaus Cemetery in Nanticoke.



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The 10th annual "Run Against Hunger" benefitting Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton will be held Saturday, Nov. 12, co-sponsored by the Scranton Running Company and AllOne Charities. The event's two-mile walk, 5K run & 10K run get underway at 9 a.m. at the head of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail on Olive Street in Scranton. Registration is open from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. at the Scranton Half Marathon Pavilion. Shown, from left: Atty. Thomas Cummings, Saint Francis Kitchen advisory board member and sponsorship chair; John Cosgrove, executive director, AllOne Charities; Mary Carroll Donahue, program officer, AllOne Charities; Rob Williams, executive director, Saint Francis Kitchen; and Matthew Byrne, race director and co-founder, Scranton Running Company. For more information and pre-registration, visit www.runsignup.com/runagainsthunger. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Prayer Requests for Priests

The Daily Prayer Request for Priests schedule is as follows:

October 13, Father John Terry; October 14, Father Fidel Ticona; October 15, Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin; October 16, Father Peter Tomczak; October 17, Father Daniel Toomey; October 18, Father Rawel Toppo; October 19, Father Sudhir Toppo; October 20, Father Peter Tran; October 21, Monsignor David Tressler; October 22, Father Jeffrey Tudgay; October 23, Father John Turi; October 24, Father Anthony Urban; October 25, Father Brian Van Fossen; October 26, Monsignor Neil Van Loon; October 27, Father Shinu Vazhakkootathil John; October 28, Father Joseph Verespy; October 29, Father John Victoria; October 30, Saint Peter Priestly Fraternity Father Matthew Vierno; October 31, Father James Walsh; November 1, Pope Francis; November 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; November 3, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera; November 4, Passionist Father Mark Ward; November 5, Monsignor William Ward; November 6, Monsignor Christopher Washington; November 7, Father Seth Wasnock; November 8, Father Donald Williams; November 9, Father Bryan Wright; November 10, Holy Cross Father Michael Wurtz; November 11, Father Daniel Yenkevich; November 12, Father Michael Zipay; November 13, Father Joseph Adonizio; November 14, Saint Peter Priestly Fraternity Father Zachary Akers; November 15, Father Patrick Albert; November 16, Father John Albosta; November 17, Father Andrew Amankwaa; November 18, Father Michael Amo Gyau; November 19, Father Robert Antonelli; November 20, Father Sixtus Appiah Kyeremeh; November 21, Father Stephen Asomah; November 22, Monsignor Thomas Banick.

