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Sunday, September 26, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

Last week we received a check in the mail from the Diocese. A bit over $700. When I looked at it, I rather wondered what it might be. Had we overpaid a bill? Had we misunderstood an assessment? (Bear in mind, since I OK the bills to be paid and sign the checks to be sent out, the buck really does stop with me! If a mistake's made, it's made by me.)

Then I read the memo line on the bottom of the check. This was our rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal.
These days we've grown used to the stimulus checks—money pretty much paid out because we couldn't do something: in the midst of COVID we couldn't work, we were challenged to keep our businesses running, etc. But, this rebate check was about something we did: in the midst of COVID, with so many financial challenges at hand, we exceeded our Diocesan Annual Appeal goal. Not every parish was able to do that. In this County, only two of us reached—and exceeded—goal.

Thank you for last year's gifts. Thank you for responding even more generously because you knew some folks wouldn't be able to make those gifts. Thank you for continuing to support the Diocese's works—particularly those efforts that benefited our community this past year. The Diocese helped us keep afloat as we applied for payroll protection funds. We shifted our Religious Education program for the COVID year with diocesan support. We upgraded our live-stream capacity with diocesan support. We kept our Catholic schools open for in-class instruction when many of our public schools simply could not. Diocesan monies went to Women's Expectation Center, Son Light House—and don't forget the St Francis Field vegetables that went to feed the poor.

Of course, I'm reminding you of all this because it's time to give again.

Now, I realize that after last weekend's homily about competition and winning and trophies, you might think I'm not exactly poised to push us to exceed expectations again.

But, I will do just that. The work of the Church—parish and diocesan—proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, celebrating his life-giving sacraments, caring for the poor—remains as urgent as ever it was. You saw the video last weekend. (If you missed it, check it out on our website or at the diocesan website.) Please respond generously—and do it for the Church's sacred mission.

I want to see us reach goal. I know that our Regional Chairpersons, Brian and Julie Foresman, of this parish, will be cheering us on as well. Don't disappoint us. Reach the goal. Exceed the goal. Support the good works funded by the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

Our Altar Flowers this week are offered in memory of Mom Pealer by Nan.

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. It is our desire that you find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome and we hope that you will share them with us. Please feel free to introduce yourself after Mass. God bless.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please keep all of our beloved dead in your prayers,
especially **John C. Walton**
Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY BVM
5:00pm — Debbie Pawlak by Kim and Steve Bergerstock
SUNDAY Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am — Parishioners
11:00am — Dennis Chestnut by Bill and Bernadette Ulrich
SCI — Deacon James Cortegeone
MONDAY St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
9:00am — Reverend John Kolavich
TUESDAY St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
7:00pm — Frank J. Fedele by Tom and Eileen Stiadle
WEDNESDAY Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
9:00am — Tolanda Geromi by Ken Geromi
THURSDAY St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
9:00am — Michael La Rosa, by Bob and Sally Winn
FRIDAY St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor
9:00am — Denise Beyacko by Agatha Guisewhite
SATURDAY The Holy Guardian Angels
5:00pm — Philip James Sholtis
SUNDAY Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am — Parishioners
11:00am — Debbie Pawlak by Katerina and Jesse Moore and Family
SCI — Anna Rita McGlynn

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00pm (Vigil) **Sunday:** 8:30am, (live-streamed) 11:00am

Holy Days: As Announced
Weekday Mass
9:00am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
7:00pm Tuesday

ADORATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Thursday: 5:30 pm—7:00pm and as posted throughout the year.
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Thursday: 5:30 pm—7:00pm or by appointment

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Mortgage	$ 130.00
Haiti	$ 50.00
Religious Ed	$ 175.00

Thank you for your continued support.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

WE NEED YOU! As we gather for full services, we are looking to begin again with Funeral Luncheons here at the Parish Hall.

If you are available and would like to be added to the volunteer team, please email the office at resurrection@windstream.net or email Sarah Swisher at swisherbusinesssolutions@gmail.com.

ONLINE GIVING

Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of online giving. WeShare is a safe, easy way to donate to the church. If you have been using automatic giving through the previous system, please consider switching to WeShare. Go to resurrectiononline.net and follow the link . When you start using WeShare, please advise the parish office at resurrection@windstream.net, so we can cancel your envelopes. If you are switching from the previous system to the new system, please notify the office so we can remove you from the previous system. If you need help, we will be more than happy to help you.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will be on Monday at 7pm
We will be meeting virtually via Google Meet.
Go to resurrectiononline.net/bible to sign-up to get the link to join the Bible Study.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday:	Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

CARE FOR CREATION

On Saturday September 11th, members of the Care For Creation group (and two of their husbands) came together at St. Francis Field to pull weeds and spread fresh mulch around the trees. We also pulled the buckets that we used to water the trees, as we felt they were not needed anymore. The field looks good and the trees are doing well. We look forward to the memorials being received so we can place them by each tree. We are not collecting produce from parishioner's gardens anymore, but we do appreciate everyone who donated this year. Son-Light House said the fresh produce was such a blessing for the people who came, and all the donated items were taken.

