



August 1, 2021 | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 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 10:00AM 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

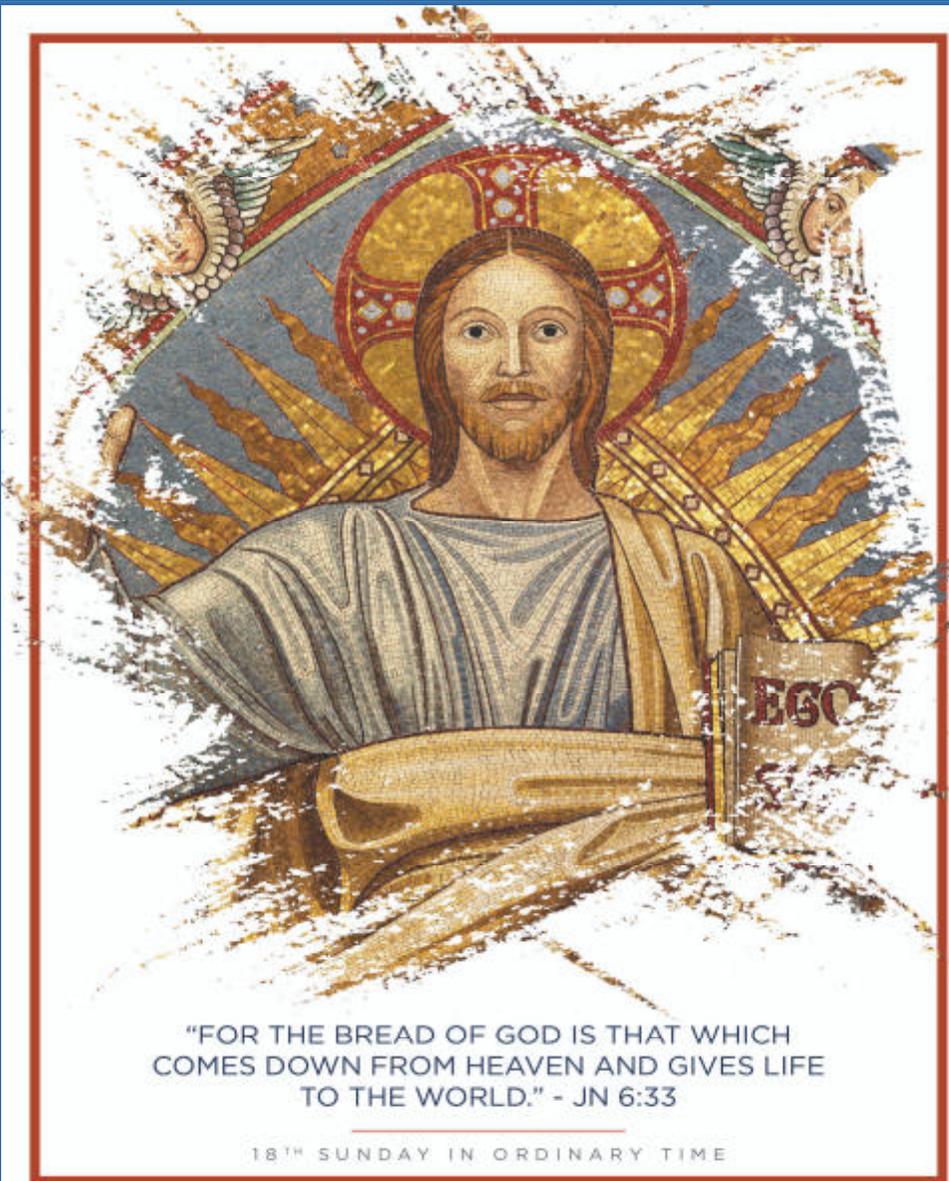
Social Concerns/Respect Life Ministry

Ann Jake - 570-457-3521

Women's Guild

Jane Maxwell 570-457-1107

New Members are always Welcome!



