



July 25, 2021 | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Queen of the Apostles

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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

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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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When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parish Family,

Jesus is followed by a large crowd in today's Gospel, like the sheep without a shepherd we heard him encounter last week, and he finds a way to fill their needs and serve them all. He serves them quite literally multiplying the loaves and fish so that thousands of people have not just enough to eat, but more than enough, more left over than they had in the first place. Next week we will hear Jesus call himself the bread of life, but today he shows us. He is the source of our sustenance, each time we come together to celebrate the Eucharist, just as he was two thousand years ago on this mountain. Significantly, in both of today's readings that involve the miraculous multiplication of food, the food is brought by an anonymous soul. In the first reading someone brings just enough food for the holy man, Elisha. In the Gospel it is a child, surely not expecting the pivotal role he will play in this event. In both cases, the Lord transformed something that ordinary people produced and offered so that it is able to satisfy everyone in need. What can we offer to people in need that the Lord can transform to satisfy more than we ever expect?

St. Ann's Novena ends tomorrow on the Feast Day of SS. Ann and Joachim, Monday, July 26. **Here is the Prayer to St. Ann to obtain a special favor:** O Glorious Saint Ann, filled with compassion for those who invoke you and with love for those who suffer, heavily laden with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at your feet and humbly beg of you to take the present affair which I recommend to you under your special protection *[here mention silently your intentions]* Please recommend it to your daughter the Blessed Virgin Mary and lay it before the Throne of Jesus so that He may bring it to a happy issue. Please continue to intercede for me until my request is granted. Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day beholding my God face to face and with you and Mary and all the Saints praising and blessing Him for all eternity. *Amen.* SS. Joachim and Ann were the grandparents of Jesus which leads into the next paragraph.

The Holy Father has announced today as the kick-off for the **first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly for the year 2021-2022.** This World Day of prayer for grandparents that we are celebrating today can help us to understand that all of us, young and old, grandparents and grandchildren, whether or not we belong to the same family, are "one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call". This awareness comforts us and shapes us as a people as we gather around the altar on which the Lord multiplies the bread of life and the Word of our salvation. The elderly – like the young – are important. Without them the body of the Church lacks something. That is why it is necessary for grandparents and elderly to have their rightful place within each of our communities. It is crucial that we share in the lives of older people in the same way that the Lord, in giving us his Body and Blood, has made us sharers in his own. Throughout this coming year we will have events highlighting the importance of family life.

Our Parish Pastoral Council are working on some projects for this upcoming year. We are hosting the Annual Queen of the Apostles Family Fun Day Picnic at the Mercatili Segilia Park, Moosic once again. Our picnic in the park will be on September 12th. It will be a cover dish event with mass @ Noon to begin.

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: In the first reading, Elisha takes an offering of barley loaves and shares it with many more people than it would be expected to feed. All ate plenty and some was even left over. In the Gospel, Jesus takes five barley loaves and two fish and is able to share them with over five thousand people. All ate their fill, and twelve baskets were filled with the leftovers. God is able to provide more than we need, despite all appearances to the contrary. As we sing in the psalm today, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."



Eucharistic Adoration

Thank you for answering the call to be a Eucharistic Adorer! We have resumed our adoration on Tuesdays. Adoration hours are 9:30 am - 8:00 pm. Rosary and benediction begins at 7:30 pm/ 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!! Please pray for all prayer intentions for this day.



Reflections

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Parish News

CHRISTMAS IN JULY POT OF GOLD WINNERS

07/12/21	#088	\$ 75	Carlo LaMonica
07/13/21	#869	\$ 75	Joe Hannon
07/14/21	#177	\$ 75	No Winner
07/15/21	#795	\$ 75	No Winner
07/16/21	#569	\$ 75	Louis Mickavicz
07/17/21	#839	\$ 75	Maria Fitzgerald
07/18/21	#184	\$ 250	Eileen Nahigian



The new **Mass Book** for 2022 is now open. There are NO Masses available for the remainder of 2021; however, there are openings available for Memorial Candles in honor of loved ones or special occasion celebrations.

The Guidelines are as follows:

- Everyone is limited to 3 masses per year. It is recommended to group family members together whenever possible. The anniversary of death should be the most important date.
- When purchasing a **Mass Card**, there is a limit of 3 masses that will be said per year for each individual. It should be up to the family to schedule these masses.
- Please keep in mind that there are a limited amount of **Saturday and Sundays and Evening masses** available. We ask that you limit your choices to 1 per family on these days.
- You can call the Parish Office or send in a list and we will make every effort to meet your needs.
- Payment will be required before the mass is scheduled to be said.
- Thank you for your understanding and patience with this process.