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OCTOBER SCHEDULE

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
12:00 AM	DAILY MASS	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	DAILY MASS (Encore)					
1:00 AM	FR SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	(1:10AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	THE JOURNEY HOME (Encore)	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	EWTN LIVE (Encore)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	EWTN NEWS IN DEPTH	
1:30 AM	LIVING DIVINE MERCY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)					
2:00 AM	PARABLE		EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	EWTN GALLERY	
2:30 AM	SPECIALS	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOG	SPECIALS	GOSPEL GLIMPSES	LIFE ON THE ROCK	PHILOSOPHER'S BENCH	SETTING CAPTIVES FREE	
3:00 AM		DEFENDING LIFE		PAPAL AUDIENCE(3:15)	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY (Call in thurs)		AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	
3:30AM	SPECIALS	CHURCH UNIVERSAL	THE CREED	REFLECTIONS (4:15)	BOB AND PENNY LORD	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	SAVORING OUR FAITH	
4:00 AM		EWTN LIVE (Encore)	SUNDAY BEST WITH FR GROESCHEL	THEY MIGHT BE SAINTS	THE HERESIES	ROSARY IN THE HOLY LAND	BATTLE READY	ICONS
4:30 AM	THE REFORMATION	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE PHILOSOPHER'S BENCH	DOMINICAN SISTERS	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	EWTN SPECIALS	FROM THE HEART WITH MOTHER ANGELICA	
5:00 AM	AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	BEHOLD THE MAN			CATHOLICS COME HOME	
5:30 AM	ANGELUS WITH POPE FRANCIS	EWTN ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS						
6:00 AM	THE HERESIES	G.K. CHESTERTON	CHURCH AND THE POOR	THE MIRACLE HUNTER	SAINTS VS SCOUNDRELS	THE CHOICES WE FACE	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE	
6:30 AM	THE CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL						STATIONS OF THE CROSS	CHAPLET OF ST. MICHAEL
7:00 AM	HOLY LAND ROSARY							
7:30 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	THE HOLY ROSARY	
7:50 AM	DAILY MASS (Live)							
8:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS (Live)	HOLY ROSARY WITH THE FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF THE ETERNAL WORD						
9:00 AM	(9:20AM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	SUNDAY BEST WITH FR. GROESCHEL	LIVING RIGHT WITH DR. RAY	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION (ENCORE)	EWTN LIVE (ENCORE)	THE WORLD OVER (Encore)	LUKAS / CATECHISM	
9:30 AM	EWTN ROSARY FRANCISCANS	RELIGIOUS CATALOG	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE	LIVE WITH PASSION	FOCUS	CATHOLIC CLASSICS	THE FRIAR	
10:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL	CHOICES WE FACE					MY CATHOLIC FAMILY	
10:30 AM	EWTN NEWS IN-DEPTH	OFOD/LIVE WITH PASSION/SPECIALS	KNOWING MARY THROUGH THE BIBLE	ST ANN'S WEEKLY NOVENA	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY	
11:00 AM		GOSPEL OF MARK					GOSPEL OF JOHN	MATTHEW'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS
11:30 AM	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LIVE AT 12:10 p.m. "DIOCESAN DATEBOOK" airs before and after Mass.							
12:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS (Encore)	WOMEN OF GRACE					EWTN DAILY MASS (Encore)	
12:30PM	(1:20PM) LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	PRO LIFE WEEKLY	AT HOME WITH JIM & JOY	CHOICES WE FACE/OFOD	WOMEN OF GRACE HOUR LONG	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE	
1:00 PM	IN CONCERT	CALLED TO COMMUNION	SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION	FR. SPITZER'S UNIVERSE	THE JOURNEY HOME	LIFE ON THE ROCK	DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MERCY	
1:30 PM							STATIONS OF CROSS	EWTN ON LOCATION
2:00 PM	THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG							
2:30 PM	LIVE ADORATION FROM EWTN CHAPEL							
3:00 PM	THE ROSARY FROM LOURDES	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)					ROSARY FROM LOURDES	
3:20 PM	VATICANO	THE HOLY ROSARY					SUNDAY VIGIL MASS ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL	
3:30 PM	DIOCESAN DATEBOOK							
4:00 PM	SAVORING OUR FAITH	LUCY & FRIENDS	ADVENTURE CATECHISM/ LUKAS STORYTELLER	TRUTH IN THE HEART	CAT CHAT	THE ROAMIN' CATHOLIC		
4:30 PM	THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL	EWTN BOOKMARK	THE CHOICES WE FACE	EWTN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE	WEB OF FAITH 2.0	THEY MIGHT BE SAINTS	GRAB YOUR CATECHISM	
5:00 PM	SUNDAY PASSIONIST MASS	SPECIALS					THE CREED	
5:30 PM	SUNDAY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Live)					THE MIRACLE HUNTER	
6:00 PM		LIFE IS WORTH LIVING	THE HERESIES	LIVING DIVINE MERCY	VATICANO	SETTING CAPTIVES FREE	EWTN GREAT BRITAIN ON LOCATION	
6:30 PM	THE DAILY MASS FROM ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, (Encore)							
7:00 PM	SUNDAY MASS	THE HOLY ROSARY					DAILY MASS	
7:30PM		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	EWTN CINEMA	
8:30 PM	CATHOLICS COME HOME	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD						
9:00 PM	LIFE ON THE ROCK	EWTN NEWS NIGHTLY (Encore)						
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	MOTHER ANGELICA LIVE CLASSICS	
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					CATHOLIC SPHERE	ICONS SPOTLIGHT		
11:00PM	THE PHILOSOPHER'S BENCH	WOMEN OF GRACE				WOMEN OF GRACE HOUR LONG	DEFENDING LIFE	
11:30PM	CATHOLIC VIEW FOR WOMEN	BATTLE READY	BEHOLD THE MAN	CROSSING THE GOAL	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC		EWTN BOOKMARK	

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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.

Aviso al Respecto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor de Edad

Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley.

Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley.

Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual.

Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570) 862-7551.

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For 46th year, Thanksgiving Community Program setting the holiday table for those in need

SCRANTON — As certain as falling leaves, pumpkin spice or any other rite of autumn, Friends of the Poor of Scranton announces the 46th Annual Thanksgiving Community Program is right on schedule to serve those in need during the upcoming holiday.

