

October 3, 2021

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EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

420 Main Road
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Parish Information

Joining the Parish

New Parishioners are always welcome. Call your Parish Office for a Census Form.

Planning a Baptism

The birth of a child brings joy to the family. Through Baptism, that child is joined to the family of God, which brings great joy to the church. Parents seeking Baptism are asked to contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is administered yearly to all 8th Grade students in our Religious Education Program and students attending Catholic Schools. Students wishing to receive Confirmation must be enrolled for at least two years before they are eligible to receive Confirmation.

Scheduling Weddings

Couples contemplating marriage are asked to contact the Parish Office and schedule the date before making any other plans. An appointment with the Pastor should be made at least 6 months prior to the Wedding Date. Couples must be registered parishioners and active practicing Catholics.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may take place at any time, especially if one is seriously ill. Please contact the office to schedule a time for a priest to visit.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA) is the process the Catholic Church uses to welcome adult members into the faith. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this process or in obtaining more information about it, please call the Parish Office to speak with a priest.

Funeral Preparations

The loss of a loved one is a particularly difficult time for those who are bereaved. Our parish community collaborates with local funeral directors in assisting families during their time of grief.

Bequests to the Parish

Please remember your Parish with Memorial gifts at the time of death or with a bequest in your will. Make a return to the Lord for all the good He has given you.

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Welcome to St. Robert Bellarmine and Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parishes.

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not home to you, we invite you to become a part of our parish family. Both churches are open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. You may register at the Parish Office or call us and we'll send you a form. We are glad that you are here and hope that you will come back again for Mass or become a parishioner.

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- Dakotah Younkin
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Saint John Neumann Elementary School

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- Melissa Heim
Mother

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Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, Oct. 3rd
to celebrate the
Feast of St. Francis Assisi

**12PM at Exaltation
of the Holy Cross
1PM at St. Robert
Bellarmine**

St. Francis Assisi is known by both tradition and myth for having a special rapport with animals and a deep love and concern for all God's creation.

In honor of St. Francis, we will have our annual Blessing of Pets on Sunday, Oct. 3rd.

Everyone in the Parishes of Exaltation of the Holy Cross and St. Robert Bellarmine are welcome to come with pets of all kinds-dogs, cats, birds, fish, rodents or reptiles. We would suggest that you keep the last four above-mentioned creatures in bowls or cages, and the first two on leashes securely in your arms.



**Exaltation of the Holy Cross
and St. Robert Bellarmine
Parish Offices will be closed**

Monday, October 11th in
Observance of Columbus Day.

This week, **October 4th through 8th**, **Father Cirba** will be attending the **Priest Convocation** with Bishop Bambera and all active priests of the Diocese of Scranton.

In Case of emergency please contact your Parish Office and they will contact a retired priest for you.

Thank You.

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

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**Weekend & Daily Masses in: St. Aloysius Church
October 4-10, 2021**

Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	8:00am	No Mass	
Wed.	8:00am	No Mass	
Thurs.	8:00am	No Mass	
Fri.	8:00am	No Mass	
Sat.	4:00pm	Marilyn Gdovin	Family
Sun.	7:00am	Jeff Watkins	Family
Sun.	11:00am	Margaret Yascur	Jane Carlton



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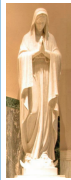
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Extra Sacrifice	\$ 100.00
Utilities/Maintenance	\$ 381.00
Perquisite	\$ 350.00
Candles	\$ 62.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,949.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 319.00
St. Casimir Cemetery	\$ 500.00



Tabernacle Candle

this week are in loving memory of
Agnes & Louis Comitz requested by Family.



Blessed Mother Candle

This week is in Loving Memory of Gerri Kempinski
requested by son, Brian.

St. Joseph Candle

This week is in Loving Memory of
Frank T. McDermott requested by son, Brian.



The Bread and Wine

offered at all masses this weekend
are in loving memory of Kevin McDermott
requested by brother, Brian.

Altar & Rosary Meeting
Oct. 10th, 1PM
in Padden Hall (Cafeteria).
New Members are
always Welcome!

Holy Name Meeting
Oct. 10th, 7PM
in Padden Hall Cafeteria).
New Members are
always Welcome!



