

Welcome to the Catholic Communities of

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 FEBRUARY 2026

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

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PASTOR

Reverend Binesh Joseph Kanjirakattu
SENIOR PRIEST



A LIGHT TO REVEAL THE NATIONS.

The Presentation of the Lord

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The prayers surrounding baptism often speak of being "clothed in Christ," and clothes are an important consideration. In ancient times, adults were probably baptized without any clothes at all, and old texts survive asking people to leave fancy garb and jewelry behind as they enter the font. Baptism was typically in a private place, the community waited elsewhere, and the casting off of clothing was hardly a public moment, nor was it embarrassing in ancient cultures where privacy was largely unknown.

Nonetheless, what was left behind on one side of the font was replaced on the other as a white robe was wrapped around the newly baptized. It was a robe of honor, a dazzling sign of a new beginning for a society that valued clothing as a sign of personal identity. For the newly baptized, a whole week in white garments was the rule, through the second Sunday of Easter, called "Sunday in Albis," because of all the folks wearing their baptismal robes.

~James Field

R MONDAY
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

E TUESDAY
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30; 19:3
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mk 5:21-43

A WEDNESDAY
2 SM 24:2, 9-17
PS 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
MK 6:1-6

D THURSDAY
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12
1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd
Mk 6:7-13

I FRIDAY
Sir 47:2-11
Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51
Mk 6:14-29

N SATURDAY
1 Kings 3:4-13
Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Mk 6:30-34

THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL

THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL HAS NOT BEEN TRIED AND FOUND WANTING.
IT HAS BEEN FOUND DIFFICULT AND LEFT UNTRIED. ~GILBERT K. CHESTERTON



GOOD INFORMATION
OUR JUDGMENTS ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS OUR INFORMATION.
~ANONYMOUS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection.

Psalm — Psalm 146
Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord.

Gospel — John Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit.

GOD CHOSE THOSE WHOM THE WORLD CONSIDERS ABSURD TO SHAME THE WISE



ST. JOHN NEUMANN'S PARISH

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday (February 2)

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

9:30 a.m. (SJ) *Special Intentions for*

♥ Frank Fanelli

Tuesday (February 3)

*Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
 Saint Ansgar, Bishop*

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

† Robert Lusardi

Wednesday (February 4)

Ordinary Weekday

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

† No Mass

Thursday (February 5)

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

† No Mass

Friday (February 6)

Ordinary Weekday

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

† No Mass

Saturday (February 7)

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

4:00 p.m. (SJ)

† Helen Mokrzycki

Sunday (February 8)

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:30 a.m. (SJ)

† Charlie Denniston



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

Offertory and Mass Attendance

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

January 11th	4:00pm	92	201
\$3,133	11:30am	109	

Offertory to Date \$97,316

Weekly Average \$3,476

AUTOMATED TITHING

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Thank you for your generosity!

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
 APPEAL REPORT**

Goal	\$22,112
Committed	\$18,167
Raised	\$14,108
Goal Reached	82%
Number of Donors	70

St. John Neumann
 Parish Hall

**Alcoholics
 Anonymous®**

Wednesdays 7:00pm

SEEK THE LORD
ALL YOU HUMBLE OF THE EARTH

Zephaniah 2:3



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, Cereal & Tuna

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 February 1st
 at St. John Neumann Church
 in Loving Memory of
 Father Thom Major*



SAINT ANN'S PARISH

121 Richardson Avenue
Shohola, PA 18458
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St. Mary's Church, Lackawaxen

Office: 125 Richardson Avenue
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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.

January 11 th	5:30pm	22	
\$2,205	8:30am	78	176
	10:15am	76	

Offertory to Date \$92,289
Weekly Average \$3,296

AUTOMATED TITHING

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL REPORT

Goal	\$22,038
Committed	\$19,461
Raised	\$15,016
Goal Reached	88%
Number of Donors	61

WALKER LAKE WOMEN'S CLUB

A group of ladies with a common interest ... quilting!

