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Masses: Daily, M-F – 7:00 am • Saturday (Vigil)- 4:00 pm • Sunday- 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Confession: Daily, M-F~6:40-6:55 am • Saturday- 3:15-3:45 pm, and anytime upon request.

✘ **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ✘ **October 24, 2021** ✘

An Ordinary Reflection - Gratitude and Hope

Our scriptures readings on Sunday often begin with a selection from the Hebrew Scriptures, except during the Easter season when we hear the Acts of the Apostles and of those experiences of the disciples after the Resurrection. This weekend we begin with a reading from the prophet Jeremiah and surprisingly, Jeremiah is not Mr. Doom-and-Gloom, as he often is. He instead invites us to “shout for joy” because “the Lord has delivered his people.” There is a deep sense of gratitude and hope as he announces that the “father to Israel” will “gather them from the ends of the world” and will “console them and guide them.” Even “the blind and the lame, the mothers and those with child” are not to be forgotten and left behind. Rather, the road is leveled, and no one is allowed to stumble, as this “immense throng” is brought back to “brooks of water” in their homeland, to refresh their spirits.

There is similar gratitude and hope in the gospel message we hear from St. Mark. We are treated to the beautiful story of Bartimaeus, who sits by the roadside begging as Jesus and his disciples leave Jericho. The disciples are anxious to return to the Galilee area. After all, Jesus had just informed them that being recognized as great, or sitting at his side was not what being a disciple of his was all about, now or in the future. He tells them that being his follower means being “the slave of all.” So, no wonder in their indignation and humiliation, they want to just go home!

However, the Servant of all, Jesus, has other plans. He decides to stop and hear why Bartimaeus is shouting. In fact, he calls him to come to him and asks him “What do you want me to do for you?” This is a similar question to the one he asked James and John last weekend, but Bartimaeus’ response is quite different and changes his life forever. Bartimaeus wants to see and yet, even before he answers Jesus’ question, he has turned over his life to Jesus.

Mark tells us that Bartimaeus, after told by the disciples to be courageous as Jesus has called him, “threw aside his cloak, sprang up and came to Jesus.” We can be sure that once he abandoned that cloak another beggar quickly seized it for himself. For Jesus, this is the first sign of a willingness to be a disciple - “throwing aside” our cloaks. If we want to join Jesus in becoming “representatives before God,” as our second reading from the Letter of the Hebrews tells us, we must acknowledge our weaknesses, our inabilities, our needs and offer them to God. We must, like Bartimaeus, have our eyes opened to see that our cloaks of security, the cover-ups that we use to protect ourselves from truly loving one another, must be thrown aside.

Receiving the sight to recognize where God leads us begins with telling Jesus what we want him to do for us, and then believing that with Jesus all things are possible, especially without the cloaks we use to stay unseen and secure. This is how gratitude and hope fill our lives and bring us to see the “brooks of water” that rebuild us into a community, a remnant of peoples, willing to offer our gifts and sacrifices for the good of one another. We may for a time find ourselves sitting along the roadsides, unsure of the possibilities. But the more we patiently speak up about the ignorance and erring that is bringing harm upon our sisters and brothers, the greater is our faith able to give us sight and enable us to follow Jesus on his way.

- Fr. Michael

Questions for personal reflection based on this Sunday's Readings...

What aspect of my life needs healing?

What do I want Jesus to do for me?

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, DEVOTIONS AND INTENTIONS
FOR OCTOBER 25-31, 2021

We welcome parishioners back to in-person worship, as we cross this threshold of hope, praying for the end of the pandemic.

Day	Month	Date	Type	Time	Intention
Mon	25	Weekday	7:00am	Rosalie M. Gudz (by Ann Marie and Charlie Schank)	
Tue	26	Weekday	7:00am	Andrew Chromey (30-Day—by the Family)	
Wed	27	Weekday	7:00am 6:30pm	In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered (by Tom and Mary Ellen Singer) Holy Rosary School Athletic Mass	
Thu	28	SS Simon and Jude, Apostles	7:00am	Michael Talipan (by Regina Bernard)	
Fri	29	Weekday	7:00am	Theodore Kerchuk, Jr. (by Sherry Starzec)	
Sat	30	Weekday	4:00pm	Mary Ann Ryczak (by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bartnicki)	
Sun	31	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	George Dankulich (by Elaine Dankulich) For the Intentions of Our Parishioners Joseph Swieboda (by Shirley Karuzie)	

VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS	
Sacred Heart of Jesus	Blessings for Clara Zielinski 100 th Birthday (by Beverly Dulny)
Blessed Virgin Mary	Edward and Sophie Wascavage (by Joyce Skowronski-Jones)
St. Joseph	Michael Talipan (by Pat and Christa Murman)

OCTOBER

25 Monday

-Finance Council Mtg. (Meeting Rm.)

