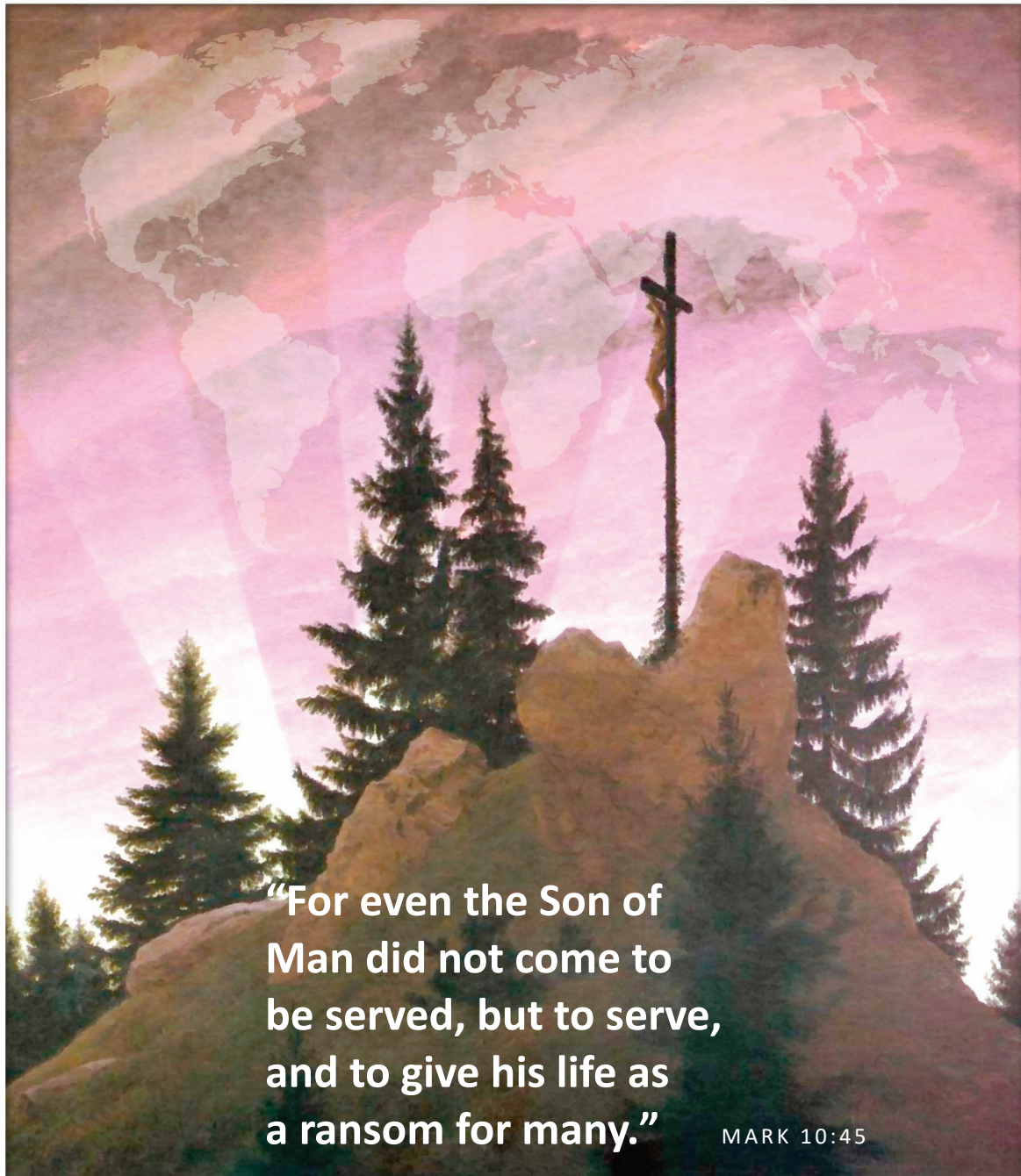


WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 23, 2022



“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

MARK 10:45

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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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:

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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.

"Sometimes it is the **only meal** that they have for the day"

- Susan Lingg
Parishioner of St. Boniface, Williamsport



Gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal go to support **Social Justice Grants** given to dozens of parishes each year to fund much-needed local projects.

Saint Boniface and Saint Lawrence Parishes in Lycoming County received a Social Justice Grant this year to help provide weekly meals at Sojourner Truth Ministries in Williamsport. Parish volunteers help cook and serve the meals each Friday.



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Our Parishes Diaper Drive will begin in both churches the weekend of Oct. 2nd (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.



St. Casimir Cemetery

For 8 months out of the year there is a cost of **\$950/month** to maintain our Cemetery.

If you would like to make a donation to **St. Casimir Cemetery** you can do so with a check made payable to the cemetery.

Thank You to all who have donated to St. Casimir Cemetery!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Please check one:

I am new in the parish & wish to register

Change of Address/Phone Number

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Please drop Membership Form into the Offertory Basket or mail to the Parish Office.