ST. ANN'S NOVENA

The Novena in honor of St. Ann will conclude on Monday, July 26, the Feast Day of SS Joachim and Anne. An anointing with the Oil of St. Ann will be extended on Sunday July 25th at the 10:00AM mass and at the 8:00AM mass on Monday, July 26th. **Polish Mass:** Monday, 7/26 at 1:30PM. There will be singing of Polish Hymns before mass and anyone interested in singing in the choir is asked to go to the choir loft before mass. **Solemn Closing Mass:** Monday, 7/26 at 7:30PM celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

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.

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



07/18/21 Sunday Collection: \$3,533.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Life, Family & Culture



"Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives." Read more at www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "An Adoption Love Story"

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

#IAMWITHYOUALWAYS



PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.



Food Pantry Items for July
Hamburger Helper



Community Events



AVOCA SESQUICENTENNIAL NEWS

The Avoca Borough 150th Anniversary Sesquicentennial Committee is actively seeking basket raffle donations for the Sesquicentennial Celebration weekend! If you or your family would like to donate a basket or raffle item, please contact Kelly at 570-499-7013. All raffle baskets & items are due by September 1st. We are also actively inviting businesses and organizations to join our 150th Anniversary parade! Parade will be held the afternoon of Sunday, September 5th and there will be more details to follow for parade participants. If your business or organization would like to celebrate with us by being part of our parade, please contact Holly at 570-237-7190

Celebration Events:

Friday, September 3rd: Battle of the Tracks 2

Where: West Avoca Little League Field beginning at 6pm

A friendly, one night kick ball tournament between Avoca and West Avoca to decide which side of the tracks is best to be from! We are looking for kick ball players to form 4 Avoca Teams and 4 West Avoca Teams. \$10 per player and those interested please reach out to Holly 570-237-7190, Kelly 570-499-7013 or Colleen 570-466-0492 to register by August 7th!

Not interested in playing? Come root for your side! Music, raffles, fireworks, food & fun!

Saturday, September 4th: Avoca's "Small Business Saturday"

Support our local businesses, bars and restaurants and see what our small town atmosphere is all about! Some establishments will be offering specials - more details TBA

Sunday, September 5th: Parade & Community Social

A parade in honor of Avoca's 150th Anniversary will begin at 1pm (exact parade route TBA) with a community gathering immediately following the parade on the grounds of Queen of the Apostle's Parish Hall located at 742 Spring Street featuring raffles, food and live music! Come out and catch up with old friends, new friends and neighbors as we celebrate this special moment in our Borough's history!

Please follow the "Avoca Borough's 150th Anniversary Celebration" Facebook page for the most up to date information & details!

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH FLEA MARKET

Thursday, August 5 and Friday, August 6 from 5:00-8:00

p.m. Saturday, August 7 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center Auditorium (former Seton Catholic High School)

Entrance on Church Street, Pittston -- parking available nearby!

SACRED HEART POLISH PICNIC IN DUPONT

Fr. Petro and the parishioners of Sacred Heart Church invite you to attend their annual picnic on the church grounds, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont. It will be held Saturday, July 31 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Food offerings include pierogi, golombki (pigs in the blanket), halushki, kielbasi, placki (potato pancakes) and funnel cakes, all prepared by the men and women of the parish. Enjoy games of chance, theme baskets and lively polka music!

Parish Meetings: July, 2021

Knights of Columbus	MON	07/26/21	6:30 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

Knights of Columbus



The council will be conducting a "Coats for Kids" Drive. Boxes are available at each of the doors of the Church and canisters are available for Monetary Donations. We are accepting gently worn and new coats that we can pass on to those in need. Donations can also be given to any Knight. Thank you for your help with this worthy cause!

The Knights will co-sponsor our church's Family Picnic which will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12th. Watch the bulletin for more information on this for fun event!