28 Thursday

-Pierogi Prep, 9:30am

30 Saturday

-Pierogi Prep 9:30am

31 Sunday Halloween

-Pierogi Prep, 9:00am

-Cemetery Prayers, 1:30pm/2:00pm

NOVEMBER

1 Monday - Solemnity of All Saints

2 Tuesday - All Souls' Day



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~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~

For the period ending October 19: TOTAL \$5,567.50; Sunday \$3,953.20 (\$917.00 Online);
Other Envelopes \$1,284.00 (\$110.00 Online); Loose Collection \$330.30

THANK YOU for your continued generosity to this parish and to God's people in need throughout the world.
Please continue to care for those less fortunate by remembering area food pantries and soup kitchens as you are able.

SUPPORT PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECTS

Saint Therese Parish in Shavertown receives funding from the Diocesan Annual Appeal to build bed kits for children in need of a safe place to sleep.



"I don't think we could have done it without the money from the Social Justice grant. Lumber is expensive. The lumber that we got to build 40 bed kits last year was \$2,800 and we were able to use the rest of the money to provide bedding."

- Kelly Bryk

Director of Stewardship/Youth Minister

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ALL SOULS' DAY CEMETERY VISITATION

In anticipation of All Souls' Day, prayers for those who lie in Holy Rosary and St. Joseph's Cemeteries will be held on Sunday, October 31.

- Services at Holy Rosary Cemetery will take place at 1:30pm.
- Services at St. Joseph's/St. John's will take place at 2:00pm.

Prayers will be led near the shrines in both cemeteries. In the case of inclement weather, we will have one service in the church at 2:00pm.

AS ALWAYS - PLEASE - FOR YOUR SAFETY USE CAUTION IN BOTH CEMETERIES.

Stay on roads wherever possible, as fresh or settling graves are filled and topped off. Unsettled new graves, or tilted stones can cause harm to visitors. As always, visit only during daylight hours.

Do not visit before dawn or at/after dusk.

Also, please do not dump at the lower portion of St. Joseph's Cemetery, or by the gates at either St. Joseph's or Holy Rosary, out of respect for the dead. Summer decorations should be removed, and summer plantings cleared. The water will be shut off following All Souls' Day. Thank you for your cooperation and beautiful work caring for loved ones buried in our cemeteries!

WITH PARISH SYMPATHY

Our prayers are requested for Henry "Sonny" Pesotina, whose Burial was celebrated on Thursday, October 21; and for Margaret Miletta, whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, October 22. May our Lord embrace them in His eternal love and peace, and may Christ give His comfort and consolation to their families and friends. We offer our parish sympathy to them in their loss.

FALL RAFFLE CALENDAR

We thank all those who have purchased tickets and congratulate our winners thus far...

October 16 - Barbarevech
 October 17 - Ann Brudzinski
 October 18 - Monica Rowlands
 October 19 - Ann Zongilla
 October 20 - Ken Francis
 October 21 - Violet Shoback
 October 22 - Jennifer Soy

SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL will not take place this Wednesday, October 27. We will resume rehearsal on November 10th, at 6:30 in the loft. New members are welcome, please bring a mask.

The GIFT CERTIFICATES that support Holy Rosary School and other Diocesan schools may be purchased per the usual school-year schedule on Thursday from 8:00-10:00 am in the church hall.

PIEROGI MAKING continues Thursday, October 28th, at 9:30 am for peeling, October 30, at 9:30 am for balling, and Sunday, October 31, at 9:00 for pinching. All are welcome, no experience needed - on the job training provided!!

RELICS DISPLAYED NEXT WEEKEND As in years past, and in anticipation of All Saints' Day, and through All Souls Day, those relics of Saints held by our parish will be displayed for veneration near the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

LEAVE A MARK 2021 Young adults (age 18-40) are invited to join Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on Sunday, November 7, at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, for this annual gathering to kickoff National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton. A social will immediately follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For more information, visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

REMINDERS FOR ATTENDING MASS

SEATS: Although it is lovely to have our favorite seat in church, and although we are no longer assigning seats, please be considerate, and refrain from sitting close to those who are already seated when you arrive. Skip a pew, or move to the middle or end of a pew. Thank you for your consideration of others.

