



August 29, 2021 | 22nd 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-Cana 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!



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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&
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From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parish Family,

God's word exhorts us to action, as we hear in the Letter of Saint James, "be doers of the word and not hearers only." Listening to the word of God is essential, but it is not enough. All three readings today can guide us. Moses tells the Chosen People that they must observe the commandments carefully, not only to keep the covenant, but also as a model for other nations, for outsiders will look upon their conduct and see the wisdom and worthiness of their laws. However, by the time of Jesus, the Word made flesh, the Pharisees and scribes were more concerned about outward appearances than internal character. Jesus enumerated a baker's dozen of sins that emerge from inside a person's heart. Elsewhere he speaks of the conduct expected of someone who will inherit eternal life: treating your neighbor as yourself; feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, and visiting the sick and imprisoned; making disciples of all nations. Let us not just listen to God's word but go and live the word of God in all that we do. How can we be a "doer of the word" in our daily lives?

September 5th at 1pm there will be a parade to mark the special events as Avoca celebrates its Sesquicentennial followed by a gathering at our parish hall. The preceding week will be a week of events to conclude this special year for our Boro. Congratulations Avoca!!

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 for families to fellowship with other parish members at a **Cover dish** following the Mass. It will be a time of games and fun for all the family that day. It will be the Kick-off for the Youth Alpha program as well. Thank you to the Pastoral Council and the Knights of Columbus for supporting this event. This year is our tenth anniversary as Queen of the Apostles Parish.

About ten people from our parish will attend the 2 day Stewardship Conference at Elizabethtown, PA **September 14/15**. Msgr. Esseff and Sr. Cor Immaculatum, IHM will be two speakers for this event. There will be 8 keynote speakers along with 8 Workshop presenters. Bishop Ron Gainer, Harrisburg will be celebrating the liturgies. These will be a dynamic two days.

Our Annual Rosary Rally will take place at Healey Park on **October 16, 2021 at Noon**. October 13, 1917 was the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima Portugal. The blessed Mother asked the world to pray the Rosary. We pray this Rosary for our Nation. Here is a prayer to Our Lady of the Rosary: **O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. 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: Do we take God's word to heart and act upon it? Moses--about to reveal the commandments--calls on the people to observe God's word carefully and faithfully. In his letter, James asks us to welcome God's word and put it into action. In the Gospel, Jesus warns the scribes and Pharisees that they confuse human tradition with God's commands. Listening to God's word, let us consider how it guides our actions.



Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration hours are Tuesdays, 9:30 am to 8:00 pm. Rosary and benediction begins at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions or would like to verify your 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. Please pray for all prayer intentions for this day.

Reflections

Sharing Your Faith

Question:

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer:

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!

Parish News



As our children return back to school, we pray that their school year may be filled with joy, dedication to their studies, and respect and kindness for their teachers and fellow classmates.. May confidence be their foundation, grace be their guide, and may hope be their compass towards a bright future. May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they don't have to face it alone and may Jesus be by their side during this new school year. God Bless all teachers and students!!

Harvest Tea: The Women's Guild, along with the Pastoral Council, will again sponsor the Harvest Tea this year. The Tea will be held on **Sunday, November 21st at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall.** We need hostesses to sponsor each table. This includes selecting a theme for your table and providing food and refreshments that support the theme. Coffee and tea will be provided. The Tea is open to everyone, cost to attend is \$10.00 per person. Proceeds from the Tea will go to the Marian Award, which gives scholarships to graduating high-school seniors from our parish who are furthering their education. If you are interested in reserving a table, or if you would like to attend, please contact Jane Maxwell at (570) 335-8678, Chrissy Wastradowski at (570) 466-3676, or the parish office at (570) 457-3412.

Knights of Columbus



The Lucky winner of the Knights raffle for \$500 in lottery tickets draw on Sunday, August 22 was **ROBERT COLURI** from Scranton. Thank to all that supported this project!!

The "Coats for Kids" Drive continues and 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.

The Knights major fundraiser kicked off last weekend! They are selling calendars for the month of October with a nice prize for each day. Tickets are \$5 each. See GK Bob Ryzner or any knight for tickets. The will be sold at all weekend Masses at the back and side entrances. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Catholic men 18 yrs. and older are welcome to join the Knights. See Bob Ryzner or call #570-885-2096.

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention for Sept, 2021

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this

Stewardship



08/22/21 Sunday Collection: \$4,316.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**HE MEETS US
WHERE WE ARE**



Life, Family & Culture



"No sin or crime is greater than God's mercy. The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart." ~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Death Penalty: Catholic Q&A"



Congratulations to *Aiden Fermin Rosas*, son of Fermin Rosas and Erica Correa who will be baptized this weekend. May he stay close to Jesus all of his life.



The Social Concerns/Respect Life Ministry will be conducting a "Craft Fair 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.

The ninth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 18** when pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the nearly 63 million unborn victims of abortion since its legalization in 1973. The event on Sept. 18 will include a **Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion to be held at 11 a.m. at Mount Olivet Cemetery**, 612 Mount Olivet Road, Carverton. The pro-life gathering will take place at Mount Olivet with the Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus; Tomb for the Unborn,; located on the top of the hill on the cemetery grounds. During the memorial observance, the Rosary will be recited in remembrance of all aborted babies. All faithful are invited.



Food Pantry Items for September
Peanut Butter & Jelly



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!

Avoca A.O.H. Neil McLaughlin Division

Thomas P. Durkin Memorial Avoca Open

The Avoca Open will be held Saturday, Sept. 4th at Pine Hills Golf Course in Taylor, Pa.