The program's three-pronged service events — Thanksgiving Dinner for Adults & Elderly, Family to Family Thanksgiving Food Basket Program and Interfaith Prayer Service — are poised once again to minister to anyone in the community seeking assistance at Thanksgiving, according to Meghan Loftus, Friends of the Poor president and CEO.

The Thanksgiving Dinner will be served take-out style on Tuesday, Nov. 22, outside the Scranton Cultural Center, 420 North Washington Ave., Scranton, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

"Anyone in need of a cooked Thanksgiving meal can drive-by or walk-up for a meal," Loftus said. "We will have the 400 and 500 blocks of North Washington Avenue and Vine Street closed for the event."

Noting that 3,500 holiday meals will continue to be distributed while they last, Loftus requested that anyone planning to attend arrive no earlier than 2 p.m.

"We will also provide meals to those adults and elderly who live in low-income high rises through our continued partnership with the Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging and the Junior League of Scranton," she added.

The Family to Family Thanksgiving Food Basket Program, under the direction of the Robeson family, takes over the Scranton Cultural Center the next morning on Wednesday, Nov. 23. Beginning at 9 a.m. outside the center, families will be provided with all the grocery items needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal in the comfort of their homes.

"We will be there until 5 p.m. or until our supplies run out," Linda Robeson said. "We are thrilled to be back at the Scranton Cultural Center, as we had been for so many years prior, even if we cannot hold the distribution indoors yet."

According to Robeson, volunteers will be plentiful to help

load meals into drive-up vehicles or provide Thanksgiving baskets to those walking through.

Pre-registration is not required for the event. Those picking up are asked to simply provide their zip code and the number of family members in their household.

"Based on the number of requests for assistance we are seeing at our daily programming, we expect to serve more individuals and families than ever before at each Thanksgiving event," Loftus stated. "We are doing our best to prepare for this increase. However, supply chain issues and inflation are impacting us just as strongly as they are the rest of the country."

Loftus indicated that the total Thanksgiving food bill for this year's programs exceeds \$200,000.

"We humbly ask for your continued support as we work to continue this longstanding, valued and desperately needed Scranton tradition," she said. "Any amount helps as we come together as a community to fill the gap."



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THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR ADULTS AND ELDERLY

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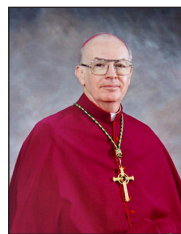
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Retired Philadelphia Auxiliary Bishop Robert P. Maginnis dies

DARBY — Most Rev. Robert Patrick Maginnis, retired Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, died at Villa Saint Joseph in Darby, Delaware County, on Sept. 14 following a lengthy illness. He was 88.

“I was deeply saddened to learn of Bishop Maginnis’ passing,” said Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez of Philadelphia. “For over 60 years he served God’s people tirelessly and selflessly with grace and compassion.”

Born on Dec. 22, 1933, in Philadelphia, Bishop Maginnis was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on May 13, 1961, by John Cardinal Krol in the first class of priests he ordained as Archbishop of Philadelphia.



**Bishop
Maginnis**

On Jan. 24, 1996, he was

named Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia and Titular Bishop of Siminina by Pope Saint John Paul II.

As part of his pastoral and administrative responsibilities, Bishop Maginnis oversaw the work of the Secretariat for Evangelization from 2004 until his retirement in 2010.

He was also the driving force behind the launch of the inaugural Archdiocesan Men’s Spirituality Conference in 2009.

Parish offering ‘St. Max Cares’ ministry for elderly, homebound

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According to one of the ministry’s coordinators, the mission of “St. Max Care” is to ensure that members of the parish family, who may not have frequent contact with a friend or relative,

are safe.

“We pray for you, we offer God’s peace at Mass, may we now offer you a friendly phone call?” she said.

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United in Faith

Diocesan faithful encouraged to participate in 'America Needs Fatima' Rosary rallies this month

SCRANTON — Catholics throughout the Diocese of Scranton will unite with faith communities around the nation on Saturday, Oct. 15, to lend their prayerful pleas to the chorus of intercessions of supplication and reparation as part of this year's "America Needs Fatima" Rosary Crusade.