**at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish
in honor of Our Lady of Fatima
Wednesday, October 13th at 7PM**
There will be a Rosary devotion in
St. Aloysius Church. All are welcome!



Sunday, Oct. 31st Halloween Mass and Party

For all children and grandchildren
up to the age of 12.
Come in costume to the 11am mass
and stay for the Halloween Party
in the Church Hall after mass.

Please RSVP no later than Oct. 24th to Mrs. Jane Gill,
Director of Religious Ed at 570-266-1254.



**Congratulations
and God's Blessing to
Jim Zeska and Heather Warren
who were married this weekend in
St. Aloysius Church.**

**St Aloysius Church recently received a bequest from
Msgr Donald McAndrews Estate in the amount
of \$5,000.00.**

\$2500.00 of this was used for the churches new computer and video system to livestream our weekend mass. The rest of the money was put into St. Aloysius Building Fund for the care and upkeep of the buildings he so loved. Please continue to pray for Monsignor's soul.



2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal has begun!

Our parish Goal is \$34,000.00.
Any amount you can give will be
greatly appreciated.



Mass from St. Aloysius Church is Live-Streamed on Facebook on Saturday at 4pm and on YouTube on Sunday at 10am. Look for us on Facebook at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish at St Aloysius Church.



Fall Mum Sale

Students from the Religious Education Program will be selling pumpkins and mums at the Fall Festival.

Preorder to assure size and color of mums are encouraged but not necessary. **Orders will be available for pickup at the festival on October 16th.**

(Please make checks to: St. Robert Bellarmine Parish.)

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

8 in. mums- \$8.00

Yellow _____ Red _____ Mixed: _____ Amt \$ _____

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Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

Website: www.exhc.org

e-mail: exhc@aol.com www.facebook.com/holycross420

Phone Number: (570) 823-6242

October 4, 2021 thru October 10, 2021

Mon.	8:00 am	Elaine Golias	Tom & Dorothy Hudak
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.		No Adoration	
Fri.	8:00 am	No Mass	
Sat.	5:30 pm	Anthony F. Shanders, Jr.	Joe & Vern Truskoski
Sun.	9:30 am	Stephen Juba	Paul & Paulette Zavislak

*September 26th,
Thank You and
God bless you
for your
Contributions!!!*



Diocesan -
Disaster Fund:
\$400.75.
Care & Education
Priests: \$5.00
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Sunday	\$ 1,975.00
Sunday - Online	\$ 355.20
Dues	\$ 250.00
Dues - Online	\$ 20.30
Loose	\$ 128.00
Children	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 79.00
Maintenance (inc. Online)	\$ 54.00
Utilities (inc. Online)	\$ 600.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,471.50



Bread & Wine for this weekend are offered for:

Prayers for Ann Marie Turner
by Paul, Joan & Kyle

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning October 10th
Sanctuary Candle: Health & Blessings for Helen Swiatek by Jean & Michele Kotchick.

Blessed Mother Candle: Birthday Blessings for Michael Joseph Potsko by Mickey Maday.

Infant of Prague Candle 1: In Memory of Joan Bohinski by Bernie.

Infant of Prague Candle 2: In Memory of Barbara Pencak by Jean & Michele Kotchick.



Youth Family Mass this
Sunday, October 3rd @ 9:30am.
Coffee and donuts will be served outside
after Mass.

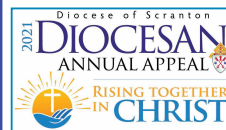
Blessing of Pets!

On October 3 @ noon we will have the blessing of our pets. Bring your pet to the parking lot and Father Cirba will bless them..



The **Drive-thru Potato Pancake Fest** was a great success thanks to the many volunteers who helped & everyone who purchased potato pancakes & raffle tickets.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!



Please support the
Diocesan Annual Appeal
Our parish goal for the Annual Appeal is
\$15,000.00.



**Our Religious Education
program**
**"Say the Word and My Soul
Shall be Healed"**

began, Sunday, 9/19.
Any parent who missed
registration can still do so by bringing their child to
the Church basement @ 8:30 on Sunday.
New families are welcome!!

Contact Joan with questions @ 570-814-6444.

Is your child interested in becoming an Altar Server?
We will begin having 2 Altar Servers in attendance at each Mass.
If your child is interested in becoming a Altar Server, please
contact Joan @ 570-814-6444.



