



June 20, 2021 | 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Queen of the Apostles

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**Deacon James A. Rose**

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#### **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 10:00AM 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!



#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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&  
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## From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parish Family,

In today's Gospel a violent storm interrupts a routine trip across the sea. "Why are you terrified?" Jesus asks the disciples, "Do you not yet have faith?" Very likely Mark included this episode to remind his listeners of the confidence they should continue to find in the Lord. At that time, the church faced periods of intense persecution, during which Christians lived in danger of being put to death. They could certainly relate to the fear the first disciples felt during a violent storm, adrift on the open sea. The disciples looked to Jesus, "whom even wind and sea obey," for comfort and protection. Mark trusted that his audience would do the same. Speaking of persecution, few people have ever suffered as much as Job. But even for Job God set limits to the damage. Saint Paul was arrested and imprisoned on more than one occasion, so he had every justifiable reason to live in fear. But he refused to do so, trusting in Jesus, who died for all so all can live in him. Even sentenced to death, Paul never lost faith. For even during times of trial – especially during times of trial – Jesus remains with us. We might ask when we have appealed to Jesus in times of fear. Have we been comforted by his presence?

We extend a **Happy Father's Day** to all Dads in our Parish. Father's Day is a day honoring fathers and is celebrated on the third Sunday of June in 52 countries around the world, including the United States & Canada. The first observance of Father's Day is believed to have been held on June 19, 1910 through the efforts of Sonora Dodd. Ms. Dodd is from Spokane, Washington. She wanted to honor her father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran and single dad, widowed when his wife died in childbirth with their sixth child. It took many years to make the holiday official. A bill was introduced into Congress in 1913 but it wasn't until 1966 that President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of June as Father's Day. In 1972, President Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June. So there you have it. **We will remember all of our Dads this weekend at Mass and continue to pray for them throughout the month of June. Their special memorial envelopes will be on our altar for the rest of the Month as we remember them prayerfully.**

In their statement on religious freedom: "**Our First, Most Cherished Liberty**" the Catholic Bishops of the United States outlined their concerns over threats to religious freedom, both at home and abroad. In response, the bishops of the United States called for a "**Fortnight for Freedom**," a 14-day period of prayer, education and action in support of religious freedom from June 21<sup>st</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Beginning on the **Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, Monday, June 21 and continuing until Independence Day**, which highlights one of our country's most treasured freedoms: the freedom to practice one's religion without government interference, bishops in their own dioceses have dedicated this time to signify the importance of defending religious freedom. As such, we will have a Novena to St. Thomas More for freedom and pray a prayer daily, "Prayer for Religious Liberty" during this period of time. In union with Catholic churches across the United State we will engage in a great national campaign of teaching and witness for religious liberty working together to promote and protect religious freedom in our Country.

Finally, Happy First Day of Summer!! **St. John the Baptist Feast Day is on Thursday of this week, June 24<sup>th</sup>**. This would be the day our folks would allow us to take to the lakes for swimming and pools would be blessed!! Yeah for summer and vacation time!

Thank you for all you are and all you do. God bless you and see you in Church, Fr. Phil

## Liturgy of the Word



**Liturgy of the Word:** God's ability to still the waves of a storm in the first reading reassures Job of God's awesome power. When Jesus calms the violent squall in the Gospel, his disciples can't believe the power they just witnessed. As God admonished Job, the Lord asks them to have faith, no matter how terrible the storm. May our faith be strengthened as we listen to God's word, so that we may constantly find assurance in the Lord.



## Eucharistic Adoration



**We are very near to resuming Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 9:30 am - 6:30 pm. We are still in need of an adorer for the 5:30 hour. Please contact the Parish Office or Ann Jake @ 570-457-3521 if you are able to commit to the previous hour you have had or you would like to become a new adorer. Please share this information with your friends and family so that we may be able to once again share in this beautiful devotion. The Knights of Columbus will pray the Rosary for Life every second Tuesday of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm.**

## Reflections

### Vestment Colors

**Question:**

**What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?**

**Answer:**

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

**White:** Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.

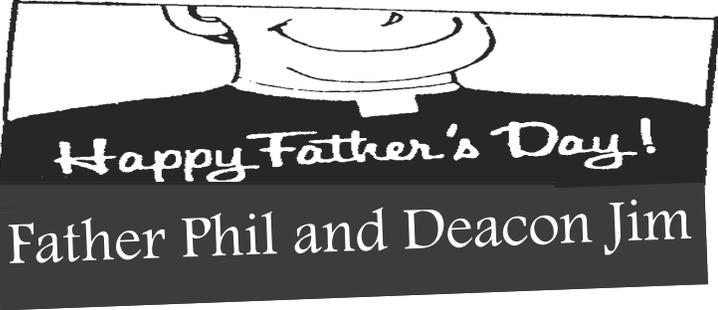
**Red:** As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.