Care For Creation will be selling Fall mums at the church festival.

Prayer for this week: Each day, every moment, You place Your hand of blessing upon the brow of creation. In Your touch, in Your words, everything flowers, everything remembers the deep, perfect loveliness within...the deep, perfect loveliness of You.

LIFE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

REFLECTING ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

WOULD THAT ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE LORD WERE PROPHETS!

In today's First Reading we hear the above words. Prophets spoke truth to power. How are we called to speak in God's name? On whose behalf are we called to speak?

LIVING TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

USCCB LAUNCHES INITIATIVE INSPIRED BY FRATELLI TUTTI TO COUNTER POLARIZATION AND DIVISION

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has launched a new initiative aimed at addressing polarization in society. Based on Pope Francis' call in his encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* for "a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good" (no. 154), the new initiative, *Civilize It: A Better Kind of Politics* asks Catholics to respond to this invitation with charity, clarity, and creativity.

The initiative, which many dioceses throughout the country will be participating in locally, will aid efforts of evangelization to shine the light of our faith on the often challenging area of politics. At CivilizeIt.org, participants can take a pledge and access supporting materials including an examination of conscience, short reflections, prayers, and a guide that will empower individuals, families, and communities to be bridge builders across perspectives. Based on chapters 5 and 6 of *Fratelli Tutti* and on other reflections by the Holy Father, the materials aim to help Catholics and others of good will to cultivate a culture of encounter, root perspectives in truth, justice and solidarity, and seek collaborative action for the common good.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

Shepherd of the Streets is a ministry of the United Churches of Lycoming County – has long been a high priority of the people of this parish. Prayers and donations to the Shepherd of the Street can support this vital ministry. A basket in the Narthex can be used to donate personal hygiene products, bedding, and baby supplies. For more information or to volunteer call (570) 322-6538.

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE...

Expectations Women's Center

There are two local Expectations Women's Center in our area that provide education and resources for women to make good choices. There is a basket in the Narthex for you to leave any donated items such as diapers, toiletries, bibs , wipes and any item needed by an expectant mom.

Family Promise

The Family Promise organization is in need of personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies. They will also take monetary donations. There is a basket in the Narthex to leave your donation.

Shepherd of the Streets

The Shepherd of the Streets organization is always in great need for personal hygiene products. They can also use home items such as bath towels, wash cloths, sheets, and blankets, etc.

Son Light House

The Son Light House organization is in need of dry and canned goods. At this time they can only take non-perishable food items due to the pandemic. They also need clothing.

HandUp Clothing Bin

There is a bin for clothing and small miscellaneous items in the parking lot. If during these next few weeks you get around to that de-cluttering cleaning project, please bring your items over to the bin and deposit them for others in need.

School children quickly grow out of their clothes especially coats/jackets and you may even find that the summer clothes you saved for this year just do not fit. Stop by and drop them into the bin on your way to church.

Aluminum Collection

Your Resurrection Council, The Knights of Columbus continues to encourage recycling of your aluminum beverage cans. The bin located in the parking lot next to the dumpster can be used to deposit your empty aluminum beverage cans. All we ask is that you rinse them out prior to bringing them to the bin. Summer (any warm weather in general) is a tough time with bees and rodents being attracted to soft-drink or beer cans that still have some of that sweet stuff in them.

The easiest thing might be to collect your beverage cans at home and put them into a clean trash bag or plastic shopping bag. When that fills up at your home, just bring it to church and drop the bag into the bin.

WHAT TO AVOID DEPOSITING: Please **DO NOT** deposit tin (bimetal) cans (canned foods, pet food, coffee cans, etc) or aluminum pet food cans. Also, aluminum pie pans, foil and canned meat containers (e.g. "spam) are not accepted at the recycling center.

The bin is emptied as needed by K of C members who have volunteered to transport the cans to the recycling center.