The Ladies of Mary meeting will be on Monday,
October 11th at 7:00 pm.
New members are always welcome!



Cemetery: If you would like to donate to our Cemetery, use a plain envelope.
Include church & your name & amount given.
Thank you!

Save the Date!

The Youth Ministry Annual Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 30th from 7-8:30pm. Register your vehicle by calling/text Stephanie @ 570-814-7794.



3 awards will be given out for the best designs!

Have you checked out our online giving website?
It's easy, safe and convenient. You can sign up at any point @ osvhub.com/exhc/funds.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly, Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

“The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him.’... ‘And for that reason a man shall leave his father and mother and cling to his wife and the two shall become one flesh.’... ‘Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.’”

One of the greatest gifts the Lord gave us is the Sacrament of Matrimony. It is the source of grace, of holiness, for those who are called, embraced and blessed as the Lord reached out to the children in Mark’s gospel.

Unfortunately there has been a legal theft of the word ‘marriage’, a distortion of its real meaning. For this reason we turn to the gift of the sacrament and refer to the ‘Sacrament of Matrimony’ in the same way that God chose to send grace to us in our baptism, to strengthen us in confirmation and nourish us in the Eucharist, Jesus gave us this sign of His presence.

As we listen to the Word of God today may we do several things. For those married in the church, pause, pray for your spouse and thank the Lord for this gift. For those who live in a civil union, realize what you are missing and arrange for the church blessing of your union. For those who have not yet sought the blessing of the church or state, realize that you have absolutely no legal protection, nor are you living the life of grace.

For those who call same sex unions ‘marriage’, remember the word is now abused and that Jesus’ gift of the sacrament is something else.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

God created many different animals in an attempt to make a suitable partner for the first man. Then he took a rib from the man as he slept and built it up into a woman. At last God had created someone who equaled the man, as she was “bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh” and they proved to be suitable partners for each other.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

This passage describes how Jesus will become perfect through his suffering. It also reminds us that Jesus’ Father is our Father as well, making him unashamed to call us his brothers and sisters.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

The people began to ask Jesus if it was acceptable for a man to divorce his wife. Jesus tells them that two people who have been joined together by God should not be separated. People began bringing their children to Jesus, but the disciples tried to send them away. Jesus grew angry and told his disciples to allow the children to come to him.

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Diaper Drive at St. Robert Bellarmine & Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Our Parishes Diaper Drive will begin in both churches the weekend of Oct. 3rd (Respect Life Month). At EXHC you can drop off at the exits. At St. Robert the crib will be by the cross in the vestibule of the Church. Cash donations are also appreciated. Place cash/check in envelope marked “Diaper Drive” in collection.

We welcome disposable diapers of any size,

Called to Fatherhood 6th Annual Diocese of Scranton Be a Man Catholic Men’s Conference St. Joseph was called by God to be an earthly father to His Divine Son, Jesus Christ and husband to the Blessed Mother Mary. We challenge all men, regardless of their state, whether they are single, married or clergy to explore how they can be good fathers in this increasingly fatherless society, to be the fathers that God has called us all to be.



Bishop Joseph Bambera

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Karl Keating

Karl Keating, founder of Catholic Answers, has worked as a Catholic apologist for forty years and is the author of sixteen books, including the best-selling Catholicism and Fundamentalism and Debating Catholicism. His most recent book is Sun, Storm, and Solitude: Discovering Hidden Italy on the Cammino di San Benedetto.



Fr. Glenn Sudano

Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR, is a dynamic speaker and well known, gifted Spiritual Director. He is one of the eight founding members of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, founded in the spring of 1987. The apostolic mission of the Community is to save the materially poor, especially the destitute and homeless.



Jim O'Day

Jim O'Day is the director of Integrity Restored. He has been actively involved in men's ministry as one of the founders of the Catholic Men's Conferences in Connecticut and Georgia as well as a speaker at national and regional Catholic Men's events. Jim is an active and engaged Catholic, husband, father and grandfather. He teaches self-defense in his spare time and coaches lacrosse.

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Questions - Contact Mike Kilmer 570-746-0100 michaelkilmer71@gmail.com

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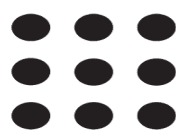


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