If you're interested in participating in future charitable projects, please feel free to reach out to Chris Cancemi.

570-296-7216 (home)
570-228-8442 (cell)
or sewchris@ptd.net

ST. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

*Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal
Canned Fruit*

Seeking volunteers to help unload trucks and stock pantry. Contact Laura at 845-239-3605 if you are interested.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (FEBRUARY 2)

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

8:30 a.m. (SA)

† Robert Kozykiewicz

TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 3)

*Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
Saint Ansgar, Bishop*

8:30 a.m. (SA)

† John Maher

WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 4)

Ordinary Weekday

No Mass

THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 5)

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 a.m. (SA)

† Caroline & Harold Hess

FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 6)

Ordinary Weekday

8:30 a.m. (SA)

† Larry Chiocchi

SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 7)

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. (SA)

♥ For the People

SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 8)

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. (SA)

† Edward Lawlor, Sr.

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

10:15 a.m. (SA)

† Veronica Simonson



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

Pastor Al



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"Our new secretary is something... funny how a phone message from your doctor got in the Sunday bulletin."

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at St. Ann's Church
in Loving Memory of
John H. McGarry*





ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

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MASS INTENTIONS
MONDAY (FEBRUARY 2) <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>
No Mass
TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 3) <i>Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr</i> <i>Saint Ansgar, Bishop</i>
8:45 a.m. (C) No Mass
WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 4) <i>Ordinary Weekday</i>
8:45 a.m. (C) No Mass
THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 5) <i>Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i>
9:30 a.m. (C) † Tomas & Nellie Heavey
FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 6) <i>Ordinary Weekday</i>
9:30 a.m. (C) † to be announced
SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 7) <i>Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i>
Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 3:15-3:45p.m. Confessions (SV) 4:00 p.m. (SV) † Gary Charles Lombardi
SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 8) <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:30 a.m. (SV) † Anthony Toman
11:15 a.m. (SV) † Gary Sullivan

<small>(SV) - St. Vincent de Paul (C) - Chapel</small>

The Lifestyle of Generous Hearts
Offertory and Mass Attendance
Offertory includes money from weekly envelopes and loose checks from registered parishioners.

January 11th

Envelopes	\$3,412	4:00pm	71
We Share	\$2,665	8:30am	95 307
		11:15am	141

Offertory to Date \$141,174
Weekly Average \$5,042

Online Giving

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

Thank you for your generosity!



Wednesdays
at St. Vincent de Paul Church

Adoration
9:30am

Benediction
10:30am

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL REPORT

Goal	\$35,583
Committed	\$22,250
Raised	\$20,520
Goal Reached	63%
Number of Donors	69

SPEND A HALF HOUR WITH YOUR MOTHER

St. Vincent de Paul Church Come Pray the Rosary 1st Saturday of the month 10am in the Chapel. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #9832 Lady of the Mountain. Rosaries provided if needed.

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.



OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES



MINISTRY TRAINING SCHEDULE

All training and meetings begin at 6:30pm

ALTAR SERVERS

New Altar Server Training

Thursday, February 5th at St. John Neumann

Meeting & Reflection (all servers, new and experienced)

Thursday, February 12th at St. John Neumann

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

New Minister Training

Thursday, February 26th at St. Ann's

Meeting & Reflection (all ministers, new and experienced)

Thursday, March 5th at St. Ann's

Register for classes on line or by
calling your Parish Office
registering online by scanning code
or visit www.stannshohola.org



Groundhog Day has its roots in the ancient celebration of Candlemas, a time when people looked to the natural world for signs of the changing seasons. An old rhyme captured this hope of winter's end:



*If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Come winter, have another flight.*

*If Candlemas bring clouds and rain,
Go winter, and come not again.*

When German immigrants carried this tradition to America, the weather-watching passed from sky to soil. The groundhog stirring from its long winter sleep became the storyteller of the season, its shadow offering a hint of whether winter would linger or quietly slip away.

CANDLEMAS CANDLE BLESSING

Parishioners are invited to bring candles from home to be blessed at Mass on February 2nd at St. Ann's and St. John Neumann.