**Violet:** The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).

**Green:** A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.

**Other colors:** Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.

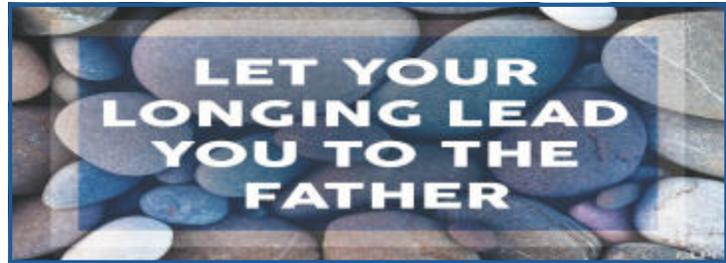
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Stewardship



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Life, Family & Culture



'Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life! Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux 'Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life'



Congratulations to Dylan Young Greer Falandysz son of Robert T. and Kaitlyn Kuchinski Falandysz, who will be baptized this weekend. May he stay close to Jesus all of his life.

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Christmas in July Pot of Gold

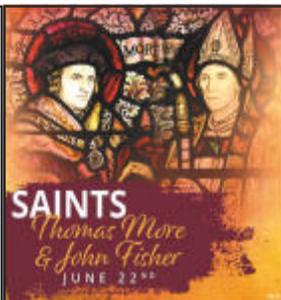
The July Pot of Gold Tickets are going well. Tickets are \$10 and prizes will be based on the evening Pick 3 Daily number. Prizes will be awarded beginning July 1st. Daily prizes will be \$75 and \$250 will be awarded every Sunday, beginning July 4th. PLEASE BE SURE TO SUBMIT PAYMENT AND THE TOP STUB OF THE TICKETS YOU HAVE TAKEN TO THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THERE ARE OVER 200 TICKETS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN BUT NOT RETURNED WITH PAYMENT. We need to have an accurate count of all tickets sold and the information needs to be put into the computer. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Parish Office. We thank you for your support.

JUST TWO WEEKS REMAIN BEFORE DRAWING BEGINS.

Join us, as we pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad.



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK June 21 - July 4



Respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life!



Spiritual Adoption Prayer for the Unborn

By The Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen

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Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.

I beg you, spare the life of the unborn baby,

that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion. Amen



The new 2022 Mass Book will be here shortly and ready for scheduling of Masses on July 19. No openings for Masses are available for the remainder of 2021; however, there are openings available for Memorial Candles in honor of loved ones or special occasion celebrations. Previous guidelines for Mass scheduling will remain the same for 2022.

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June, 2021

The Beauty of Marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community; may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Food Pantry Items for June Cereal



**Community Events**



**THE 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Diocese of Scranton**  
**VOCATIONS**  
 John Yourishen Memorial Tournament  
**GOLF CLASSIC**  
**MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021**  
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**10 AM - REGISTRATION**  
**11 AM - LUNCH**  
**NOON - SHOTGUN START**



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**Knights of Columbus**



**The Cardinal John J. O'Connor Council 12967 Knights of Columbus** has partnered with **Stewardship: A Mission of Faith**, to bring to our community life-changing materials. These materials, have assisted many churches, schools and businesses in planting the seeds of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in the souls entrusted to their care.

The resource center, located in the main entrance of the church to the right of the confessional is full of material that's free of charge. Gift donations are accepted to help cover the cost to replenish items in our display.

We invite local Christian Stewards from the community to step forward to help underwrite the cost of the display itself and its material.

A large variety of books and booklets are available on various topics.

**Northeast Region PA Knights of Columbus Raffle**  
 The Knights of Columbus are selling raffle tickets to benefit the 2022 State Convention.  
**Prize: 36" Blackstone Griddle**  
**Cost: \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00**  
**Drawing will be held on July 1, 2021**  
 Winner need not be present to win. Please contact Grand Knight, Bob Ryzner at 570-885-2096 or any member of the Knights of Columbus to purchase tickets. Thank you for your support.