#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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,

What do we need to live? We need food and water, of course. Even more basic is oxygen, for without oxygen we could not breathe. Jesus takes each element to a new level. Today we hear Jesus tell a crowd that he can provide "food that endures for eternal life." Earlier in John's Gospel Jesus told the woman at the well that he could give her living water. At Pentecost, he breathed on his disciples to give them the Holy Spirit. Food, water and oxygen are basic to sustaining life here on earth, but Jesus gives us what we need to sustain life eternally. The Chosen People, journeying across the desert, were convinced that they would die of famine. The Lord rained down manna from heaven for them to share and eat. During difficult times, like a famine or a pandemic, we share food with those less fortunate. Jesus, the "true bread from heaven", gave his very self to nourish and sustain us. He fed thousands with loaves and fish to satisfy their hunger for one day, but he was truly sent to satisfy our hunger forever. Jesus is the bread of life, the bread that gives life to the world, the bread that sustains us throughout our lives and into eternal life. Whoever comes to him will never hunger. How does receiving the Lord in the Eucharist sustain us?

Last Sunday was the kick-off for the year of the Family with the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Elderly. **September 12** will be the Annual Queen of the Apostles Family Fun Day Picnic at the **Mercatili Segilia Park, Moosic**. It will be a time of family prayer beginning with an outdoor Mass @ **12 Noon**. It will be a time of family eating together with others at a Cover dish following the Mass. There will be games and fun for all the family that day. The Knights of Columbus are planning to host 4 Family Fun Days with prayer and cover dish four times a year.

We seem to be at the end of our Covid 19 restrictions here in NEPA and so I am asking the ministries to return if you feel comfortable. The dispensation from attending mass will be coming to an end on August 15. Parents will need to give permission for their children to serve at mass. I will be sending a letter soon for you to make your intention known as to whether you wish to continue on in your particular ministry. So, lectors, Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Cantors and choir members are all asked to respond. Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this request.

Talking about the ministries of our parish, the bishops of the world who met at the second Vatican Council gave much attention to the spirituality of the laity. In article 4 of the document on the Laity they emphasized the importance of union with Christ, which is maintained especially by active participation in the liturgy. The Bishops encouraged the laity to perform their life's work in the world to grow closer to Christ by not separating the ordinary conditions of life from their union with Christ.

**Prayer for this week:** *Bread of life, my soul hungers for your presence, a presence which I can feed upon in my rush to acquire more; a presence which will fill the emptiness of my longings; a presence which can nourish my tired and sagging spirit. "Take and Eat," you say, as I search for lasting food. "Abide in me," I hear, as I restlessly move from place to place. "You will not hunger again," you whisper from my depths. "I believe," I say, "help my unbelief." Amen.*

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:** We hear Jesus today tell the crowds that he is the bread of life, that those who look to him will never hunger or thirst. Before that, we hear the Lord satisfy the hunger of the Chosen People when they were starving in the desert. In between, Saint Paul challenges us to change from our old self and "put on (out) new self" now that we have learned the truth in Jesus. Listening to today's readings, let us reflect on how God satisfies our hunger.



## 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

### Practicing Faith

**Question:**

**I'd like to make some new resolutions about practicing the faith in our family during the new year. Do you have any suggestions?**

**Answer:**

The family is the most essential space for the formation of values and character. Practicing your faith as a family can happen both internally and externally. Consistent prayer together builds habits that can last a lifetime. With younger children, praying together as a family in the evening or at dinnertime could be fairly doable most nights. In the evening, select a few common prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, or Guardian Angel prayer. Ask each of your children to thank God for three things that day and include a time for children and adults alike to pray out loud for special needs in your family. This practice could be done with older children, committed to intentional efforts in the midst of increasingly busy schedules.

Look for other opportunities to practice the faith outside the home as well. Sunday Mass should already be part of your family's weekly routine. Consider setting other monthly goals as well. This could be a family service project in your city, attending the sacrament of Confession together, or hosting a hospitality night in your home. Get your children involved in the planning process. Ask them where they'd like to volunteer or who they think is having a hard time and might need a special night just for them. Rather than simply imposing new practices, your whole family can have a dynamic role understanding and integrating faith and life.

