



April 25, 2021 | 4th Sunday of Easter

Queen of the Apostles

Rev. Phillip J. Sladicka, Pastor
Deacon James A. Rose

Parish Office

715 Hawthorne Street
Avoca, PA 18641
Hours: Mon CLOSED
Tues-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Phone: 570-457-3412
staff@queenoftheapostles.com

Website

queenoftheapostles.weconnect.com

Like Us On Facebook:

Queen of the Apostles Parish
Avoca, PA

On-line Bulletin

Seekandfind.com

Director of Faith Formation

Deborah Yuschovitz
570-457-1284

Anointing of the Sick

If anyone is seriously ill, been admitted to the hospital, or wants a 1st Friday visit please call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Sunday after 10:30AM Mass.
Call the parish office to make arrangements.

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office six months, before setting your wedding date, to make an appt. with the Pastor. Pre-Canva program is required.

Rite of Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15 - 3:45 PM
Anytime upon request

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday - 4:00 PM
Sunday - 8:00 - 10:00 AM

Daily

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 8 AM
Wednesday: 7:00 PM*

*Followed by the Miraculous Medal Novena

First Friday

8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Christian Initiation of Adults

Parish Office
570-457-3412

Committee Contacts

Parish Hall Manager
Paul Franceschelli - 570-430-9015

Social Concerns/Respect Life Ministry
Ann Jake - 570-457-3521

Women's Guild
Jane Maxwell 570-457-1107
New Members are always Welcome!



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." - Jn 10:17

MISSION STATEMENT

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
&
To Grow As Disciples of Jesus Christ

715 HAWTHORNE STREET, AVOCA, PA 18641

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parish Family,

Good parents do everything they can to take care of their children. Though they hope it never would be necessary, they would sacrifice their own lives to save their children. If their toddler ran out into the street they would run after them without thinking. They would try to save the child from danger. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is the same. While on earth, he lived his life in service of others, ultimately laying down his life to save us from the danger of sin and evil. Unlike a shepherd for hire, who will abandon the sheep if danger arises, Jesus cares for his sheep as a parent cares for their children. Unlike other shepherds who care only for their own sheep, the Good Shepherds regards all God's children as his sheep, whether they belong to the fold or not. We are children of God as John wrote in his letter. We share in the power that comes from Jesus, as Peter testified. God calls us each to live our life to serve others, like a good parent, like the Good Shepherd, taking care of others, for all are daughters and sons of the Lord. How does having the Good shepherd watching over us reassure us? How can we imitate the Good Shepherd in caring for others?

This Sunday is the annual celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, April 25, the fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday. Mother Teresa used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but then she prayed that he would guide her to do whatever she was supposed to do. She prayed that she could do what she could do. She prayed for answers, but then she prayed for strength. She used to believe that prayer changes things, but then she knew that prayer changes us and we change things. Rather than praying that God would call more men and women to vocations, we need to pray instead that more people answer! Why pray for vocations? It's simple: If we don't, we are failing to do something that Jesus told us to do. He said to "Beg the harvest master to send forth more laborers."

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Bishop Bambera celebrated a Healing Mass for Survivors of Abuse on Thursday, April 8, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton to mark National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Mass was live-streamed on CTV and diocesan social media outlets. You may still see it on the internet. **PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE:** *God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, And always just: You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters. Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith: Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Pray also for our First Communion children who will soon be receiving their special sacrament the **first of May at 10am**. That is just a few weeks ahead. Keep them in prayer. Also, our Confirmation youth are looking forward to receiving Confirmation on **Pentecost Sunday, May 23 at 2pm**.

And, finally, please continue to remember to drop off or send in your weekly contributions to the parish office during this time of special need or drop them at Church.

Thank you for all you are and all you do. God bless you and perhaps I will see you in Church soon, Happy Easter, Fr. Phil

Liturgy of the Word



Liturgy of the Word: Two metaphors in today's readings describe Jesus. Peter, drawing upon the words of the psalmist, calls Jesus the cornerstone. He is the foundation of our Christian faith, the one who conquered death and brought salvation to the world. In the Gospel, Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. He leads and cares for his sheep, even sheep outside the fold, eventually laying down his life for them, for us. Let us reflect on how Jesus is our cornerstone and our shepherd.



