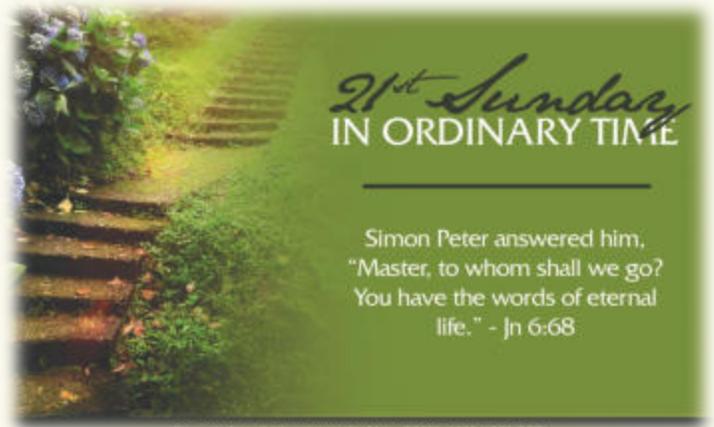


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**Sunday Mass Schedule
beginning September 11 & 12**

In order to accommodate Faith Formation in both parishes, we would like to institute the following changes to the Mass Schedule.

We have been asked to consider offering another Saturday Vigil Mass and other Weekday Masses. We will consider these requests and revisit the schedule next summer. Please keep our priests and deacons in your prayers!

**Saturday 5:30 pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am**

Faith Formation will be offered 9:45 to 10:45 am

Liturgical Ministers!

Altar Servers, Cantors, Choir Members, Lectors, Greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, and all who minister at the altar of God. Please contact the office to let us know if you are interested in continuing your ministry. We will resume all ministries on September 11th!!

Caring for our Spiritual Needs from Home

A wide variety of resources will be available at—
Please regularly check our website or Facebook for more information.

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- Our parishioners without access to the internet can also check out Catholic Television for programming or, of course, call the office.

All Liturgies can be joined via our website (www.olmcsilkworth.com/virtual-parish) or directly through our YouTube channel.

Daily Prayer Services:
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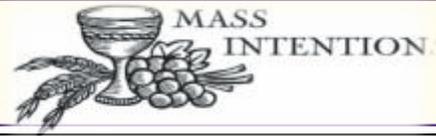
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August 23—August 29

- Monday 8:30 AM Robert Pavlick—Gerry Wabick**
- Wednesday 8:30 AM Vincent Scavone, Sr.—
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scavone**
- Friday 8:30 AM Louise Zbick—Christine Drabick**
- Saturday 5:30 PM Mary Zbieg—Family**
- Sunday 8:30 AM All Parishioners**
11:00 AM Helen Zapusek—Kucharyk Family



Religious Education News

1. Our program is in need of a 3rd Grade Instructor, as well as Aides who can also substitute if needed. Please consider helping by sharing Your Faith with our young people, bringing them closer to God and the Church.
2. **Book pick up for this year**, Kindergarten through 6th Grade will be in the Father Barlick Room on:
 - Saturday, August 28 before and after 5:30 mass
 - Sunday, August 29 before and after 8:30 and 11 AM masses.

RCIA

- If you are curious about the Catholic faith or have you thought about becoming Catholic, our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for you. Adults from all faith traditions or have no religious background at all are welcome. Participants meet weekly from September through May.
- For more information regarding any of the above, please call the parish office at 570-477-5040.or Maggie Fishel at 570-696-3589.

**Religious Ed Director
Maggie Fishel**

Sunday Obligation
reinstated on August 15, 2021

The obligation to attend the Holy Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation has been reinstated by Bishop Bambera. There are many theological reasons that Holy Mass is an obligation for any practicing Catholic; Let us consider the following:

You call your loved one who you have not seen during the COVID pandemic. On the phone, or via FaceTime, you say to them "I love you, you know that!" The other one on the line says, "I love you too, always!" So you say to the one you love, "I know! But just so you know, I am never going to come to your house again. I got used to calling or checking up online so I don't need to come back home. Well, except for special occasions and maybe Christmas and Easter. But I'll call when I think about it and again, tune in here and there. You're ok with that, right, the one who I love?"

How do you think that person will feel? How would you feel if your children or other loved one said that to you? Why would God feel any different? The obligation to Mass is because we are spending time with someone we love. Is your Mom, Dad or loved one an obligation? Yes and no! The way you show you love them is by spending time with them at their house, around their table. The same holds true for God. Of course if you are sick or injured or an emergency comes up they would understand. Again, the same is with God. **So WELCOME HOME!!**

COVID Protocol Updates
as of June 28, 2021

There continues to be updates on the COVID protocols from the Diocese of Scranton. These are made to keep us all safe and updated regularly. In order to have the most up to date information, we want to present the information in a clear and concise manner.

Masks: While masks are not currently mandated in our parishes for the celebration of Mass, I am strongly recommending that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass, regardless of their vaccination status. **No one should be turned away if they choose not to wear a mask.** In order to safeguard both our clergy and community from the delta variant all Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion return to wearing a mask during the distribution of Holy Communion. (August 6)

Hand Hygiene: Is to be made available throughout the church.

Holy Water Fonts: Holy Water fonts may be refilled and utilized.

Hymnals: Worship aides may be returned to the pews.

Cleaning and Disinfecting: Should be done regularly with attention paid to high-touch surfaces.

Ventilation: All systems should be operated properly to ensure adequate fresh air supply for all facilities and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible.

Liturgical Updates

Altar Servers: With parents permission this ministry may resume. In an effort to protect our servers altar servers are asked to wear masks while performing their duties (August 6)

Music Ministry: Liturgical singing can take place without any restrictions. Cantors, quartets, and choirs may be used without any restrictions.

Holy Communion: Distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended. [Please remember the teaching of concomitance, Christ is fully present in the Sacred Host]

Sign of Peace: May be celebrated without physical contact between non-family members.

Live-Streaming: We are encouraged to continue our livestream efforts to keep all parishioners connected, especially those in nursing homes, personal care homes, and those who remain home due to illness.

Offertory: Offertory collections and Presentation of the Gifts may resume in a more customary fashion.

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**OLMC Novena**

**To The Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Novena will continue every Wednesday after 8:30 daily mass until further notice.  
All are welcome!

**CIA (Compassion in Action)**

There will be a meeting  
on August 26 @ 6 pm  
All are invited to attend!

Please consider joining our CIA Ministry.  
There are many opportunities to serve those in need. Please contact the office or email: [cia.olmc@gmail.com](mailto:cia.olmc@gmail.com)

**A Huge Thank You** from the OLMC Prayer Shawl Group to Karen B. from Wilkes-Barre for her donation of yarn.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Festival Cancellation**

The Parish Festival published in our August 8 bulletin at Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish which was to be held on September 17th & 18th has been cancelled.



**LSVFD Chicken BBQ**

The Lake Silkworth Volunteer Fire Department will hold the BBQ on Saturday, September 4th. Donation is \$10 and will be "take out" only at the new firehouse. There will also be raffle tickets available for sale (\$5.00 each). Prizes: \$500/\$100/\$50. If interested in dinner and or raffle, please see Diane after all masses at the church entrance. Please consider supporting our local volunteers. As they support us! Thank you.

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