

Welcome to the Catholic Communities of

St. Ann, St. John Neumann & St. Vincent de Paul

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11 JANUARY 2026

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

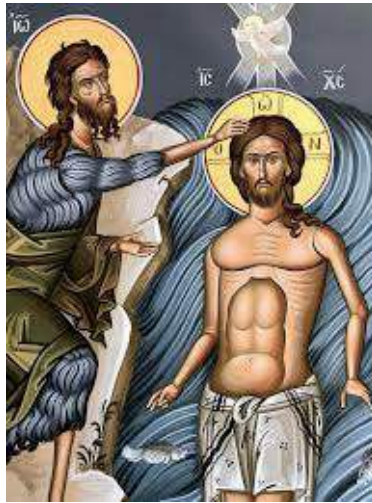
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

It is fitting that on this final feast of the season of Christmas, we celebrate Jesus' baptism, and with it our own entry into Christ's life through the waters of baptism. During Christmas, we have reflected on the stunning recognition that God came to be one with us in Jesus Christ. Now, as we make the transition to Ordinary Time, we think about what it means to follow this same Christ, the Anointed One of God. In baptism, we too are anointed. Baptism plunges us into Christ's death and resurrection; in baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit. Baptism, which is available to all who believe, draws us to the very heart of God. In baptism, we become the servants of the Lord, chosen ones who are called for the victory of justice, a light for the nations.

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PASTOR

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SENIOR PRIEST



THE LORD WAS BAPTIZED, NOT TO BE CLEANSED HIMSELF, BUT TO CLEANSE THE WATERS.

~ST. AMBROSE OF MILAN

The Baptism of the Lord

CERTAINTY

THE SON OF GOD died; it is by all MEANS TO BE BELIEVED BECAUSE it is ABSURD. AND HE WAS BURIED AND ROSE AGAIN; it is CERTAIN BECAUSE it is IMPOSSIBLE. ~TERTULLIANE



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SELF-DISCIPLINE

THE GREATEST OF ALL WARRIORS IN THE SIEGE OF TROY HAD NOT THE PREEMINENCE BECAUSE NATURE HAD GIVEN HIM STRENGTH AND HE CARRIED THE LARGEST BOW, BUT BECAUSE SELF-DISCIPLINE HAD TAUGHT HIM HOW TO BEND IT.

~BLESSED HENRY SUSO

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Through the centuries, artists and craftspeople have depicted Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John. At first in mosaics and frescoes, and later in tapestries, stained glass, and paintings, the scene is familiar. Jesus is standing waist-high in flowing water. Above him, standing on dry land, John the Baptist pours water over Jesus. The first artists to depict this were sketching from memory. This is exactly how most people were baptized in the early days: as adults, standing or kneeling in the water, with water poured over their heads.

This method of baptizing, called immersion, is the favored way today. An adult enters a font, or an infant is lowered a bit into the water supported by a parent's hand, and water is poured or splashed over them. The treasures of baptistery art attest that submersion, or plunging beneath the water's surface, is not really in our tradition, and that "infusion," the mere pouring of a few drops of water, yields too narrow an understanding of what it means to be plunged into Christ's life. Jesus Christ has gone before us into the water, and waits for us there with abundant gifts. No wonder the tradition calls for abundant symbols!

~James Field

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations.

Psalm — Psalm 29

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading — Acts 10:34-38

Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good.

Gospel — Matthew 3:13-17

A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased.



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MONDAY

1 Sm 1:1-8
Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19
Mk 1:14-20

TUESDAY

1 Sm 1:9-20
1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd
Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY

1 Sm 4:1-11
Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25
Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a
Ps 89:16-17, 18-19
Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mk 2:13-17

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ST. JOHN NEUMANN'S PARISH

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Good Shepherd Church, Blooming Grove

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Joan Dingee
Administrative and Bookkeeping Specialist

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday (January 12)

Ordinary Weekday

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

† Jeanine Tenzi

Tuesday (January 13)

Saint Hilary

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

† Nicholas Luca

Wednesday (January 14)

Ordinary Weekday

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

† No Mass

Thursday (January 15)

Ordinary Weekday

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

† No Mass

Friday (January 16)

Ordinary Weekday

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

† No Mass

Saturday (January 17)

Saint Anthony, Abbot

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:15-3:45p.m. Confessions (SJ)

4:00 p.m. (SJ) *for the health & healing of*
♥ Mary Beloff

Sunday (January 18)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:30 a.m. (SJ)

† James Aragona



(SJ) - St. John's (GS) - Good Shepherd

Offertory and Mass Attendance

Offertory includes money from weekly envelopes and loose checks from registered parishioners.