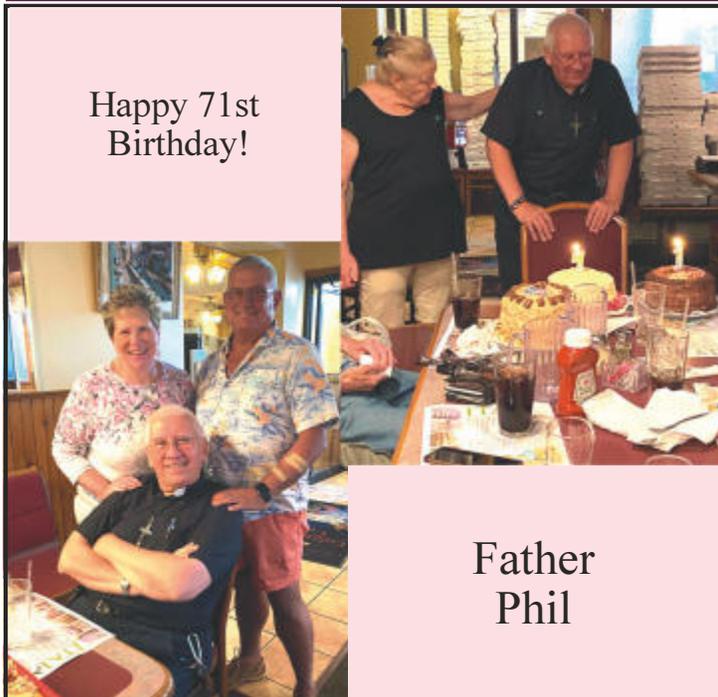
### Parish News

#### CHRISTMAS IN JULY POT OF GOLD WINNERS

07/19/21	#604	\$ 75	Peter Jodus
07/20/21	#286	\$ 75	No Winner
07/21/21	#597	\$ 75	No Winner
07/22/21	#539	\$ 75	No Winner
07/23/21	#942	\$ 75	Lucille Exter
07/24/21	#268	\$ 75	Gertrude Yachna
07/25/21	#680	\$250	No Winner

The Social Concerns/Respect Life Ministry will be conducting a **“Craft Show and Soup & More Sale”** on **October 16, 2021**. Please contact Jane Maxwell at #570-335-8678 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.

Happy 71st Birthday!



Father Phil

#### Marriage and Coffee

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. **She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.**

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said, **“It's right here — HEBREWS.”**

#### Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention for Aug. 2021

**The Church:** Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

### Stewardship



07/25/21 Sunday Collection: \$3,716.00  
 This Week's Second Collection:  
*Care & Education of Priests*  
 Thank you for your generosity!

### Life, Family & Culture



“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.”

The Queen of the Apostles Social Concerns/Respect Life Ministry



Summer Celebration



Collarusso's Café, Avoca



with a special surprise birthday celebration



Food Pantry Items for August  
*Tuna Fish/Canned Meat*



**Community Events**



**AVOCA SESQUICENTENNIAL NEWS**

The Avoca Borough 150<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. We are also actively inviting businesses and organizations to join our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade! Parade will be held the afternoon of Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>: 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 7<sup>th</sup>!

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

**Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>: 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 5<sup>th</sup>: Parade & Community Social**

A parade in honor of Avoca's 150<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration" Facebook page for the most up to date information & details!

**Pittston Township Fire Dept. Fundraiser being held at Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall**

Pittston Township Fire Dept. Fundraiser for member **Richard "Mitch" Prebish**. Mitch was diagnosed with Esophageal Cancer in early April. As he continues his fight, a pasta dinner will be held to help defray some of the medical costs he and his family will be facing. The dinner will be held Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup> Noon to 5:00 pm at Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall. Dinner tickets will cost \$10 which includes pasta, meatballs, salad, roll and dessert. A bake sale, raffle, and 50/50 drawing will also be available at the event. For information or to get tickets, messages can be sent to the event Facebook page found by searching "Pasta Dinner Benefit for Richard "Mitch" Prebish.

**Parish Meetings: August, 2021**

SocConcs/RespectLife	THURS	08/05/21	6:00 PM	RECTORY
K of C Officer's Meeting	MON	08/16/21	6:30 PM	RECTORY
Word Meeting	THURS	08/17/21	6:00 PM	RECTORY
K of C Monthly Meeting	MON	08/23/21	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:**

For further information, please visit the Cursillo website:  
[www.scrantoncursillo.homestead.com](http://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 Aug. 23rd 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.



On Wednesday, July 21st the American Red Cross held a Blood Drive in the Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall. The drive was very successful and 22 units of blood were collected which will assist up to 66 patients in need during this pandemic. Thank you to all who participated and we look forward to hosting this event again soon.