Each year since 1985, when the "America Needs Fatima" campaign was founded, faithful gather at noontime on a Saturday in October to send their Rosary prayers and petitions heavenward, seeking the Blessed Mother's intercession on behalf of the United States.

The unified, simultaneous prayer effort coincides with October's designation by the Catholic Church as the Month of the Holy Rosary — with the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary celebrated on Oct. 7 — and Respect Life Month.

Prayerful recitation of the Rosary as a visible sign of the power of prayer in public arenas pays homage to the Blessed Mother's final apparition to the shepherd children of Fatima in Portugal on Oct. 13, 1917, culminating her messages of the need to offer the Holy Rosary as an essential tool for world peace and spiritual conversion.

The "America Needs Fatima" Rosary rallies include

reparatory prayers for the country, particularly regarding the evil of abortion and offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Joining tens of thousands of similar "public square" prayer gatherings across America, the following outdoor Rosary events will be held during the coming days in the Scranton Diocese:

Harveys Lake (Thursday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m.) — Our Lady of Victory Church. All will receive a blessed rose during this final Fatima devotion of the year.

Mountain Top (Saturday, noon) — Weis Parking Lot, 237 South Mountain Boulevard, Mountain Top. For information, call Marie (570) 574-0849.

Scranton (Sunday, 1 p.m.) — Prayer Garden on the grounds of Saint Lucy Church, West Scranton.

Lafin (Sunday, 6 p.m.) — Grotto of the Blessed Mother on the grounds of the Oblates of Saint Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Lafin., followed by the celebration of Mass in the Oblates Chapel.

Wilkes-Barre (Sunday, 7 p.m.) — Our Lady of Fatima Blessed Grotto, North Street, Wilkes-Barre (near King's College). Area parking available.

Honesdale (Saturday, Oct. 22, noon) — Honesdale Central Park at Church and 9th streets. Sponsored by Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Honesdale.

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Pittston parish hosting 65th Saint Jude Novena

PITTSTON — Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish will host its 65th Annual Novena to Saint Jude, patron saint of hopeless cases and things despaired of, at Saint Mary, Help of Christians Church, 535 North Main St., Pittston, beginning Wednesday, Oct. 19, and concluding on the Feast of Saint Jude, Friday, Oct. 28.

Mass, homily, Novena prayers and veneration of the relic of Saint Jude will be held Monday through Friday at noon and 7 p.m. Saturday devotions are offered at noon and 4 p.m., and Sunday at 11 a.m. and



5 p.m.

Recitation of the Rosary and Confessions precede all Novena devotions, except on Sunday.

Scheduled Novena homilists are as follows:

Wednesday, Oct. 19, noon and 7 p.m., Saint Joseph Oblate Father Paul McDonnell, Sacramental Minister for Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish; Thursday, Oct. 20, noon and 7 p.m., Father

Thomas Petro.

Friday, Oct. 21, noon and 7 p.m., Father Joseph Verespy; Saturday, Oct. 22, noon and 4 p.m., Father Seth Wasnock.

Sunday, Oct. 23, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Father Phillip Sladicka.

Monday, Oct. 24, noon, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, and 7 p.m., Father McDonnell.

Tuesday, Oct. 25, noon, Father James Alco, and 7 p.m., Father McDonnell.

Wednesday, Oct. 26, noon and 7 p.m., Father Gerald Shantillo, V.G.; Thursday, Oct. 27, noon and 7 p.m., Monsignor Dale Rupert.

On the Feast of Saint Jude, Friday, Oct. 28, Father Richard Polmounter will celebrate the noon liturgy, and Father Paul McDonnell will celebrate the Novena's closing Mass at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact the parish office at (570) 654-0263.

Healing Masses slated to be offered in Diocese

LAFLIN — The Diocesan Enthronement Guild of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary will host the celebration of a Mass of Healing on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m. at Saint Joseph's Oblate Seminary Chapel, Highway 315, Laflin.

Saint Joseph Oblate Father Joseph Sibilano will serve as

celebrant for the Mass, which will include healing prayers and anointing for those in attendance.

A Healing Mass with anointing will be held at Saint Eulalia Parish, 214 Blue Shutters Road, Roaring Brook Twp., on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 1 p.m. Father David Cramer, pastor, will be the celebrant.

Who makes house calls?

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.

If anyone is uncomfortable with home visits, I have a few locations where I can meet in an office setting. I look forward to meeting with my existing clients and especially meeting new clients that are looking for any assistance in estate or elder law matters.