December 21st 4:00pm ?
NA 11:30am ?

Offertory to Date \$68,042

Weekly Average \$2,835

AUTOMATED TITHING

Choose the convenience of online giving more information can be found at www.sjneumannchurch.com.

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL REPORT

Goal	\$22,112
Committed	\$17,817
Raised	\$12,758
Goal Reached	81%
Number of Donors	70

**St. John Neumann
Parish Hall**

**Alcoholics
Anonymous®**

Wednesdays 7:00pm

SUNDAY READINGS DISCUSSION

Meet every Tuesday at 3:00pm in Saint John's Hall. The meetings usually last about 90 minutes. All are welcome to come and participate. Call Peter at 570-775-1647 for more information.



FOODS OF THE MONTH

BLOOMING GROVE FOOD PANTRY

Please consider including these items with your food donations. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to this worthwhile cause.

*Toilet Paper, Peanut Butter, Pasta,
Jarred Pasta Sauce & Canned Pasta*

We have several clients who are also in need of pet food- for both cats & dogs. Please consider including these items with your food donations. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to this worthwhile cause.



*The Sanctuary Votive Candle
will burn the week of January 11th
at St. John Neumann Church
in Loving Memory of
Kate Patten Correll*



SAINT ANN'S PARISH

121 Richardson Avenue
Shohola, PA 18458
570-832-4275

St. Mary's Church, Lackawaxen

Office: 125 Richardson Avenue
Tuesday - Thursday 8:00am to 2:00pm
Email: stann@ptd.net
www.stannshohola.org
Carol Laput, Administrative Manager

Offertory and Mass Attendance

Offertory includes money from weekly envelopes and loose checks from registered parishioners.

December 21st 5:30pm 21
8:30am 57 181
\$3,258 10:15am 103

Offertory to Date \$77,833.29
Weekly Average \$3,114

AUTOMATED TITHING

Choose the convenience of online giving more information can be found at www.stannshohola.org

Thank you for your generosity!

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL REPORT

Goal	\$22,038
Committed	\$19,101
Raised	\$13,533
Goal Reached	87%
Number of Donors	59

*Heaven was opened
and the Holy Spirit descended upon him
IN BODILY FORM LIKE A DOVE.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday (January 12)

Ordinary Weekday

8:30 a.m. (SA) *for special intentions of*
♥ Jessica Zygmunt

Tuesday (January 13)

Saint Hilary

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. (SA)

† Larry Chiocchi

Wednesday (January 14)

Ordinary Weekday

No Mass

Thursday (January 15)

Ordinary Weekday

8:30 a.m. (SA)

† Stanley Zygmunt

Friday (January 16)

Ordinary Weekday

8:30 a.m. (SA)

† Doris Nelson

Saturday (January 17)

Saint Anthony, Abbot

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. (SA)

† Anthony Morano

Sunday (January 18)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. (SA)

† Rebeca Herrero

9:30-10:00a.m. Confessions (SA)

10:15 a.m. (SA)

♥ For the People



(SA) - St. Ann's (SE) - St. Eligius Room (SM) - St. Mary's

*The Christmas Altar Candles at St. Ann's Church
are offered in Loving Memory of
Jean & William Leach,
Adele & William Bratkovics,
Father Thom Major
& Father John Ryan,
and in Celebration of
Deacon Frank Fanelli
generously donated by
Susan & Bruce Bratkovics and
Susan & Bernie Kozyskowski*



*The Sanctuary Votive Candle
will burn the week of January 11th
at St. Ann's Church
in Honor of
Ann Lawlor*



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

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Lorraine Schmidt, Administrative Assistant

Jo-Ann Fay, Financial Secretary

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (JANUARY 12)

Ordinary Weekday

No Mass

TUESDAY (JANUARY 13)

Saint Hilary

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:45 a.m. (C)

No Mass

WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 14)

Ordinary Weekday

9:30 a.m. (C) *Special Intentions*

♥ Deacon Frank Fanelli

THURSDAY (JANUARY 15)

Ordinary Weekday

9:30 a.m. (C)

† Charlie Denniston

FRIDAY (JANUARY 16)

Ordinary Weekday

9:30 a.m. (C)

† Alfred Pettenati

SATURDAY (JANUARY 17)

Saint Anthony, Abbot

Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

3:15-3:45p.m. Confessions (SV)

4:00 p.m. (SV)

† Gary Sullivan

SUNDAY (JANUARY 18)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. (SV) *Celebrating the Wedding Anniversary of Father Binesh's parents,*

♥ Mary & Joseph

11:15 a.m. (SV)

† Susan Benjamin



(SV) - St. Vincent de Paul (C) - Chapel

The Lifestyle of Generous Hearts

Offertory and Mass Attendance

Offertory includes money from weekly envelopes and loose checks from registered parishioners.