At St. Vincent's, the blessing of candles will take place on February 1st after all Masses.

Blessed candles will be available for \$5.00 per box after Mass and throughout the week on a first come first serve basis.

COLLECTION OF OLD PALMS



We invite you to bring your Blessed Palms from previous years to be burned and prepared as Ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Palms can be placed in the receptacles near the church entrances through February 15th.

Thank you for being part of this meaningful tradition!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

There is a real need for Eucharistic Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priest at weekday and weekend Masses, on Holy Days, and in bringing the Eucharist to the home-bound and to those in nursing homes or hospitals.

Ministers must be practicing Catholics who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist; if married, the marriage must be valid in the Church. Those interested in this ministry are invited to contact the Parish Office.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES



Ash Wednesday, **February 18th**, marks the beginning of Lent. The following fast and abstinence regulations are observed:

- ◆ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.
- ◆ Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.
- ◆ All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays during Lent.
- ◆ All Catholics over 18 years of age to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal and two smaller meals unless dispensed or excused.

St. Ann's Church

Mass: 8:30am and 6:00pm
Liturgy of the Word 4:00pm

St. John Neumann Church

Mass: 9:30am and 5:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul Church

Mass: 9:00am and 7:00pm

*Asbes will be distributed only during Mass and the Liturgy Service.
To receive ashes please attend one of the Services above.*

ARE YOU CONSIDERING BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Sundays at St. Ann's 9:20am - St. Iggy Room (Parish Office)



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.

~ REMINDER ~

PLEASE DOUBLE-CHECK YOUR CHECK

Oops! It looks like that check took a little trip back in time. No worries—we've all been there. Here's to making them one a little more "this year" and a little less "last year."

As we welcome the new year, please take a moment to check the **date** and **signature** 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 continued support of our parish community.

God Be in My Head

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.

~Attributed to Old Sarum Primer.

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK

*Reflections on Christ's life based on the
Passion narrative in the Gospel of Mark.*

Lent, the journey to Jerusalem will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. As we approach this Holy Season and to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the journey, our Parish is inviting you to spend some quiet time with the Lord by picking up a copy of "The Little Black Book" for Lent.

These Reflections on Christ's life based on the Passion narrative in the Gospel of Mark will guide you on your Lenten Journey.

Books are FREE and will be located at the entrance of the church beginning February 15th

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN



COLUMBIETTES

Celebrate MARDI GRAS

In memory of Fr. Thom Major

TUES., FEB. 17, 2026
St. John's Parish Hall 6:30-10:00

\$50.00 per person
RSVP Feb. 1, 2026

Hills Homestead Buffet
Music by Larry Martone
BYOB

Contact: Linda
 Call or text
 (570) 832-1587

Mardi Gras Attire Encouraged

SUNDAY READINGS DISCUSSION

Tuesdays 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.

ST JOHN NEUMANN AND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Donations are welcome but not necessary.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Tuesday at
 St. Vincent de Paul's Church 11:00am- 1:00pm

KNIGHTS CORNER

BECOME A KNIGHT
 ASK A KNIGHT AT YOUR PARISH HOW

- ☆ Lead with Faith
- ☆ Protect your family with insurance
- ☆ Serve others
- ☆ Defend your Catholic Values

Rich Flora *Grand Knight Council 12571*
 raf_619@yahoo.com

Knights of Columbus

Friday Night Fish Dinner

As we begin a time of Lenten reflection and look towards renewal, consider joining us at SJN for fellowship, community and yes, delicious fish!

Dinner will be served at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm.

COLUMBIETTES

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at Saint John Neumann's Church Hall at 7:00pm come visit and see what we're all about. Please contact:

Donna 570-257-0310 or Natalie 845-500-5810

FOOD FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS



1:00pm ~ 2:30pm

February 1st at St. John Neumann
Swedish Meatballs over Noodles

February 8th at St. Ann's
Mild Chili over Rice

SA Parish Office 570-832-4275
 SJN Parish Office 570-775-6791

text or call 347-446-9631 or 201-575-6100

Orders due by the Wednesday prior to the dinner.

