



## DECREE

*Clarifying the boundaries of Sacred Heart Parish, St. Marys*

Whereas the Diocese of Erie has been engaged in ongoing pastoral planning for over a decade; and whereas this pastoral planning has resulted in numerous parish and deanery reconfigurations; and whereas I am taking this opportunity to ensure that the geographic territory of the Diocese of Erie is entirely distributed into territorial parishes without gap or overlap;

Therefore, I hereby define the boundaries Sacred Heart Parish in St. Marys as follows:

In Elk County, that part of Benzinger Township north of PA Route 120 and west of PA Route 255.

This decree is effective the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Erie on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

*Christopher J. Singer*

The Reverend Christopher J. Singer, JCL  
Chancellor