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Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition coming to Ashley in November

ASHLEY — In response to the United States Catholic Bishops' call for a National Eucharistic Revival, Saint Leo Parish will host a "Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition" in its parish hall, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley, on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 1 to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 6, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Presented to bolster the U.S. bishops' effort

to enkindle belief and a living relationship with Jesus — truly present in the Blessed Sacrament — the exhibit will feature some of the principal Eucharistic miracles authenticated throughout the ages around the world that have been recognized by the Catholic Church.

The event is open to the public free of charge.

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Final "40 Days for Life" Pro-Life Rosary Gatherings — OCT. 13-NOV. 4, offered for the special intentions of an end to abortion and closure of the Planned Parenthood location in Wilkes-Barre; Rosary is prayed each weekday, Monday thru Friday, at 10 a.m. in front of the offices of Planned Parenthood, 101 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration — OCT. 14, hosted by St. Thomas More Parish in Lake Ariel; exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Thomas More Church, 105 Gravity Road, Lake Ariel. Weekly adoration of the Eucharistic Lord includes recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet during the 3 p.m. hour, evening prayers at 5:30 p.m., concluding with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6 p.m. All faithful are welcome.

Weekly Bereavement Support Group Sessions — OCT. 17-NOV. 14, sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Milford; bereavement support group meets on consecutive Mondays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the parish hall of St. John Neumann, 705 Route 739, Lords Valley. All are welcome; registration is required by contacting the St. Vincent Parish office at (570) 686-4545 or stvgriefgroup@att.net.

"Night of Hope & Healing" for Parents Suffering Child Loss — OCT. 18, hosted by St. Faustina Kowalska Parish, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke; support group gathering begins at 7 p.m. All parents who have lost a child through miscarriage, still birth or abortion are welcome; prayers will be offered and testimonies shared by those who have found hope and healing. Parents are given the opportunity to name their children and place them in the "Book of Holy Innocents." For more information, call Susan at (570) 403-3094.

Parish Organ Recital — OCT. 21, offered as part of the concert series presented by the neighboring Pittston parishes of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph Marelo; held at 7 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St., Pittston. Event will feature renowned concert organist Greg Zelek, who will perform on St. John's newly refurbished pipe organ originally built in 1930. A free-will

offering will be accepted.

"Nazareth Group" Day of Discernment — OCT. 22, hosted by the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth in Tunkhannock; first meeting of the Nazareth Group for girls in grades 9-12 will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Capuchin Sisters' Mother of God Convent, 215 Wellwood Drive, Tunkhannock. Gathering offered for young women seeking to discern their vocation in life, whether it be in the religious or lay state. Reservations required; contact Sister Angela of the Nazareth Sisters at (570) 836-2737.

Knights of Columbus Fall Festival — OCT. 22, hosted by Knights of Columbus Cardinal John J. O'Connor Council 12967 at Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall, 742 Spring St., Avoca; event includes activities throughout the day from 2 to 10 p.m. Festival will feature a Halloween Parade, including food & drinks, at 2 p.m. for children under 13 years of age; Tailgate Party for the Notre Dame and Penn State football games will be held, featuring Susquehanna Brewing Company. Event also includes food trucks, live music, children's games and basket raffle.

Free Community Dinner — OCT. 23, hosted by the Social Concerns Committee at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Pocono Pines; Sunday dinner offered to members of the parish and community, regardless of need, at 2 p.m. in the parish hall, 5112 Pocono Crest Road, Pocono Pines. Dinner includes roast pork, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, salad, bread, beverages and homemade desserts. Seating is limited; reservations required by Oct. 19. Call (727) 542-2280.

Bingo Bonanza — OCT. 23, hosted by Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Dickson City; doors open at noon and games begin at 2 p.m. Prizes include a desktop computer, flat screen smart TV, gift cards, appliances, home security system, lawnmower, pre-lit Christmas tree and more. Admission cost: \$25 in advance; \$30 at door. Event includes 17 bingo games, each with a minimum prize value of \$300. For advance tickets and more information, contact the parish office at (570) 489-2091.

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Catholic Happenings Around the Diocese

Free Community Sunday Supper

— **OCT. 23**, hosted at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Route 209, Brodheadsville; supper served from 3 to 4 p.m. in the parish's McCawley Hall (take-outs also available). For more information, call the parish office at (610) 681-6137.