Although the Eucharist will not be exposed on the altar on Tuesday from 8:30 am - 8:00 PM the church will still be open on this day for individual private adoration. **Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 7:00 - 8:00 PM. The Knights of Columbus will pray the Rosary for Life every second Sunday of the month. Also a Praise & Worship Service will be held the first Sunday, of each month at 4:00-5:30 pm. This includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction. The Across the Waters Group will perform for the Sunday Service.**



Reflections

Confirmation Sponsor

Question:

What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

Answer:

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office liturgy and worship.

Parish News



Queen of the Apostles
Avoca, Pa

Christmas in July Pot of Gold

The July Pot of Gold Tickets have arrived and are available at the Parish Office. Tickets will be \$10 and prizes will be based on the evening Pick 3 Daily number. Prizes will be awarded beginning July 1st. Daily prizes will be \$75 and \$250 will be awarded every Sunday, beginning July 4th. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Parish Office. We thank you for your support. If you have previously received tickets from Ann Marie Piccini and would like those numbers please let us know by calling the parish office.

The Knights of Columbus Cardinal John J. O'Connor Council 12967 from Queen of the Apostles Parish presented its Family of the Month Award to Peter Jadus Family last Sunday. Peter received this award in honor of his 64 years as a member of the Knights. Presenting the award is Rocco Scaramastro, Deputy Grand Knight. Looking on from left are Arthur Bobbouine, District Deputy and Marty Sowa, Color Corps commander. State Representative Mike Carroll also presented Peter with an appreciation award from the State House of Representatives.



NOTICE TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITHFUL
OF THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

The Fraternité Notre Dame Community, since its acquisition of the former Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish complex in South Scranton, Pennsylvania in 2020, has generously provided support to the poor, particularly during the course of the current health crisis. The Community, however, describes itself as a Traditional Catholic Religious Order that is not in union with the Pope. As such, it is not a legitimate religious order of the Catholic Church.

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton should not attend Masses nor receive the sacraments provided by the Fraternité Notre Dame Community when Masses are available in nearby Churches of the Diocese. Particularly regarding the sacraments of Confirmation and Marriage, these celebrations would not only be illicit, but also invalid.

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April, 2021

Fundamental Rights We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Stewardship



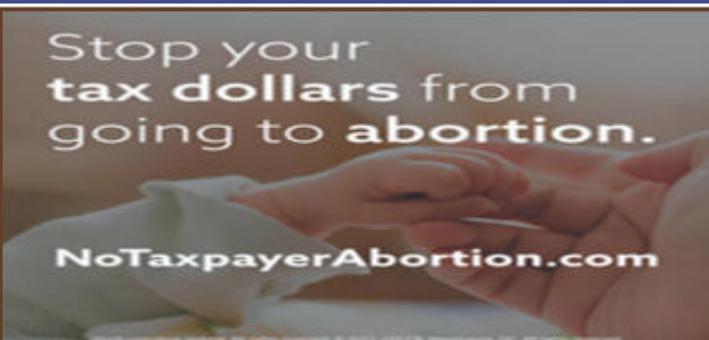
04/18/21 Sunday Collection: \$3,581.00

This Sunday's Second Collection:
Catholic Home Missions Appeal
Thank you for your generosity!!

Life, Family & Culture



"Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children. ... People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil [of abortion], especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government." ~
Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, "Priorities at the Polls"



Easter Season



Confidence in Princes

“It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes,” the Psalms tell us. Well, I’ve never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — “I’ve got this.”

It’s tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I’ll let you in on a secret: it doesn’t matter what the question is, we don’t have the answer. Take it to the One who does

Community Events

The Avoca Sesquicentennial Committee are once again selling calendars as a fundraiser for our town’s celebration which has been **moved from 5/23/21 to early September due to COVID**. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket. Cash, check, Venmo and Cash App are accepted for your chance to win. The prizes are exceptional and all winning names will be put back in for another chance to win. Drawing will be live on Facebook beginning 5/1. **Calendars are available at the Avoca Borough Building or QAP Parish Office during business hours. All entries and payment are due by 4/30.** Contact Colleen Velehoski at 570-466-0492 or the Parish Office. Venmo@Colleen-Velehoski or CashApp: ColleenVelehoski