**Parish Meetings: June, 2021**

Knights of Columbus	MON	06/28/21	6:00 PM	PARISH HALL
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**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:**

For further information, please visit the Cursillo website:  
[www.scrantoncursillo.homestead.com](http://www.scrantoncursillo.homestead.com)

**Recognizing God**

**Waking God**

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went?

But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He does have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up?

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 **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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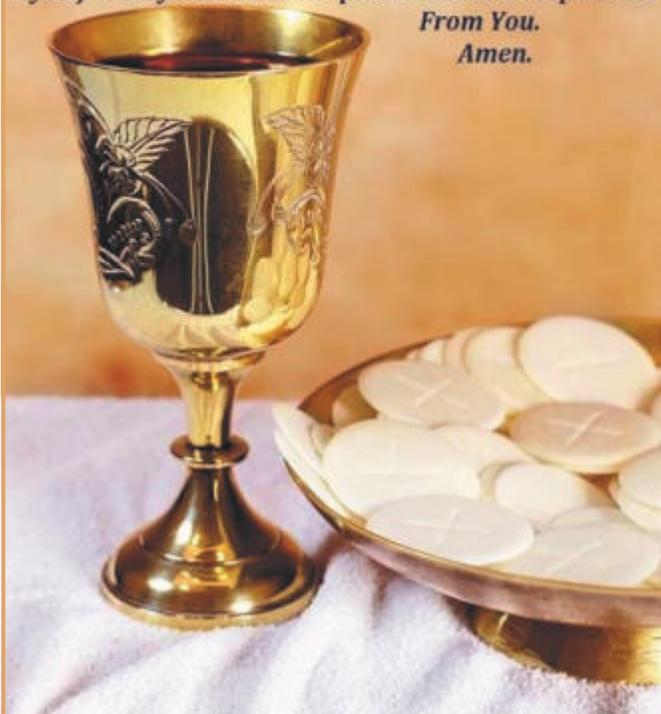
- Monday**      **June 21~ St. Aloysius Gonzaga**  
8:00 AM      **Jerry Allardyce**  
                    By Pat Clifford
- Tuesday**    **June 22 ~ SS John Fisher, Bishop &**  
                    **Thomas More, Martyrs**  
8:00 AM      **Fran Sladicka**  
                    By Sladicka Family
- Wednesday** **June 23**  
7:00 PM      **Brian Wood**  
                    By George & Carol Wood & Family
- Thursday**    **June 24 ~ The Nativity of St. John the**  
                    **Baptist**  
8:00 AM      **Al Redington**  
                    By Family
- Friday**        **June 25**  
8:00 AM      **Michael & Nan Joyce**  
                    By Family
- Saturday**    **June 26**  
4:00 PM      **Irene & Joseph Romanecz**  
                    By Family
- Sunday**        **June 27 ~ 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM      **Parishioners Intentions**
- 10:00 AM**    **Jimmy Thomas**  
                    By Chuckie & Debbie Clifford

# 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 **June** in loving memory of  
**Deceased Members of the O'Hop & Bartnicki Families**  
by Pat & Joe Bartnicki

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**Sanctuary Candle**  
in loving memory of  
**Bob Adomiak**  
by Mary Kay & Ned Jones

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**Sacred Heart Shrine**  
in loving memory of  
**Tony "Cooper" Blaskiewicz**  
by Dave & Debbie Radle

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**Sanctity of Life Memorial**  
in loving memory of  
**John Yuschovitz**  
by Mike & Ann Jake



**Eternal Rest Grant unto her, O Lord!** *May she rest in the peace of the Lord! Please pray for the soul of Beatrice Assante, mother of Fr. Thomas Assante. The parish community of Queen of the Apostles offers sympathy to her family and friends. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like Father Tom's address to send notes of condolence.*

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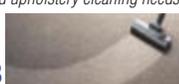


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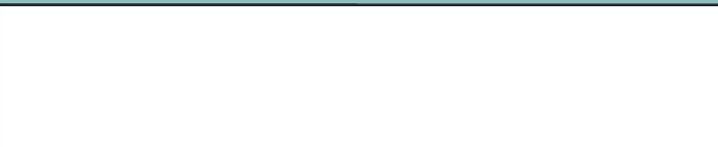
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