December 21st

Envelopes \$4,063 4:00pm NA

We Share \$1,471 8:30am NA

11:15am NA

Christmas to Date \$225

Offertory to Date \$119,269

Weekly Average \$4,771

Online Giving

Choose the convenience of online giving more information can be found at stvdepaulchurch.org

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL REPORT

Goal \$35,583

Committed \$22,250

Raised \$20,320

Goal Reached 62%

Number of Donors 69



IN-PERSON COFFEE HOUR



After 8:30am Mass

Reconnect with other parish members with coffee, tea, baked goods and fellowship. Held in the parish hall each Sunday.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LOAVES AND FISHES GIFT CARDS

Support our parish! Buy gift cards in the narthex before and after weekend Masses. Order or view available cards by scanning the QR code or call 570-686-4545.



*The Sanctuary
Votive Candle
will burn the week of
January 11th at
St. Vincent de Paul Church
in Loving Memory of
Regina Steeber*

OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES

~ REMINDER ~

PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK YOUR CHECK

As we welcome the new year: please take a moment to check the date on your checks before placing them in the offertory. Banks are unable to accept checks that are more than six months old. Thank you for your care and support of our parish community.

ITALY PILGRIMAGE

September 28 - October 4, 2026

Father John Boyle is sponsoring a sacred pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi - and you are invited!

Walk in the footsteps of the saints - St. Peter, St. Francis and St. Clare as we will journey from the

Vatican to the peaceful hills of Umbria. This unforgettable pilgrimage includes a Papal Audience, Masses at historic basilicas, visits to the sites of the early Church, and prayerful moments of reflection

In Assisi. A beautiful opportunity for faith, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.

For a brochure and further information please contact Fr. John at: jdboyle@me.com or call St. Vincent's Office.

The price of the trip is \$4695 per person (double occupancy) and \$5395 per person - single occupancy.

Travel arrangements are through Travel World - with Matt Kisis, who is the new Travel World owner.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC?



Are you unsure about the Catholic Church but want to know more about it? Do you know someone who would be interested in becoming Catholic? Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a program which serves to guide people in their faith journey into the Catholic Church. Classes start soon. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office 570-832-4275.



2025 Baptisms

As we reflect on this past year, we give thanks for the many blessings within our parish communities, especially those welcomed into the Body of Christ through Baptism. This sacred sacrament marks the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith and reflects the love and support of our parish community. Let us pray for these individuals and their families as they continue to grow in the love of Christ.

St. Ann's

Ella Maria Youngghans
Crue Sader McNamara-Williams
Declan Alexander Carpenter
James Christopher Bisland
Otto Reid Guerrieri

St. John's

Dimitri Ledesma
Marc Kyler Ochoa
Noah Barry Gombert
Carmella Lynn Salvatoriello
William Eli Maurer
Molly Quinn Mastrelli
Joseph Michael Hernandez

St. Vincent's

Madelyn Grace Wisniewski
Santino Joshua Reynolds
Isabella Marianna Suarez
Mateo Alan Turner
Chelsea Rae McAllister
Helena Battista
Logan Edward Boyko
Naiia Isabella-Concepcion Rabuano

Welcome to St. Ann's, St. John Neumann and St. Vincent de Paul Parishes

To all who are celebrating with us today, if you are not registered, recently married, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, please scan the code to complete registration online. We encourage you to register as a member of our faith community. Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish. Registering also makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, religious education registration, weddings and when asked to be a sponsor for baptism or confirmation.

REGISTER
ONLINE

OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES

Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

Revenue

- **Collections** include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- **Faith Formation Fees** include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adult programs.
- **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- **Transfers Savings Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- **Diocesan Special Collections** are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

Expenses

- **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedraticum (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- **Rectory** expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- **Liturgy** includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- **Catholic School Assessments** paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the increase or decrease in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a **CASH BASIS** based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's unpaid obligations over the year. If there is an increase in unpaid obligations, this number will be negative. If the parish reduced its unpaid obligations, this will be a positive number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations.