All proceeds benefit the Avoca A.O.H. Scholarship Fund which awards scholarships to local senior high school students based on merit and academic accomplishments. Cost is \$90.00 per golfer and Captain & Crew format. Shotgun start at 8:00AM. Money can be dropped off at the West Side Club every Thursday from 7:00-9:00PM. Contact Gene Philbin at 570-313-3079 or Jim Doran at 570-457-2302 for more information.

Parish Meetings: September, 2021

Social Concerns/ Respect Life	MON	09/06/21	10:00 AM	RECTORY
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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

Community Worship



The Congregation of the Oblates of St. Joseph will hold their 39th annual Labor Day Triduum (three-day spiritual preparation) honoring St. Joseph the Worker at their chapel located on Route 315, Laflin. **Masses will be offered every evening at 7:00pm on Sept. 3-4-5 (Friday - Sunday).** Homilies will be offered during the triduum by Deacons Jim Rose, Andre' Kabacinski and Alan Baranski. Devotions to St. Joseph will follow every Mass with special prayers for all workers and the unemployed.

A special Mass will be offered on Labor Day morning (Sept. 6) at 10:30 am with the Very Rev. John V. Polednak, newly appointed Diocesan Vicar for Clergy, serving as principal celebrant and homilist. For more information, contact the office at (570) 654-7542. All are welcome to join in the celebration during this Year of St. Joseph. All Masses will be broadcast live on JMJ Catholic Radio 98.9 FM.

Community Events



Avoca Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8335

Annual Chicken Barbeque Dinner will be held on **August 28, 2021** at the post home, 915 Main St., Avoca. Tickets: \$12 each can be obtained by calling the post home at #570-457-7673 or from any member of the post or Auxiliary. Eat In or Take Out. **Time:** 12-5 pm or until Sold Out.

Menu: Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn, Cranberry Sauce & Dessert.

St. Lucy's Church will be having a "Take Out Penne Pasta Dinner" on **Thursday, September 16, 2021 in the Church Parking Lot (rear of church), 949 Scranton Street, Scranton.** Take-outs dinners are from 3:00-6:00 PM pm (containers provided). Cost: \$11.00 per dinner. **Dinners include:** Penne pasta with meatballs, salad, dinner roll, and biscotti. **Tickets available at the door, or call the church rectory (570-347-9421) or Joe (570) 955-7469.**

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.

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 29, 2021 † 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monday August 30
8:00 AM Nan Joyce
By Family
Tuesday August 31
8:00 AM M/M Glenard Houston & Son, William
By Mary M. Houston
Wednesday September 1
7:00 PM Frank Petritus
By Mother, Nancy Musto & Sisters
Thursday September 2
8:00 AM Frank Groblewski
By Ann McMullen & Family
Friday September 3 ~ Pope St. Gregory the Great ~
First Friday
8:00 AM Thomas Quinnan
By M/M Donald Plappert
7:00 PM Mary, Paul & Glen Haddock
By Judy McCawley & Family
Saturday September 4 ~ St. Theresa of Calcutta
First Saturday
4:00 PM John & Anna Clifford Family
By Pat Clifford
Sunday September 5 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Parishioners Intentions
10:00 AM William McAndrew
By Carm Frew

Ministry Schedule for the Week

08/29/21
22nd Sunday in Ord. Time
4:00 PM
L - Kaplavka, Thomas
S - Kester, Javien
S - Kester, Jesenia
S - Inglima, Rachel
EM - Andruzis, Charlene
EM - McCawley, Judy

08/29/21
22nd Sunday in Ord. Time
8:00 AM
L - Wruble, Leanna
S - Allardyce, Michael
S - Brogan, Kaitlyn
S - Wruble, Alexis
EM - Loch, Kermit
EM - Czar, David

08/29/21
22nd Sunday in Ord. Time
10:00 AM
L - Dowdell, Bill
S - McAdarra, John
S - Akbar, Chelsea
S - Gilcrest, Thomas
EM - Dowdell, Janice
EM - Jake, Ann

If you feel that there is a discrepancy in the bulletin ministry schedule and your copy received by mail or email, please call the parish office or Bob Janik at #570-457-1939 to clarify.

Sacramental Bread & Wine throughout September in loving memory of Thomas Quinnan by Barbara & Family
Sanctuary Candle in loving memory of Charlie Vermac by Tom & Mari Hendrisn
Sacred Heart Shrine in loving memory of Mary Claire & Charles Olisewski & Joe Matusick by Patty Wilk & Family
Sanctity of Life Memorial in loving memory of Debbie Radle by Kathy & Paul Franceschelli

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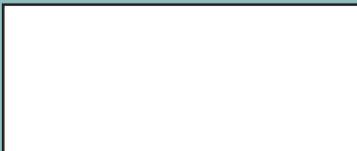
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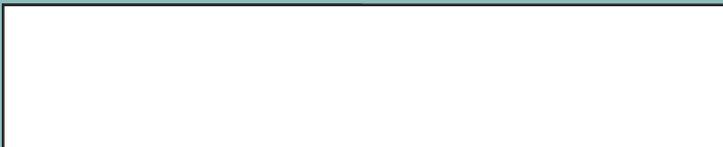
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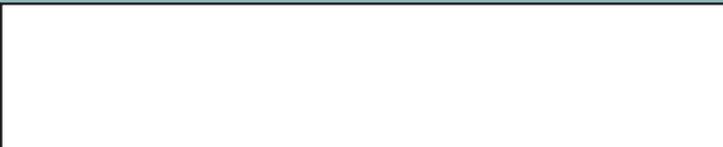
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