Our regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday July 26th in the Parish Hall. Rosary is at 6:30PM and meeting follows at 7:00PM All men 18 or older who are practicing Catholics are invited to join

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

Italian Festival: SS. Anthony & Rocco Parish Italian Festival,

Aug. 13, 14 & 15 at St. Rocco's Church Grounds, 122 Kurtz St., Dunmore. Opens Fri. & Sat. at 5:00 PM; Sunday Following Mass & Procession at 12:00 Noon. Food, Games and Live Entertainment:

Friday: DHS Marching Units & Cheerleaders and Picture Perfect; **Saturday:** Holy Cross H.S. Cheerleaders and Popstar Drive;

Sunday: Feast Day Mass & Procession at 12 Noon followed by *Jim Cullen, Jack Bordo and Sharon Ambrozia, Scranton Prep Cheerleaders, The Luongo Brothers Band,* and FIREWORKS AT 9 PM.

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

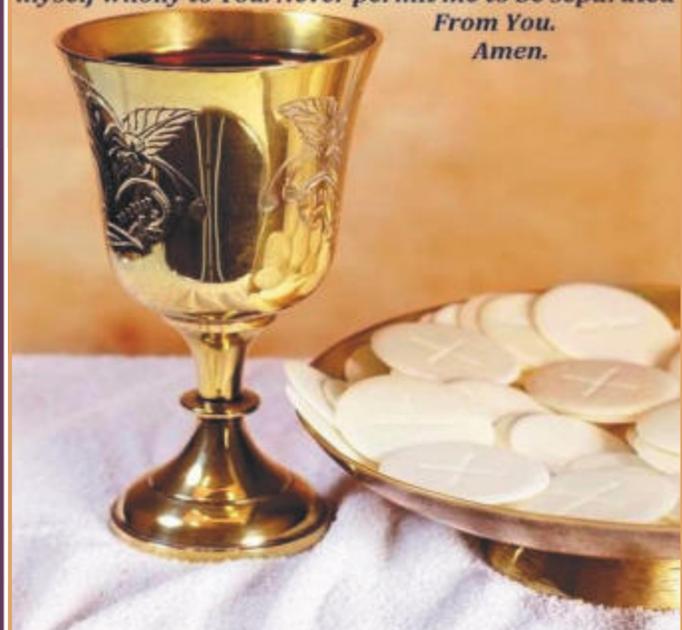
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- Monday** July 26~SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 AM Dee Dee, Jamie & Jim Mabin
By Judy McCawley
- Tuesday** July 27
8:00 AM Ann Twardowski
By Tetlak & Pasa Families
- Wednesday** July 28
7:00 PM Rev. Mr Gerald Philbin
By Family
- Thursday** July 29 ~ Saint Martha Edward Ruda
8:00 AM By Jerrie Coolbaugh & Family
- Friday** July 30~St. Peter Chrsolgus,Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:00 AM Edward, Elizabeth & William Henning
By Mary Finnan
- Saturday** July 31~St. Ignatius of Loyola,Priest
4:00 PM Cookie Coleman
By Susan M Sincavage
- Sunday** August 1~18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Parishioners Intentions
- 10:00 AM **Bob Dommermuth**
By Denise & Robin Dommermuth

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.



Ministry Schedule

Beginning August 1st, we will be printing a new Ministry Schedule for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altars Servers. If you are interested in being put back into the rotation, please contact the Parish Office. We are always looking for new volunteers! Anyone who is in 3rd grade or above and received 1st Eucharist are invited to be an Altar Server.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord! *May they rest in the peace of the Lord! Please pray for the souls of Edward Carlin, Charlie Vermac and Gertrude Ritzie Borowski The parish community of Queen of the Apostles offers sympathy to their family and friends.*

Sacramental Bread & Wine throughout July in loving memory of **M/M David Berlew & Sons** by Sandy & Bob Loftus

Sanctuary Candle for the Week of July 18th in loving memory of **Butch Regan** by Joe & Marie Burns

Sacred Heart Shrine for the Week of July 18th in loving memory of **Michael Quinn** by Wife Pat & Family

Sanctity of Life Memorial for the Week of July 18th in loving memory of **Betty Scaramastro** by Children & Grandchildren

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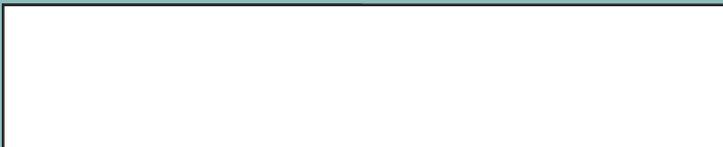
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