Avoca, Pa. Sesquicentennial – May Raffle Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| | Check out the Avoca 150 th Anniversary Facebook page daily at 7:00 pm for the Live Drawings. Weekend drawings will take place on Fridays. Winning number will go back in the hat for the rest of the month! | App Pre Available! Venmo: @Colleen-Velehoski CashApp: @ColleenVelehoski Send payment with your name and phone number in the comments. No T.O.R. on the table for you! | | 1 | | |
| 2 Kate Spade deal Purse | 3 Amazon Echo Dot | 4 | 5 | 6 Fossil Jori Zip Clutch | 7 | 8 Anker eufy RoboVac |
| 9 Pioneer Woman Speckle Cookware Set | 10 \$25 Calarazzo's Gift Card | 11 \$25 Dunkin Donuts Gift Card | 12 Fossil Madison Clutch | 13 \$25 Valley Meat & Deli Gift Card | 14 \$25 McAlpine St. Pub Gift Card | 15 \$50 Darden Gift Card |
| 16 Keurig Duo Coffee Machine | 17 \$30 Sub Division Gift Card | 18 Pioneer Woman Knife Set | 19 Fossil Bucket Bag | 20 Ring Video Doorbell | 21 Schlage Touchscreen Deadbolt | 22 Bill's Sharper Gift Card |
| 15 th 55" Smart TV Anniversary Week | 24 Blackstone 28" Outdoor Griddle | 25 Michael Kors Jet Set Travel Bag | 26 Patio Furniture Set | 27 KitchenAid Mixer | 28 \$50 Cash & \$100 Lottery Tickets | 29 Apple Watch (Series 3) |
| 30 28" Propane Fire Pit | 31 \$250 Cash Prize | ENTRY FORM Please return this portion to a Sesquicentennial Committee member with your payment. Make checks payable to Avoca Anniversary. State and payment can also be mailed to: "Avoca Anniversary, c/o 550 Main St., Avoca, PA 18641." **If you pay with CashApp or Venmo, this still does NOT need to be returned.** Name: _____ Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (\$10 per entry) | | | | |

Parish Meetings: April, 2021

| | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|----------|---------|-------------|
| Knights of Columbus | MON | 04/26/21 | 6:30 PM | Parish Hall |
|---------------------|-----|----------|---------|-------------|



Cursillo



The Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Scranton is sponsoring the following programs. All are welcome.

**Women's Cursillo #73
October, 2021**

School of Leaders: Saturday, May 15, 2021, 9:30am,
Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall, Avoca, Pa

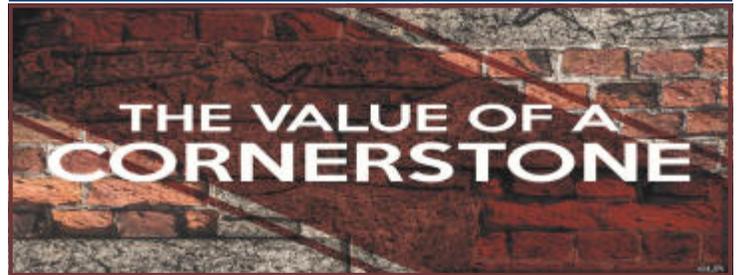
For further information, please visit the Cursillo website:
www.scrantoncursillo.homestead.com

Diocesan Anniversary Mass for Couples

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2021 to a diocesan **Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 6** at the Cathedral of St. Peter. The Mass will begin at 2:30, and attendance will require advance reservation.

To register for the celebration follow this link: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/>

For questions or concerns, or if there are issues registering online, please reach out to Jen Housel, Director for Community and Family Development. (jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, 570-207-2213 x 1104).



Al-Anon meetings are held every **Thursday night at 7 PM**, at the Brick United Methodist church on Foote Ave., Duryea. This is an anonymous 12-step program of recovery for families and friends of addicts & alcoholics. There are no dues or fees and meetings last approximately one hour and are open to anyone.

The Avoca Food Pantry is open on the **1st and 3rd Thursday** of every month for anyone in need. Pickups can be made @ 4:00PM at the rear of the Bethel United Methodist Church, 532 Main St. distribute food from 1:30PM. Come join us and your help will be greatly appreciated! We are a community helping one another in need.

