



Prayer - Planning - Possibilities

*“Inspire us to discover
new ways and structures
to spread your Gospel.”*

— from the Pastoral Planning Prayer

Introductory statistics: General population

1990

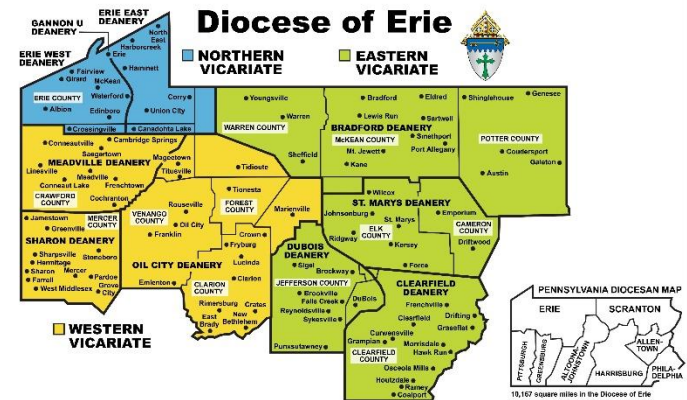
875,200

2012

855,252

2022

813,513



October Count

annual count taken all four weeks in every parish each October

1990

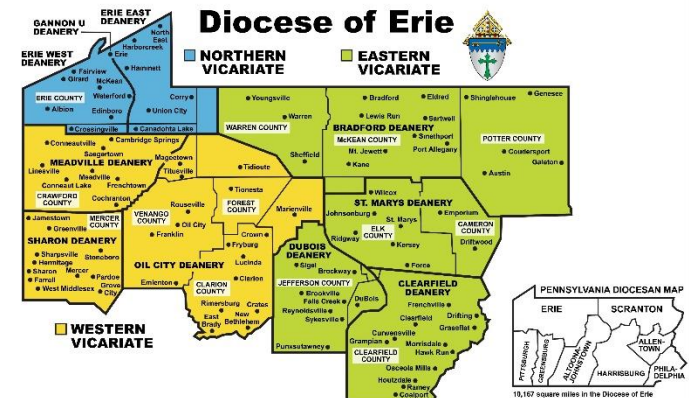
120,000

2012

52,113

2022

26,770

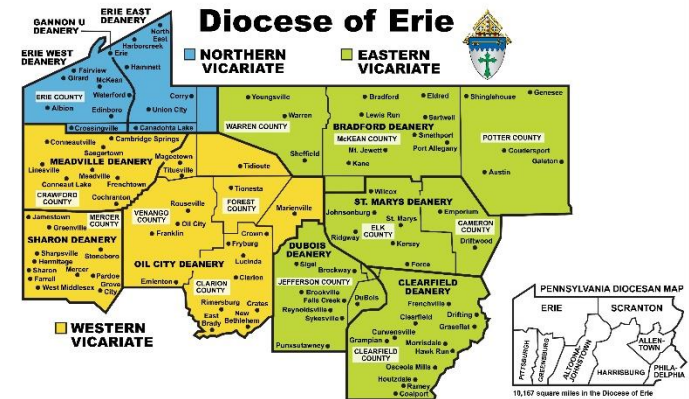


Number of Parishes in the Diocese of Erie

1990 127

2012 117

2022 94
(now 93)

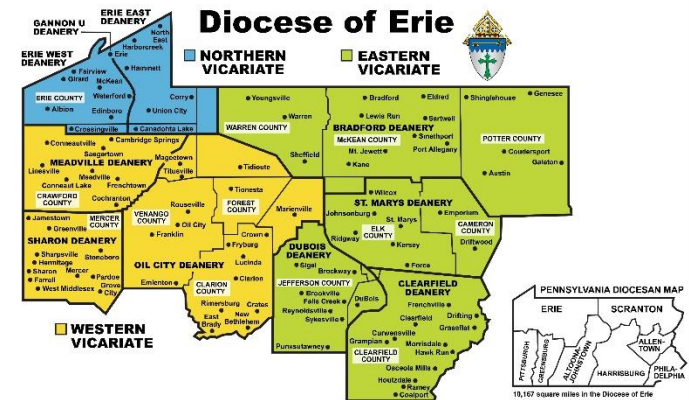


Number of active priests serving within the diocese

1990 210


2012 130

2022 99
(now 97)