SAINT ANN'S

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year-End Statements have been mailed to parishioners who requested a one.

If you have not previously requested a statement and would like to receive one, please complete the form on our website or call the Parish Office.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY

The Witness of the Cloths



This Lent, our Friday evening Scripture study will examine The Shroud of Turin and the Sudarium of Oviedo (Spain); ancient burial cloths long venerated for their connection to the Passion of Christ.

Through careful reflection on Sacred Scripture, historical testimony, and theological insight, we will consider how these silent witnesses illuminate the Gospel accounts of Christ's suffering, death, and burial, and invite deeper meditation on the mystery of the Incarnation and Redemption.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT
6:30PM | MULLIGAN HALL

MASSES AVAILABLE!

We currently have openings for Mass intentions. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please visit our website stannshohola.org or contact Carol at the Parish Office 570-832-4275.

FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT

LENT CALLS FOR Soup!

SOUP MAKERS NEEDED!

sign-up at stannshohola.org

FRIDAYS
February 20th to March 27th

ST. ANN'S EMAIL PRAYERLINE

If you would like to join our email prayerline please email Mary Agnes at: prayerlinemary@gmail.com

ST. ANN'S CCD WEATHER REMINDER

Weather cancellation notifications will be by email as well as being posted on our webpage or our St. Ann's Shohola Facebook page.

As always, if your roads are bad but we have not yet cancelled, please don't risk your life to get to!

PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD!

Lectors needed at St. Ann's

It is an ancient teaching in the Church that Christ is truly present in His Word: the Word that is spoken, heard and acted upon. The Lector proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ, making God present to the gathered community.

If you are a confirmed, practicing Catholic and are comfortable with public speaking, please consider becoming a lector at Mass. Training will be provided. Lectors serve approximately once every 4-6 weeks and Holy Day Masses. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Carol at the Parish Office.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The meeting to share ideas for celebrating the 50th Anniversary year of St Vincent de Paul church has been rescheduled to Sunday February 15th in the parish hall during coffee hour from 9:30-11:00.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL

Cor Ad Cor Loquitur

SATURDAYS DURING LENT

Our Lady of the Mountain # 9832 is introducing Cor, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of our parish communities. Cor aims to strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

The event will be held 8:00am Saturdays, in St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall, where attendees can enjoy coffee and donuts, prayer, and fraternity.

For more information, contact Peter Briody at PDB144@gmail.com



Cursillo Small Grouping

All Cursillistas are invited to gather for small grouping at St. Vincent de Paul's Chapel on the first Tuesday of each month, following the 8:45am Mass.

We begin by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by grouping.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Grow+Go

Grow+Go helps us reflect on the Sunday Scriptures and live as evangelizing disciples of Christ. Each week's message offers simple, concrete ways to GROW in faith and GO share it with others, following Christ's call in Matthew 28:19. Find Grow+Go on our parish website, Facebook, and in St. Vincent's Updates weekly email.



FAITH FORMATION PRESCHOOL

Ages: 3, 4 and 5 years

Held in the parish hall during Faith Formation class time, Sundays 9:45 -11 a.m. Bible stories, crafts and learning about Jesus. Parents must remain in the hall.



LITE FARE AND STATIONS

Gather with us in the Parish Hall *Fridays* during Lent for a light supper at 5:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm.

STELLAR SAINTS

Second Thursday of the Month

Learn some interesting tidbits about some of the lesser-known saints.

The sessions will be available through Zoom. The Parish Office 570-686-4545 to register and receive the connection information.

St. Vincent de Paul

Our Lady of the Mountain Council #9832

KNIGHTS BREAKFAST

Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus **second Sunday** of each month from 9:00am to 11:00am. Join fellow parishioners for a full hot breakfast.

