

July 4, 2021 | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

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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!

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From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parish Family,

"Home sweet home," we say, but sometimes home is not comfortable and peaceful, it is upsetting and hostile. Prophets discover this, for their first mission is often to criticize their own people. For example, Ezekiel, an Israelite himself, was told by the Lord, "I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me." In the Gospel, Jesus faces a similar hostile crowd. Teaching in the synagogue where he grew up, likely calling for repentance and a reversal of the status quo, he faced opposition from those who would not accept wisdom from this simple carpenter's son. We can find this sort of difficulty today. When we see evil, apathy or injustice in our own families, among our own neighbors, or within our own parish, it's tough to speak out, knowing that we will upset people we know well, whom we have to live with. Let us look to St. Paul as a model of strength in the face of opposition. He wrote that he was "content with weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints," for he found strength in Christ and in the life-giving message he preached, so he could say: "when I am weak, then I am strong". We might ask ourselves two questions in response to the readings today: When have we spoken out among our own family, friends, or colleagues? Or, when have I experienced rejection for being or doing that which I knew deep down was right.

Thank you to all who prayed with us during our nine day novena to St. Thomas More. He was a faithful servant of the King but a servant of God first!! He is a good example for our readings today. May God continue to protect our freedoms in this beautiful United States of America. May we always be servants of God first.

Today is the Fourth of July so **Happy Fourth of July!!** Traditionally this day has been set aside to remember our Independence. It is a day of celebration and family reunions. During this day let us make time to remember how important our country is and the privilege that is ours to live in a free society. We remember our soldiers who are fighting overseas and defending our freedoms and we pray for them and for an end to war everywhere.

Recently, a number of people have asked me, "What is God's plan?" It is important that we realize that God does have a plan for our life. Without this sense of vision, we will wander through life like a boat without a rudder, tossed here and there. Our very life depends upon understanding that God's plan is guiding all that we do. Christian life is a matter of experiencing God, who is present all the time, and then of having the courage to trust what we experience and to build our life on it. God is very active in our life, but we risk being too busy to notice.

Look at Noah. God had a plan for his life and his story teaches us some life lessons about God's plan. First, don't miss the boat; Second, Remember that we are all in it together; Third, Plan ahead, remember it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark; Forth, Stay fit. When you're sixty someone may ask you to do something really big; Fifth, Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done; Sixth, Build your future on high ground; Seventh, For safety's sake travel in pairs; Eighth, Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs; Ninth, When you're stressed, float awhile; Tenth, Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals; and Eleventh, No matter how turbulent the storm, when you are with God, there is always a rainbow waiting.

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: Speaking the word of God can be tough. God warns Ezekiel that he will need to speak out against a stubborn and rebellious people. Jesus meets with opposition when preaching in his hometown. Saint Paul speaks of the hardships he faces. Speaking out on behalf of our faith can be as difficult for us now as it was for them then. But we know, like Paul, that we have the power of Christ dwelling within us. As we listen to God's word, let us pray for the resolve we need to give witness to our faith.



Eucharistic Adoration

Thank you for answering the call to be a Eucharistic Adorer!

We are now able to resume our adoration on **Tuesdays. We will begin on Tuesday, July 6.** If you have any questions or would like to verify the hour please contact Ann Jake @ 570-457-3521. If you would also like to be a Eucharistic Adorer for any hour on Tuesdays or would like to consider being a backup adorer when we are in need please contact Ann or the Parish Office at 570-457-3412. The Knights of Columbus will pray the Rosary for Life every second Tuesday of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm. Praise God for answering our prayers!!



Reflections

Confession and Children

Question:

Our Catholic grade school is doing a penance service this Lent. Do young children really need to go to Confession? How much sin can they really have?

Answer:

Ask any mom about her children, and see how many would say she has a brood of perfect angels! Parents know that kids do things that are wrong ... and they often know they're doing it! Even toddlers have a sense of right and wrong. The Church recognizes that their minds and consciences are not yet fully developed, however, and typically waits until age seven to offer the sacrament of Confession. Around that age and beyond, most young people, when asked, can easily explain why something is wrong.

Confession for children is an excellent way to help them reflect on their actions and accept responsibility for their behavior. It helps them to grow in their understanding of sin and how it affects others. This helps them to form their consciences and make better choices in the future. Most importantly, they learn the value of forgiveness, both given and received. Rather than singling out what's wrong, Confession offers hope and a new start! Children can grow in understanding God's unconditional love and develop a sense of inner dignity that transcends their failings. Not bad for five minutes and an "Our Father" or two!

Parish News

The Social Concerns/Respect Life Ministry will be conducting a “**Craft Show and Soup & More Sale**” on **October 16, 2021**. Please note the following form if you’d like to participate as a crafter or know of someone who would be interested. Information concerning the Soup & More Sale will be in an upcoming bulletin and online as we get closer to the date.

**Queen of the Apostles Parish
Avoca, PA
Social Concerns/Respect Life Ministry
Fall & Holiday Craft Show**

**October 16, 2021
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

- ~ Spaces are 8’ x 7’ and cost \$25.00 per space. Double spots are available, price is \$40.00. Please specify if you need double space.
- ~ Outside spots are available (in front of the building, not in the parking lot). Space will not be covered, you must provide your own tent if you want an outside space.
- ~ Set-up on Friday evening from 6-8 PM or on Saturday morning beginning at 7AM.
- ~ 1 table and 2 chairs will be provided for each space (more chairs available, if needed).

We are requesting a donation from each vendor for our raffle.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Company

Name: _____

Type of Items Being

Sold: _____

Phone#: _____

Inside Space: _____ **Single Space:** _____

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Fall & Holiday Craft Show
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The new **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 July, 2021

Social Friendship: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Stewardship



06/27/21 Sunday Collection: \$2,826.00
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REMINDER!