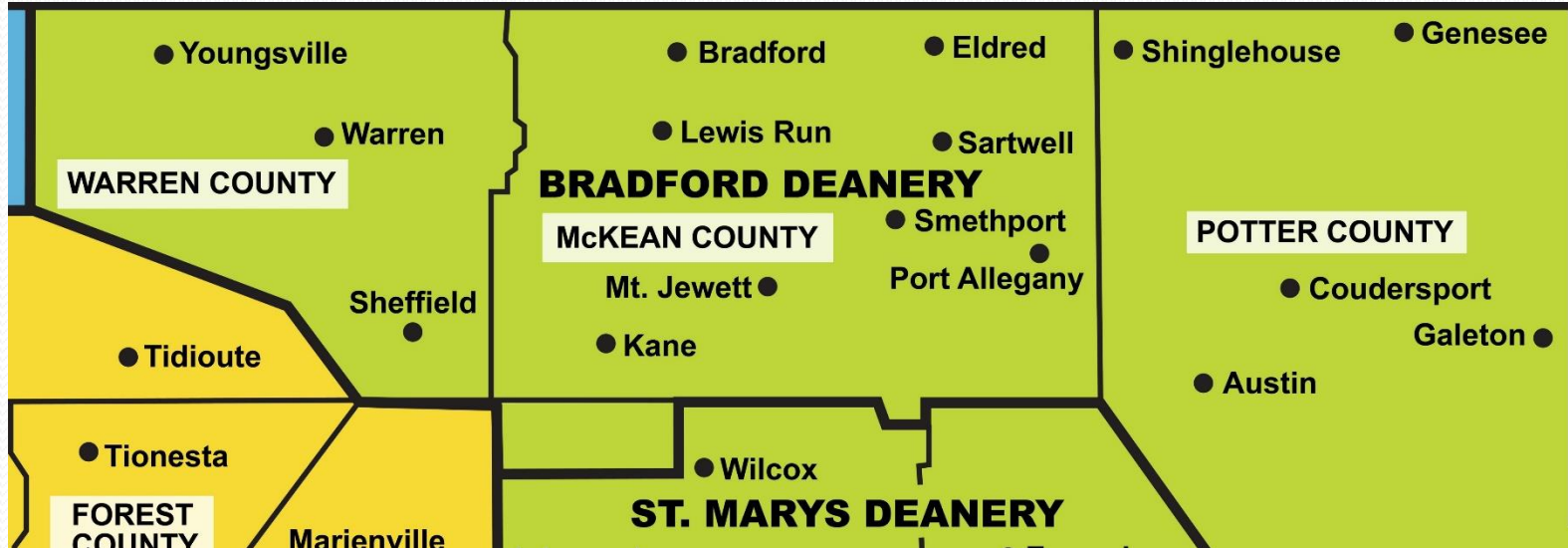


Next Steps

- **Questionnaire**
Online/hard copy
- **Official response from the pastor**
- **Deadline: April 21**

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- **Adjustments to the plan**
 - **Presbyteral Council approval**
 - **Summer 2023**