MASKS: Masks *are required* for those who are not fully vaccinated. Masks may be worn by anyone who is fully vaccinated. Masks are strongly encouraged to be worn in our church by Bishop Bambera.

ILLNESS: WE ALL HAVE ALLERGIES! However, sniffing and coughing, clearing one's throat, blowing one's nose, etc. also go along with Covid-19. Please wear a mask if you are affected by the pollen of the season, and PLEASE stay home if you have developed a cold.

IN OUR COMMUNITY....

UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON OPEN HOUSE Oct. 24 AND Nov. 7
 The University of Scranton will host two Open House events for prospective students and their families on Sunday, Oct. 24, and Sunday, Nov. 7. For additional information, contact Scranton's Admissions Office at 1-888-SCRANTON or visit Scranton's [Open House webpage](http://www.scranton.edu). (www.scranton.edu).

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Join us for our Open House! The administration, faculty, parents, and students of Holy Cross High School invite you to our annual Open House on Sunday, October 31. Visit hchspa.org for more details, or to schedule your tour.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR The Altar & Rosary Society of Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, is sponsoring its Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 6, from 10 pm to 3 pm in the parish hall at 574 Bennett St., Luzerne. More than 25 local crafters and vendors are featured, along with a basket raffle and food available for purchase. Admission is FREE with plenty of parking available!

The Parish Community of **Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Plains** is planning a **HARVEST TEA** November 7th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in Bernadine Hall (25 Hudson Road, Plains). A basket raffle and door prizes will be featured. Entertainment will be provided by George Rittenhouse. Proceeds will benefit our food pantry. For tickets call Mary Jo Marek 570-825-6969.

St JOSEPH MARELLO CRAFT FAIR Sunday, November 7, 2021 from 9am to 2pm in their Parish Center, located at 237 William Street. The event will include dozens of specialty vendors. Food, beverages, and lunch items will be available for separate purchase, as well as the ability to enter a raffle. If you are interested in being a vendor at the Craft Fair, please contact Patti Gregorio by email at pgregorio@frontier.com for an application and more information.

TAKE-OUT PASTA SUPPER AND BASKET RAFFLE at St. Maria Goretti Church, 42 Laflin Road, Laflin. Homemade Pasta & Sausage. Sunday, November 14, 2021 - Noon -4:00pm - TAKE OUT ONLY (containers provided) Includes Salad, Dinner Roll & Dessert - Donation \$12.00 FACE MASKS RECOMMENDED Facilities are Handicapped Accessible with Ample & Free Parking Contact information - church office 570-655-8956.

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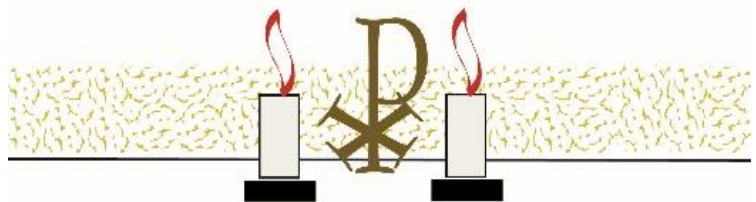
Rev. John C. Lambert, MSW, Pastor, will host **CELEBRATION OF MASS** on November 28, honoring **ST. PADRE PIO** and his relics from the Saint Pio Foundation, New Rochelle, NY. Principal Celebrant and Homilist is Father Pio Mandato, FMHJ. with concelebrants Father Paul McDonnell, OSJ, and Pastor, Father John Lambert, MSW.

1:15 pm Recitation of the Rosary followed by a brief introduction

2:00 pm Holy Mass followed by Exposition and Benediction

Concluding with veneration of the relics while videos of St. Pio will be shown. All parishes and priests in the Diocese are welcome to attend. Contact Coordinator, Cathy Mack at 570-654-6063.

SCRANTON PREP'S SCHOLARSHIP ENTRANCE EXAM The Exam will be held on Saturday, December 4, for eighth grade students interested in applying for the fall term of 2022. Students should register by applying online at www.scrantonprep.org/preptest. Please call 570-941-7737, Ext. 141 with any questions.





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