Annual Pasta Dinner

— **OCT. 26**, hosted by the Women's Society of St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, North Frances Cabrini Ave., (off lower Jackson St.), West Scranton; take-out and curbside pickup service provided from 4 to 6 p.m. Dinner includes penne pasta w/meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. Cost: adults, \$9; children (ages 5-11), \$4. Tickets available at the door. For advance orders, contact the church at (570) 343-6092 or melkite.scranton@gmail.com.

Marywood Undergraduate Open Houses

— **OCT. 29 & NOV. 12**, hosted by Marywood University in Scranton; both Saturday open house events for high school students and their parents begin with registration at 9 a.m. in the Fireplace Lounge at the Nazareth Student Center on the university's campus. Prospective students will have opportunities to meet with Marywood students, faculty and coaches, and tour the campus; information will be provided regarding academic disciplines, the admission process and financial aid. Complimentary continental breakfast

and lunch included. To register, visit: marywood.edu/openhouse.

38th Annual Prayer Breakfast for Life

— **NOV. 5**, sponsored by the Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life (PHL); held from 9 a.m. to noon at Fiorelli's Catering, 1501 Main St., Peckville. Cost: \$55 for adults; \$45 for senior citizens and those 21 years of age or younger. Program sponsorships and patrons also available. For more information and reservations, call the Scranton PHL office at (570) 343-5099, or visit: prolifescranton.org.

Spiritual Renewal Formation Day

— **NOV. 12**, hosted at the Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center, 151 Old Newport St., Nanticoke; opens with registration and continental breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by the day's program at 9 a.m. Featured guest speaker: Deacon Darrell Wentworth of the Diocese of Richmond, Va., where he has served as the bishop's liaison for Charismatic Renewal and the Charismatic and Pentecostal traditions. Cost to attend is \$30 per person, including breakfast and lunch.

Ukrainian Orphanage Fundraiser

— **NOV. 12**, sponsored by the Social Justice Ministry of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Brodheadsville, as an Orphan Outreach Project; tricky tray games party to be held in the parish's McCawley Hall at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Route 209,

Brodheadsville, with proceeds to benefit orphanages for disabled children and adults in war-torn Ukraine. Doors open at 9 a.m.; drawings begin at 12:30 p.m. with closing at 3 p.m. Admission cost: \$10, includes sheet of tickets; additional sheets available for purchase. Theme basket raffle donations are being accepted at the parish office. For more information, contact Sandie Flannery at (570) 350-9652 or sandieflannery@gmail.com.

Grief Journey Ministry:

"Surviving the Holidays"

— **NOV. 13**, hosted by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish at Lake Silkworth, 2011 State Route 29, Hunlock Creek; faith-based bereavement support group gathering held from 2 to 4 p.m. Open to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one, especially in light of the upcoming holidays. Registration is encouraged; call the parish office (570) 477-5040.

Take-Out Roast Beef Dinner

— **NOV. 13**, hosted by Mary, Mother of God Parish in North Scranton; dinner is take-out only from noon to 4 p.m. at nearby Stirna's Restaurant, 120 W. Market St., North Scranton. Dinner cost: \$11 in advance; \$14 at the door. For advance tickets, contact the parish office at 316 William St., Scranton; phone: (570) 342-4881.

Marian Devotion Rosary prayer services

Fostering prayerful devotion to Jesus and Mary through recitation of the Rosary, Marian Devotion Ministries in the Diocese of Scranton continues to lead its 2022 Fatima Rosary Journey, which culminates during this month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

Prayer rallies and Rosary evenings are hosted throughout the Diocese and include the Rosary with chanted Scriptural mysteries, Fatima prayers and hymns.

Upcoming Marian Devotion events are scheduled as follows:

Third Monday Marian Devotions — Oct. 17 & Nov. 21, from 6 to 7 p.m., at the Oblates of

Saint Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laffin.

Monday Evening Marian Devotions

— Oct. 24, from 6 to 7 p.m., at Our Lady of the Abingtons, Dalton; and Oct. 31, 6 p.m., at the Oblates of Saint Joseph Chapel, Laffin, with Rosary celebration concluding the Month of the Holy Rosary.

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Present at the check presentations are, from left: Jordan Cook, Marywood University senior and Warden of the Northeast Board of District Deputies; former Knights of Columbus State Officer George Schneider; and the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton.



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