Bradford Deanery current

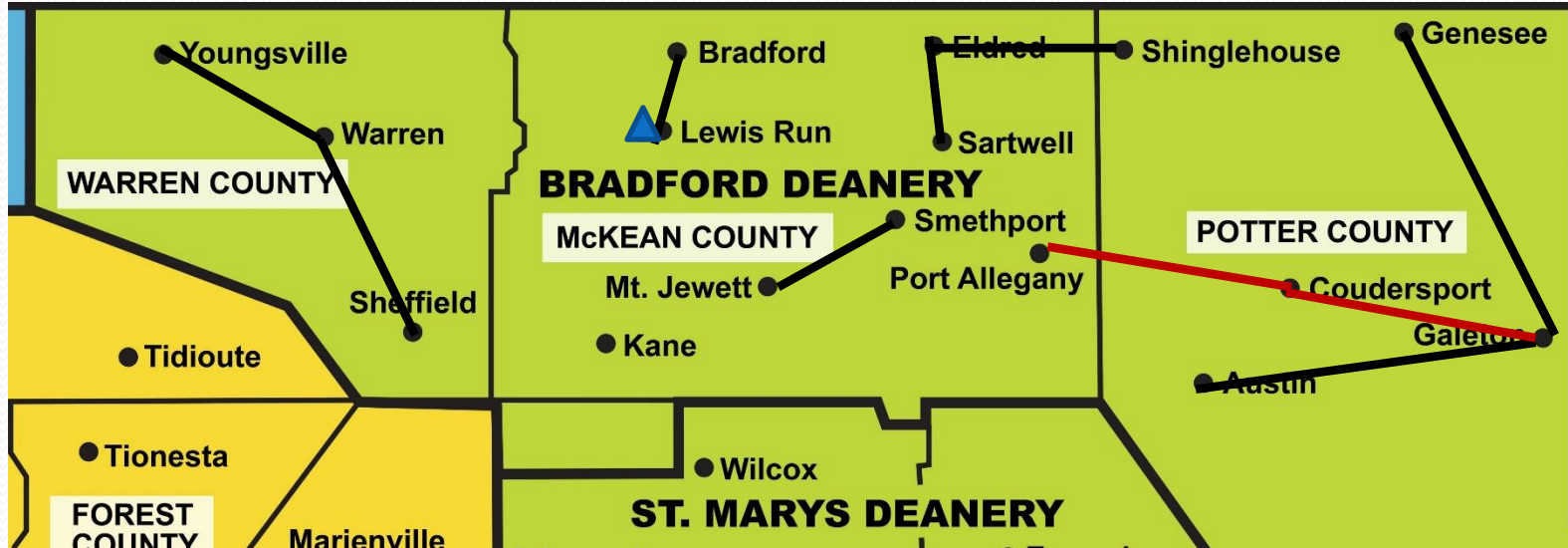


Bradford Deanery (current)

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———— indicates parishes are partnered



Bradford

No change proposed at this time

St. Bernard Parish

**St. Bernard, Bradford
Parish church**

**St. Francis, Bradford
Secondary mission church**

**Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Lewis Run, Secondary church**

Warren

No change proposed at this time

St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph, Warren

Parish church, with school

St. Luke, Youngsville

Secondary mission church

Holy Redeemer Parish

Holy Redeemer, Warren

Parish church

St. Anthony, Sheffield

Secondary mission church

Eldred

No change proposed at this time

St. Raphael Parish

**St. Raphael, Eldred
Parish church**

**St. Mary, Sartwell
Secondary Mission Church**

**St. Theresa, Shinglehouse
Secondary mission church**

Kane

No change proposed at this time

St. Callistus Parish

**St. Callistus, Kane
Parish church**

Helpful definitions as we begin listing parishes with proposed changes

A parish church has certain rights and duties:

Every parish church must have the Eucharist reserved in the tabernacle, and for that reason every parish church must be open for at least some hours every day and Mass must be celebrated there at least once every two weeks. Why every two weeks? Because consecrated hosts are not to remain in the tabernacle more than two weeks before they are consumed and replaced.

A parish may also have one or two other churches in addition to the parish church. These are called **secondary churches**.

In the Diocese of Erie, we have **two types of secondary churches ... those with mission status and those without**.

Only secondary mission churches have permission for Mass on Sundays and holy days, or on the evenings preceding them.

In every secondary church, missions and non-missions alike, there is an obligation to celebrate Mass in the church at least once a year, and maybe twice: on the feast day of its title, and – if it was truly consecrated and not just blessed – on the anniversary of its consecration.

Beyond this, all secondary churches in the diocese are available for weddings and funerals, and at the discretion of the pastor they may also be available for other public devotions like novenas, Adoration and Benediction, the celebration of weekday Mass, etc. And of course, people can always enter simply to pray on their own whenever the church is open.