This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH, LORDS VALLEY TREND ANALYSIS

Revenue	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Collections	207,224	208,107	201,623	193,337	191,038
Faith Formation Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising/Development	23,762	22,108	29,623	40,415	23,890
Other Income	4,810	3,950	1,867	1,675	2,333
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	-	-	-	-	17,657
Transfer Savings Accounts/Other	-	-	-	-	-
Diocesan Special Collections	10,929	15,441	11,741	17,851	12,823
Total Revenue	246,725	249,606	244,854	253,277	247,741
Expenses					
Administration	105,331	98,197	102,449	101,350	102,048
Rectory	1,251	1,446	1,436	1,349	605
Liturgy	28,190	25,347	24,449	23,235	29,192
Faith Formation	20,630	30,047	27,930	29,403	27,553
Social Justice	-	-	-	-	-
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	39,403	42,359	69,249	38,221	37,304
Fixed Expenses	16,896	14,364	13,296	12,662	12,175
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Expenses/Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-
Catholic School Assessment	18,708	18,876	17,100	17,773	21,780
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	10,929	15,441	11,741	17,851	12,823
Total Expenses	241,338	246,077	267,650	241,843	243,480
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	5,387	3,529	(22,796)	11,434	4,261
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations**	5,254	(6,556)	5,834	(1,347)	1,032
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	10,641	(3,027)	(16,962)	10,087	2,293

*Note** Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include:
Diocesan Assessments, School Assessments, Health Insurance, Self-Insurance, Pension and other expenses.*

End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	2,299	7,553	997	6,831	5,484
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	7,553	997	6,831	5,484	6,516
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	5,254	(6,556)	5,834	(1,347)	1,032
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

SAINT ANN'S

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

ST. ANN'S CHURCH, SHOHOLA

TREND ANALYSIS

Revenue	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Collections	211,378	222,139	192,766	186,133	165,065
Faith Formation Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising/Development	12,859	23,183	10,152	11,700	10,472
Other Income	1,550	6,775	900	1,425	1,643
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	833	3,273	2,500	-	5,000
Transfer Savings Accounts/Other	-	-	5,576	-	22,326
Diocesan Special Collections	7,453	10,817	7,571	11,979	6,250
Total Revenue	234,073	266,187	219,465	211,237	210,756
Expenses					
Administration	100,402	92,671	85,770	83,747	91,647
Rectory	4,854	4,424	4,288	4,270	1,843
Liturgy	12,856	11,820	9,287	7,269	13,034
Faith Formation	38,149	48,995	45,229	42,085	46,222
Social Justice	-	-	-	-	-
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	40,008	54,808	45,217	44,643	38,457
Fixed Expenses	15,464	18,804	17,400	16,576	15,939
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Expenses/Transfers Out	-	-	207	-	-
Catholic School Assessment	16,320	15,984	14,172	14,673	18,833
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	7,453	10,817	7,571	11,979	6,250
Total Expenses	235,506	258,323	229,141	225,242	232,225
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) – CASH Basis	(1,433)	7,864	(9,676)	(14,005)	(21,469)
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations**	(1,748)	(1,217)	5,814	(998)	(1363)
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,181)	6,647	(3,862)	(15,003)	(20,106)

*Note** Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include:*

Diocesan Assessments, School Assessments, Health Insurance, Self-Insurance, Pension and other expenses.

End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	2,958	1,210	(7)	5,807	4,809
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	1,210	(7)	5,807	4,809	6,172
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	(1,748)	(1,217)	5,814	(998)	1,363

Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH, MILFORD
TREND ANALYSIS

Revenue	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Collections	324,122	317,081	323,740	329,630	342,619
Faith Formation Fees	1,145	2,780	3,517	2,710	2,365
Fundraising/Development	27,899	31,783	31,098	1,605	1,250
Other Income	14,794	14,777	14,642	16,835	16,857
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	-	17,025	-	-	-
Transfer Savings Accounts/Other	-	8,000	19,501	20,300	31,762
Diocesan Special Collections	7,323	9,128	4,019	7,267	3,539
Total Revenue	375,273	400,574	396,517	378,347	398,392
Expenses					
Administration	143,729	159,243	165,915	167,147	102,048
Rectory	18,692	23,890	24,149	24,594	605
Liturgy	33,831	35,840	36,652	35,210	29,192
Faith Formation	37,231	41,142	37,858	23,367	27,553
Social Justice	700	600	975	2,455	-
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	69,728	76,418	75,360	65,276	37,304
Fixed Expenses	20,940	17,148	14,650	15,118	12,175
Debt Service	2,897	2,896	2,655	2,655	2,655
Capital Outlays	-	-	-	-	5,943
Designated Expenses/Transfers Out	5,675	-	-	-	-
Catholic School Assessment	32,129	34,068	35,052	37,920	19,708
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	7,323	9,128	4,019	7,267	3,539
Total Expenses	372,874	400,373	397,285	381,009	395,550
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) – CASH Basis	2,399	201	(767)	(2,662)	(2,841)
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations**	(437)	20,479	5,406	9,595	(15,941)
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	1,962	20,680	4,639	6,933	(13,099)

*Note** Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include:
 Diocesan Assessments, School Assessments, Health Insurance, Self-Insurance, Pension and other expenses.*

End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	11,467	11,030	31,509	36,915	46,510
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	11,030	31,509	36,915	46,510	30,569
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	(437)	20,479	5,406	9,595	(15,941)
Diocesan Loan/Debt	2,140	4,914	7,613	10,018	12,338

KID'S CORNER

What an honor it must have been for John to baptize Jesus! Read what happened and finish writing the underlined words into the crossword that appears in the river below.

John didn't feel worthy to baptize Jesus. But Jesus wanted him to, and so he did. Afterwards, the Spirit of God appeared as a dove. A voice from the heavens called Jesus "my beloved son."

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Baptism of the Lord

Even though God made each of us different, we are all equal in God's sight. Every one of us, whatever our race, country, or community, is a beloved child of God. Look at each grouping and circle the pictures that are the same.



Baptism Memories

Ask your parents to show you pictures from your own Baptism. What does the priest pour on babies' heads as a sign of Baptism? Please draw what is missing.



GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

The Baptism of the Lord

John the Baptist was sent to help the people get ready for Jesus' coming.

Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10:34-38

Ps 29:1-4, 9-10
Mt 3:13-17

Directions: Circle the things you do to get ready for church.



NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hot-line (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. 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.

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.

The icon on the cover...

This icon by an unknown artist depicts the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River, also known as Theophany, the feast in which Jesus' divine identity is revealed to the world. Christ stands humbly in the waters as John the Baptist extends his hand in obedience to God's call. Above them, the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove, and the opened heavens signify the voice of the Father, revealing the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

Rendered in the traditional Byzantine iconographic style, the figures are elongated and stylized, emphasizing spiritual truth over physical realism. The flowing waters of the Jordan are shown as alive and active, symbolizing creation's response to the presence of Christ.

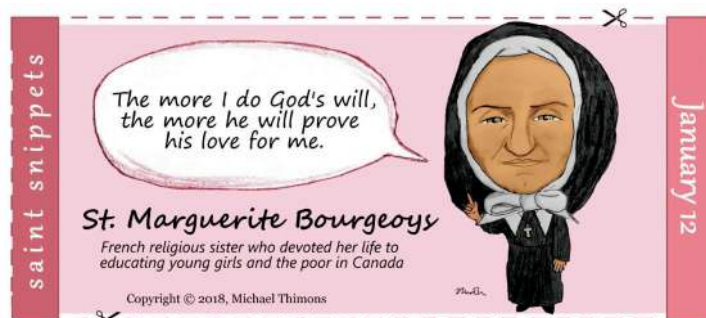
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No Mass Wednesday

Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm - St. Ann's Church

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:15am - St. Ann's Church

St. Mary's Church - Closed for Season

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Good Shepherd Church - Memorial Weekend, July Fourth
Weekend and Labor Day Weekend at 5:30pm on Saturday

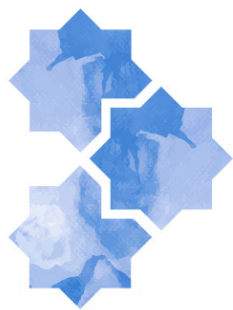
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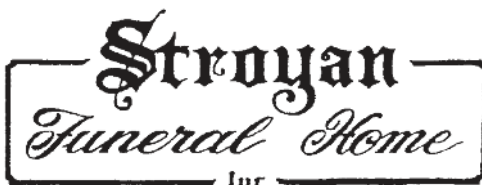
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