Outreach Services



| | |
|---|----------------|
| AA Helpline: | 1-800-640-7545 |
| Al-Anon -- Friends & Family of those addicted | 1-800-339-9006 |
| Bread Basket of NEPA | 570-343-2324 |
| Consumer Credit Counseling Service | 1-800-602-2227 |
| Catholic Social Services Wilkes Barre | 570-822-7188 |
| Scranton | 570-207-2283 |
| Greater Pittston Food Pantry (St. John's/Seton) | 570-654-9923 |
| National Hotline for Abortion Recovery | 1-866-482-5433 |
| PA 24-Hour Child Abuse Hot Line | 1-800-932-0313 |
| Pennsylvanians for Human Life, W-B Chapter | 570-826-1819 |
| Rachel's Vineyard-Post Abortive Healing | 1-877-467-3463 |
| St. Joseph's Center-Mother Infant Program | 570-207-6677 |

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 25, 2021 4th Sunday of Easter

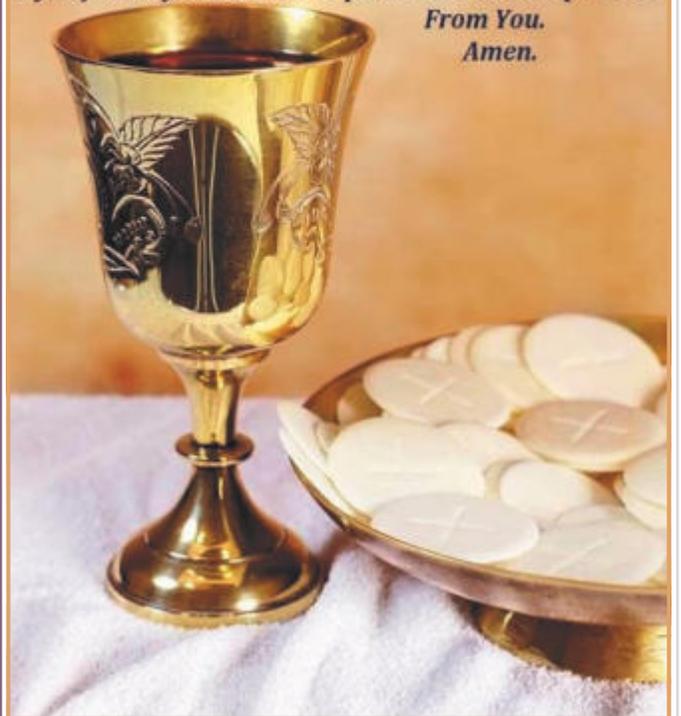
- Monday April 26 8:00 AM Paul Wruble By Family
Tuesday April 27 8:00 AM Gloria Gilvary By Family
Wednesday April 28 ~ SS Peter Chanel and Louis Grignon de Monfort 7:00 PM Ronald Thomas By M/M John Moon & Christopher
Thursday April 29 ~ St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church 8:00 AM Betty Durkin By Family
Friday April 30 ~ St. Pius V, Pope 8:00 AM Suzanne Musto By Son and Sisters
Saturday May 1 ~ First Saturday ~ St. Joseph the Worker 4:00 PM Joseph Cherra, Sr. By Helen Cherra and Family
Sunday May 2 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter 8:00 AM Parishioners Intentions 10:00 AM John 'Pop' Clifford By Family

Ministry Schedule for the Week



Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as If You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated From You. Amen.



Sacramental Bread & Wine throughout April in loving memory of Deceased Members of the Paddock & Wojtkowiec Families by Family

Sanctuary Candle in Thanksgiving by Carl

Sanctity of Life Memorial in loving memory of Joseph Gallagher by Mike & Ann Jake

MEMORIAL OFFERINGS

No weekend Masses available for 2021. We have openings for Sanctuary Light, Sacred Heart Shrine, & Sanctity of Life Memorials. Each of these run for 1 week. The donation for the Light and Shrine memorial are \$15, and the Sanctity of Life Memorial and daily masses are \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office to schedule these items for your loved ones.

Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall Reservations

The Hall is now available for rental. We want to start out with events such as Baby and Bridal Showers, Funeral Luncheons, Christenings and First Holy Communion Parties with a maximum capacity of 50-75 people. We still must abide by the CDC guidelines which include wearing masks and social distancing and catering is required. If you have any questions, please call Paul at #570-430-9015 or the Parish Office at #570-457-3412.

SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



**PRESSURE WASHING - RAIN GUTTER CLEANING
SNOW REMOVAL - SIDEWALKS / DRIVEWAYS
GRASS CUTTING - FALL CLEAN UP/LEAVES**
Reasonable Prices - Free Estimates
570-417-1797



GREGORY A. TIMONTE PROPRIETOR
You make the memories of a lifetime
We make them last forever
DUPONT MONUMENT SHOP INC.
273 Main, Dupont, PA 18641
PH-570-654-0561 FAX-570-883-0380
email: dupontmonument@aol.com
www.Dupontmonumentshop.com

RUSSOMANO CLEANING SERVICE'S

For all your carpet and upholstery cleaning needs.
Call and book your
Fall cleaning today!
570-947-4368



**PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE
MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM**
\$29.95/MO
BILLED QUARTERLY
PLUS SPECIAL OFFER
CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772 • WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM



AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME **ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**
Renee Puchalski • rpuchalski@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6453

**YUSCHOVITZ
BUILDING AND REMODELING**
AVOCA, PA
JOHN YUSCHOVITZ • 570-457-1284
DIANE YUSCHOVITZ • 570-594-6282

PROUD SPONSOR
Fidelity BANK
bankatfidelity.com • 570.342.8281 | 800.388.4380
Member FDIC



Carmen Ferranti, CFP®, ChFC®, RICP®
Do you have a Retirement Income strategy?
Do you know your options for Social Security?
Phone: 570-963-2228



ODAK
What's in your water?
Water is the single, most important ingredient to life. When you want the purest water, remember **Odak!**
A LOCALLY OWNED COMPANY SERVICING YOUR WATER
FILTRATION NEEDS SINCE 1979.
Say goodbye to bottled water with our K500 drinking water system cost effective, environmentally friendly, convenient & guaranteed!
Free basic installation for all church parishioners.
CALL NOW! 1-888-901-ODAK • odak.com

SPREAD THE WORD
A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters
SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

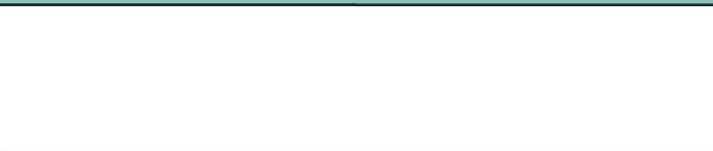
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARISH.
Buy a bulletin ad space today!

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE

DOMIANO APPLIANCE REPAIR
Reliable Service For Over 25 Years
570-457-8982
Old Forge, PA 18618
JOE DOMIANO

FREE AD DESIGN WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE.
- 800-477-4574 -

THIS SPACE IS **AVAILABLE**



Too Sick for Mass?
SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!
Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!
www.parishesonline.com

FUEL OIL DEALERS
FALCON OIL
570-383-3257 • 570-654-3441
1630 MAIN ST., BALKELY. | www.FalconOilpa.com
Wholesale Distributor of Gasoline Fuel Oil
"Call Today for Lowest Heating Oil Price" / It's Our Service That Makes The Difference

LINDA TOMLINSON, Proprietor
TOMLINSON FLORAL & GIFT
"Special Creations for Special People"
509 S. Main St., Old Forge, PA 18518
(570) 457-1790 • Find us on Facebook!

LAMONICA LAW FIRM LLC
Carlo A. LaMonica
Attorney at Law
• Probate & Estate Administration
• Estate Planning
• Powers of Attorney
• Advance Health Care Directives
• Estate & Inheritance Taxes
• Veterans Disability Claims
Prepare For Your Future. Protect Your Family.
Schedule your FREE CONSULTATION today!
(570) 751-1571 • www.LaMonicaLawFirm.com

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE.

Kiesinger Funeral Services, Inc. for your peace of mind
Traditional & Contemporary Funeral Services • Advanced Planning • Serving All Faiths
Mark Kiesinger, Funeral Director - Supervisor
We specialize in providing professional, comforting, one-on-one attention in your time of need.
255 McAlpine St., Duryea Handicapped and Wheelchair Accessible • Ample Off Street Parking
570-457-4387

TROY MECHANICAL, INC.
HEATING • COOLING CONTROLS • DESIGN
100 State Hwy., Moosic, PA 18507
Voice: (570) 451-0140 • Fax: (570) 451-0150
mtroy@troymechanical.com
MICHAEL TROY