Smethport

St. Elizabeth Parish (current)

**St. Elizabeth, Smethport
Parish church**

**St. Joseph, Mount Jewett
Secondary mission church**

FCI McKean

Smethport

St. Elizabeth Parish (proposed)

**St. Elizabeth, Smethport
Parish church**

**St. Joseph, Mount Jewett
Mission status is removed**

FCI McKean

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Parish church**

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Secondary church**

FCI McKean

Coudersport

St. Eulalia Parish (current)

**St. Eulalia, Coudersport
Parish church**

partnered with both

Port Allegany

**St. Gabriel Parish
(current)**

**St. Gabriel, Port Allegany
Parish church**

&

Galeton

**St. Bibiana Parish
(current)**

**St. Bibiana, Galeton
Parish church**

Port Allegany

St. Gabriel Parish (proposed)

**St. Gabriel Parish merges into
Saint Eulalia Parish**

**St. Gabriel, Port Allegany
becomes a secondary mission church**

continued

Galeton

St. Bibiana Parish (current)

**St. Bibiana, Galeton
Parish church**

**Sacred Heart, Genesee
Secondary mission church**

**St. Augustine, Austin
Secondary mission church**

Galeton

St. Bibiana Parish (proposed)

**St. Bibiana Parish
merges into**

St. Eulalia Parish

St. Bibiana, Galeton

Becomes a secondary church

Sacred Heart, Genesee

Remains a secondary mission church

St. Augustine, Austin

Mission status is removed

Coudersport (proposed)

St. Eulalia Parish (No longer partnered)

St. Eulalia, Coudersport, Parish church

St. Gabriel, Port Allegany
Secondary mission church

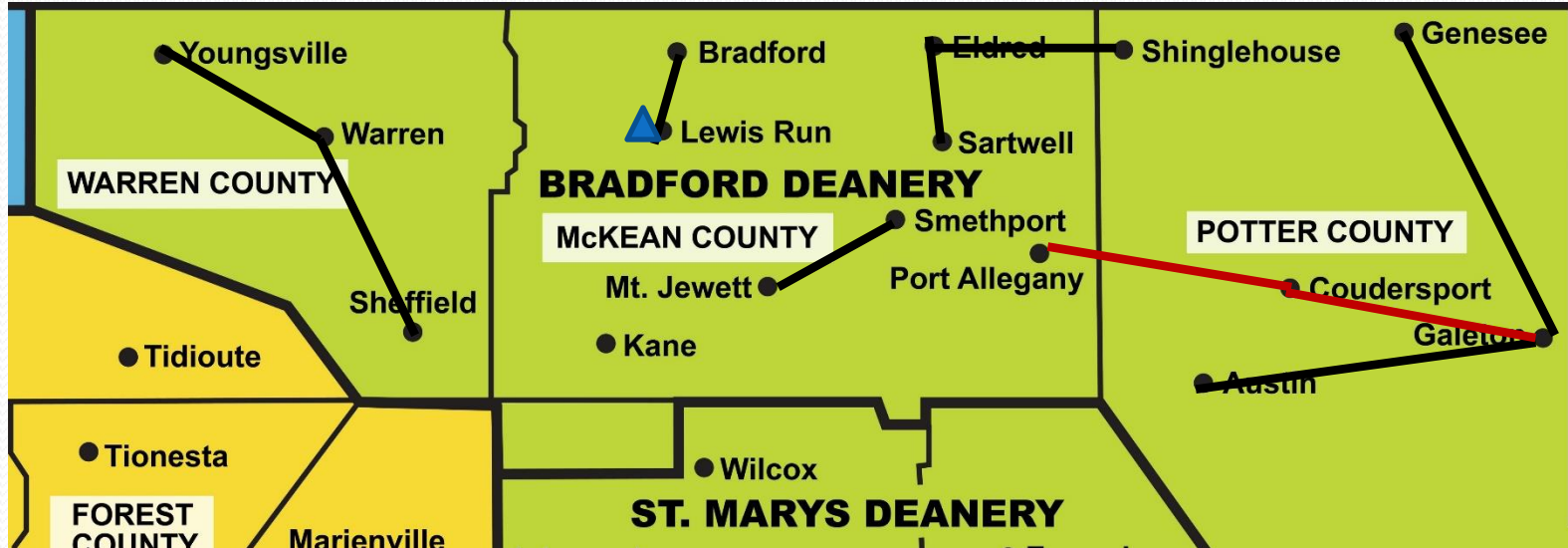
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