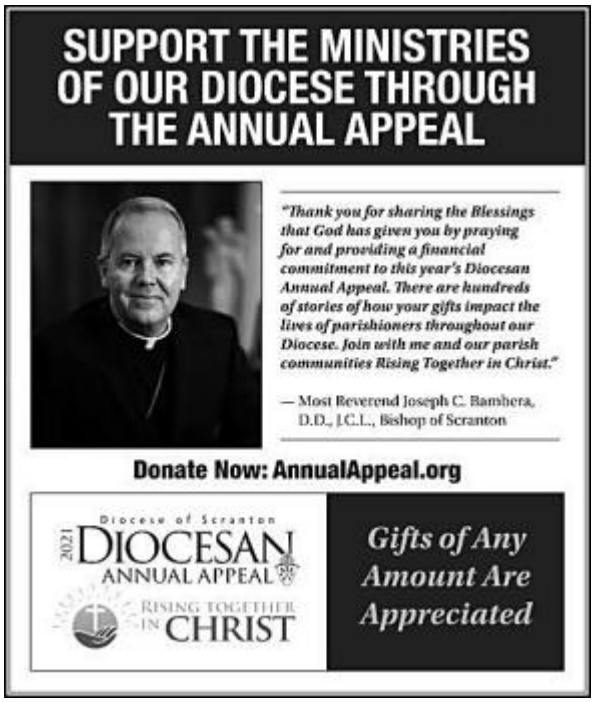
FORMER DEACON SMITH

Many of you may remember former Deacon J. Morris Smith from the St. Joseph the Worker Parish and former Shepherd of the Streets. The Deacon passed away on September 15, 2021 and the Funeral services were held in his new home town of Kansas City, MO on September 21, 2021. There will be a mass for him on October 15, 2021 @7 pm at the St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Condolences may be expressed at www.muehlebachchapel.com or mailed directly to: Mrs. Barbara Smith and Family, 5304 Harry S. Truman Drive #208, Grandview, MO 64030.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Diocese of Scranton Serves

Parish groups and individuals are encouraged to serve our sisters and brothers who are in need throughout the Diocese of Scranton on Saturday, October 2 or Sunday, October 3. The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations will provide an opening prayer to start the day and reflection questions for discussion at the end of the day. All participants will receive a free T-shirt. Volunteers can choose their own service site based on the needs of their local community or reach out for suggestions! To get involved and help make a difference, visit dioceseofscranton.org.



BLESSINGS OF THE PETS

On Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 3:00 pm at St. Francis Field. Come with your pets and they will be blessed.

MEN'S CONFERENCE 2021

Called to Fatherhood

How blessed are we to celebrate fatherhood in the year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Foster-Father of the Son of God. The conference will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at Holy Redeemer High School Auditorium, 159 S Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre. For more information on the conference please visit our website at www.beamanconference.com.

LIFE CHAIN—OCTOBER 3, 2021

The Lycoming County Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 2:30 pm on the "Golden Strip" in Williamsport. This even provide a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that "Abortion is wrong and the church is opposed to the killing of unborn children!"

CROP WALK

Our community's annual walk to fight hunger, the **CROP Walk**, is scheduled for **Sunday, October 10, 2021**. Registration and Walk will begin at **1 pm in front of St. Mark's Lutheran Church (142 Market St, Williamsport)**.

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PARISH REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP

All Catholics should be officially enrolled in a parish. To become members of Church of the Resurrection you are asked to register with the Office Administrator. There are also registration forms available in the narthex of the church. Also, please notify the office of any address and/or telephone number changes.

VOLUNTEERS

Church of the Resurrection can always use new altar servers, ushers, choir and contemporary group singers, cantors, and instrumentalists. The Women's Organization and the Knights of Columbus also welcome new members. We often need help with life & justice projects, various fundraisers, grounds keeping and our annual parish festival. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent with your parish, please email resurrection@windstream.net and we'll point you in the right direction.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Church law requires Catholics to be married with the church's prayers and blessings. Please call the pastor at least six months before your anticipated wedding date. All couples must complete a Pre-Cana program. If you or your fiancée were previously married and divorced, you will need an annulment before being married in the church. Allow at least a year to finish the annulment process.

BAPTISM

Infants and small children may be baptized at any Saturday evening or Sunday morning celebration of the Eucharist outside of Lent. The parish baptismal preparation session is required before the baptism of a couple's first child. Please find request form on our website.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the parish office whenever anyone is sick, unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Holy Communion. Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to the sick. The Pastor will bring the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as needed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sundays, September to May, K-8 at 9:30am. **High School Students / Youth Group** have various activities that can be found on the church website or within this bulletin. A two-year period of preparation for **First Penance** and **First Eucharist** takes place in first and second grades for baptized children. A two-year program of **Confirmation** preparation for children who have received Baptism and Eucharist takes place during the seventh and eighth grades. **All children must be registered.**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Do you know anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Have you been baptized? Have you been baptized in another Christian Church, but desire instructions about the Catholic Faith? Are you a baptized Catholic but not fully initiated through the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation? The R.C.I.A. team is here for you! Contact Jesse Martin at 570-546-3900 or dreresurrection@gmail.com.

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