Cost \$5/person maximum \$20/family

SHARING THE SUNDAY READINGS

Tuesdays 6:30pm via Zoom

Relax at home and join us online - PJs welcome! Each week, we reflect on the Sunday scriptures, exploring their meaning and how they guide our lives. No commitment—share your thoughts or simply listen. For details, call the Parish Office at 570-686-4545.

KID'S CORNER

Jesus went up on a mountain to teach his disciples important things. Find your way up the mountain by coloring the numbers that count from one to twenty.

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Write in the name of each picture. Then read the hearts from top to bottom to see what you are to God!

Blessed are the clean of heart, / for they will see God.
 Matthew 5:8



CATHOLIC CORNER

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

At the Last Supper Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever remains in me . . . will bear much fruit" (John 15:5).

What did Jesus mean when he spoke of us bearing fruit? Certainly not fruit that grows on trees. He meant that if we remain close to him and follow his teachings, we will be able to do many good things. The Church teaches that when we try to do good things—to produce good fruit—the fruits of the Holy Spirit will flourish in us (see Galatians 5:22-23).

One of the Spirit's fruits is joy. Think of some of the things you do, for others and for yourself, that bring you joy. It might be sharing something, giving a gift, or helping someone who is sad or is hurt. When you do these things you produce something good that creates joy in you. Some other fruits of the Spirit are named in the circles. Write or draw a picture showing something you might do or say that would bring that fruit of the Holy Spirit to you.



**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...

Depicts the Presentation of the Lord, when Christ is brought into the Temple and recognized as the fulfillment of God's promise. At the center, the Theotokos offers the Christ Child, revealing her role as the one who presents Him to the world. The tightly swaddled infant subtly foreshadows the Paschal mystery.

Saint Simeon, bent with age, receives Christ in reverence, embodying Israel's long waiting now fulfilled. The altar recalls both the Temple and the altar of the Church, revealing Christ as gift and sacrifice. Saint Joseph, holding the offering of the poor, reflects the humility of the Holy Family, while the Prophetess Anna, with her scroll, proclaims the fulfillment of prophecy. The author, Michael Alevizakis presents a theology of quiet revelation: God enters His Temple not in power, but in humility, received by those who have learned how to wait.

Living Stewardship Now

Bring hope and help to the poor.

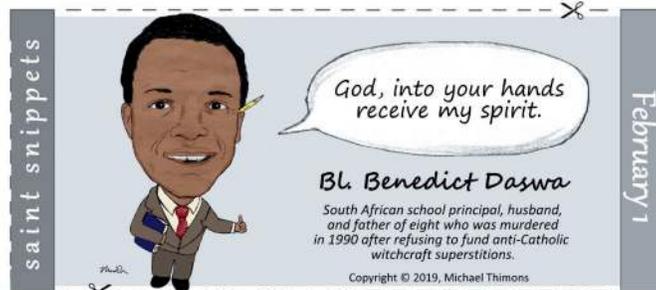
Close to home: Volunteer with a literacy organization, a job seekers' network, a food bank, or the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Far away: Support the work of Catholic Relief Services, South Sudan.

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We encounter Christ in Word, Worship, Service and Community.

ST. ANN'S PARISH

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

Adoration on Monday 9:00am

Confessions on Sunday 9:30am-10:00am

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30am

No Mass Wednesday

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

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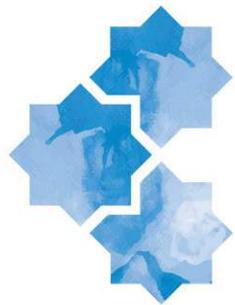
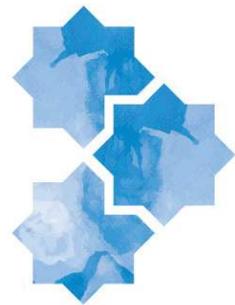


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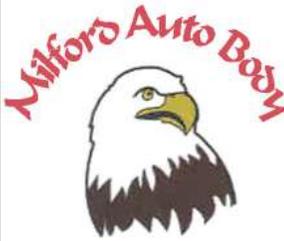
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