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

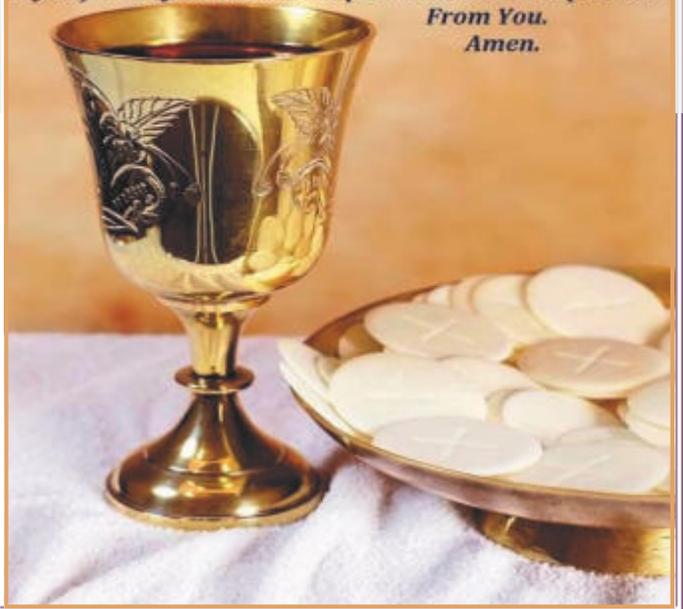
August 1, 2021 - The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Monday August 2 ~ St. Eusebius & St. Peter Julian Eymard, Bishop & Priest John Yuschovitz By Family
Tuesday August 3 Sheila McLaughlin By St. John's Class of 1968
Wednesday August 4 ~ St. John Vianney David Williams By Jeannette Gronski
Thursday August 5 ~ Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major John Kuchar By Wife, Mary Jane Kuchar
Friday August 6 ~ Transfiguration of Our Lord First Friday Eleanor Loughney By John & Ann Soy Peg Gusinski By Ray & Rachel Maroski
Saturday August 7 ~ Pope St. Sixtus II & Companions ~ First Saturday Ann, Wally and Tom Ostrowski By Judy McCawley & Family
Sunday August 8 ~ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Parishioners Intentions Bernard Jacek By Stephen Antal

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 in August 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.

Sacramental Bread & Wine throughout August in loving memory of Deceased members of the Bartush Family by Mike & Ann Jake

Sanctuary Candle in loving memory of Bernard Jacek by Family

Sacred Heart Shrine in loving memory of The Gronski Family by Jeanette

Sanctity of Life Memorial in loving memory of Kevin Dommermuth by Jim & Helen Brogan

QUEEN of the APOSTLES PARISH HALL

The Perfect Venue for Your Special Occasions Centrally located between Scranton and Wilkes-Barre at 742 Spring Street, Avoca, accommodating up to 150 Guests

- Commercial Kitchen • Beverage Center Round Tables • Cushioned Chairs Decorative Lighting • Stage Handicap Accessible • Adjacent Paved Parking Lot

Contact Us Today!

- Paul Franceschelli - 570-430-9015 Kathleen Franceschelli - 570-457-3412 facebook.com/QAPHall qaphall.weebly.com paulfranceschelli@gmail.com

Prime Dates Still Available!

# SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



**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  
CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772 • WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM



**ADT-Monitored Home Security**  
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

1-855-225-4251



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



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



**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!**  
**ADVERTISE HERE NOW!**

Renee Puchalski • rpuchalski@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6453

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



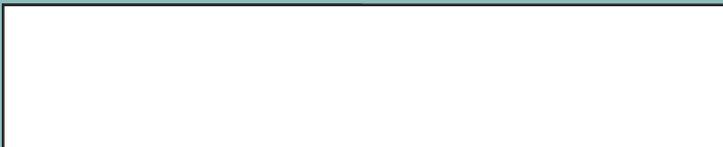
**LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE**

**DOMIANO APPLIANCE REPAIR**  
Reliable Service For Over 25 Years  
570-457-8992  
Old Forge, PA 18618  
JOE DOMIANO



**FREE AD DESIGN**  
WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE  
CALL 800.477.4574

**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE**



*We've Missed You!*  
Welcome Back to Mass

Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!

[www.ParishesOnline.com](http://www.ParishesOnline.com)

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




**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

**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