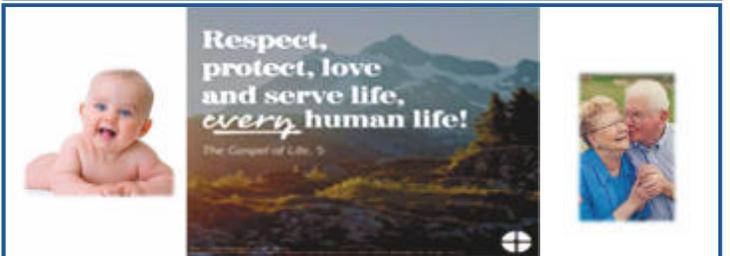
The Parish Office will be closed on **July 5 for the Fourth of July Holiday**. Please have a safe and joyous holiday.



Life, Family & Culture



“We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.” USCCB “[Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty](#)”



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



Food Pantry Items for July
Hamburger Helper



Community Events



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Knights of Columbus



The council will be conducting a “Coats for Kids” campaign soon. So start getting those gently worn and new coats so that we can pass on to those in need. We will also collect cash donations for this cause. Canisters will be set up or give donations to any Knight. Watch for more details to come!

The Knights will co-sponsor our church’s Family Picnic coming up. Watch the bulletin for more information on this for fun event!

Our installation of officers for the year will take place on July 18, 2021.

Please support the Book Kiosk that the Knights run in the back of the church.

Thanks to all who supported our Raffle for the 36” griddle. Our council outsold every other council. THANKS AGAIN!!.

Not all of us are expected to die a martyr's death, but we are all called to the pursuit of Christian virtue. This demands strength of character though it may not match that of this innocent girl. Still, a constant, persistent and relentless effort is asked of us right up to the moment of our death.

Pope Pius XII on St. Maria Goretti



Feast Day July 6

#YOUNGSAINTS CatholicLive

Parish Meetings: July, 2021

Social Concerns/ Respect Life Ministry Summer Gathering	THURS	07/22/21	6:00 PM	Colarusso's Cafe
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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.scrantonscursillo.homestead.com

Recognizing God

The Prophecy of You and Me

Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don't.

When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking.

What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, “weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints.” A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing.

All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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

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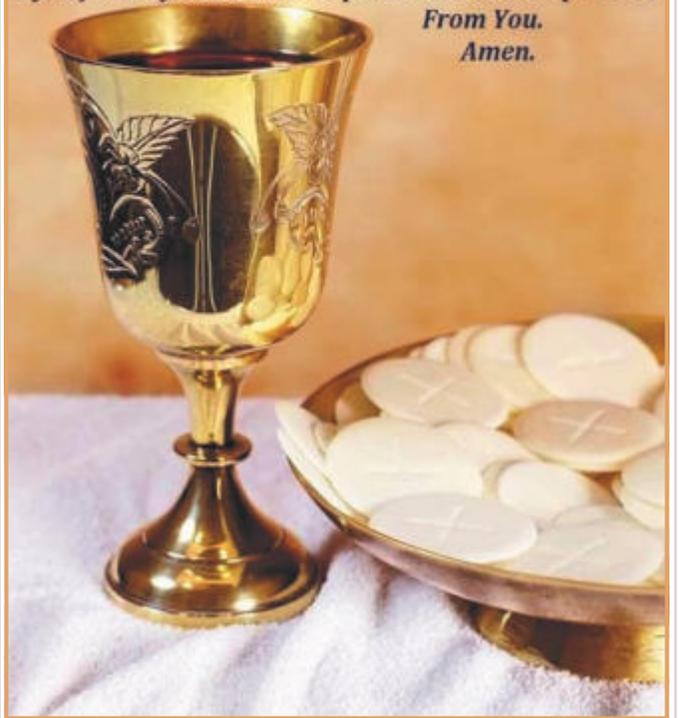
- Monday** **July 5 ~ St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest**
8:00 AM **Richard "Dick" Callahan**
By Gene Philbin
- Tuesday** **July 6 ~ St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr**
8:00 AM **Mary Ann Kelly**
By Pat Clifford
- Wednesday** **July 7**
7:00 PM **Eleanor & Robert Joyce, Sr.**
By Marilyn Redington
- Thursday** **July 8**
8:00 AM **Joseph & Agnes Farrell**
By Ann Marie & Family
- Friday** **July 9 ~ St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs**
8:00 AM **Thomas McMullen**
By Family
- Saturday** **July 10**
4:00 PM **Sharon Nossavage**
By Pam Kelly
- Sunday** **July 11 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM **Parishioners Intentions**
- 10:00 AM** **Jason John Lombardi**
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 **July** in loving memory of
M/M David Berlew & Sons
by Sandy & Bob Loftus

Sanctuary Candle
in loving memory of
Charles D'Aiello
by Mom, Genielle & John

Sacred Heart Shrine
in loving memory of
Mary Ann Kelly
by Ann McMullen Family

Sanctity of Life Memorial
in loving memory of
Mary Ann Kelly
by Carol Boone



Eternal Rest Grant unto her, O Lord! *May she rest in the peace of the Lord! Please pray for the soul of Violet Grabowski. The parish community of Queen of the Apostles offers sympathy to her family and friends.*

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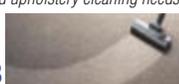


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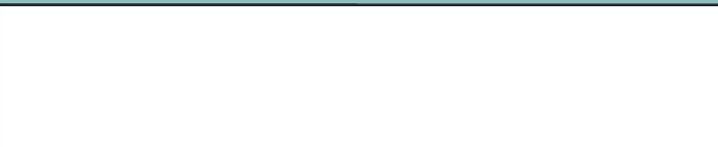
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