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**Weekend & Daily Masses in: St. Aloysius Church
October 24-30, 2022**

Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	8:00am	Mary Ellen Blazejewski	Ronald & Lawrence Jacobs
Wed.	8:00am	Agnes Comitz	Tom & Sharon Comitz
Thurs.	8:00am	No Mass	
Fri.	8:00am	No Mass	
Sat.	4:00pm	Paul J. Nice	Kosin Family
Sun.	7:00am	James Chernavage	Ron & MaryAnn Zaledonis
Sun.	11:00am	Michael J. Marley	Bette Marley & Family



October 16, 2022

*Thank You
and God bless
you for your
Contributions!*

Sunday	\$ 4,331.50
Sunday - Online	\$ 351.00
Loose	\$ 454.15
Dues	\$ 445.00
Holy Day	\$ 5.00
Utilities	\$ 1.00
Candles	\$ 66.00
Total	\$ 5,653.65

**Hurricane
Collection
\$1,019.62**

Capital Improvement \$315.00



Tabernacle Candles

**this week are in Loving Memory of
William A. & Anna Aregood
requested by Family
and in Memory of John & Mary Finnegan
requested by Family.**

An anonymous donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 was recently made in memory of Paul J. Nice to St. Aloysius Church Building Fund. Thank you for your generous donation.



Eucharistic Bread & Wine

**blessed at our weekend liturgies this weekend
are in loving memory of Helen Grochal
requested by Family**



2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our parish goal: \$34,000.00

Total Raised: \$13,485.00

Amount under Goal: (\$20,515.00)

Please consider a donation to this year's appeal!

OCTOBER 2022 HOLY NAME SOCIETY 300 CLUB WINNERS

\$500	45	John & Chris Dress
\$50	155	Ed Cavanaugh
\$30	64	Rhonda McGlynn
\$30	12	Riley Merdnyck
\$25	258	McCarroll Boys
\$25	98	Mrs. Louise Bednarski
\$25	266	Dominick Costantino

Parish Raffle

Congratulations to all who won!

Good luck to everyone who has bought a ticket(s)!

Date	#	Amt	Name
10/10	352	\$25.00	Richard Wodarczyk
10/11	943	\$25.00	Bea Dennis
10/12	158	\$50.00	Gerald Ricci
10/13	084	\$25.00	Donald Kziazkiewicz
10/14	857	\$25.00	Ed & Holly Cieczko
10/15	431	\$25.00	Elaine Wasilewski
10/16	039	\$50.00	George & Janet Golas



All Souls'
Day

A Mass of Remembrance

4pm on Saturday, November 5th.

This Mass will be for all deceased members from our parish this past year, and for our family and friends we would like to remember.



**Altar & Rosary Society Bingo
Sunday, October 23rd,
1-4 PM doors open at noon
\$10 per person in Padden Hall
(cafeteria)**

Sunday, Oct. 30th, 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. 22nd to Mrs. Jessica Eick, Director
of Religious Ed at 570-574-4484.**



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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 24-October 30, 2022

Mon.	8:00AM	Norman Williams	Ron & Mary Ann Zaledonis
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.		No Adoration	
Fri.	8:00AM	Frieda Rudnitskas	Children
Sat.	5:30PM	Frank A. Glowiak	Frank Malek
Sun.	9:30AM	Nick Macieko	Tony & Rosemary Gawat



Bread & Wine
for this weekend are offered:
In Memory of Joan Bohinski by Bernie.

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning October 24th:

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Norman Williams by Ann.

Blessed Mother Candle: In Memory of Brenda Tippins by Larry & Rosemary Bator.

Infant of Prague Candle 1: Health & Blessings for Clem Krasa by Costantino/Mangan families.

Infant of Prague Candle 2: Health & Blessings for Jimmy Gula by EXHC Adult Choir.

Mass of Remembrance

All deceased members of EXHC this past year will be remembered on Sunday, November 6th at 9:30AM Mass.



Food Collection

Our parish will take up the annual food collection in January when the pantries are empty from the holiday distribution. In November, our Service Committee will focus on the Free Community Meal and a Winter Attire Drive for students in the Hanover Area School District.



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

For residents living in the 18706 area.

The Service Committee will sponsor a free Community Meal on Saturday, November 12, 2:00-4:00PM pick-up. If you or someone you know is in need of a meal, complete the online Google Form or call Christine at 570-328-4004.

Volunteers are needed to package and serve the meals. Interested? Contact Lynn at 570-262-5269.



The next Ladies of Mary Society meeting will be Monday, November 14th at 7:00pm.
New members always welcome!

*October 16th
Thank You and
God bless you for
your
Contributions!*



Diocesan:
Hurricane/Flood
Relief: **\$543.00**

Sunday	\$ 1,367.00
Sunday - Online	\$ 342.50
Dues	\$ 185.00
Dues - Online	\$ 15.00
Loose	\$ 119.00
Children	\$ 11.00
Candles	\$ 72.00
Donations	\$ 30.00
St. Vincent DePaul (inc. Online)	\$ 35.00
Maintenance & Improvements (inc. Online)	\$ 406.00
Total	\$ 2,582.50

Congratulation's!

To the Salwoski family on the Baptism of Bryce Carter!
Welcome to our parish family, Bryce!



Please consider a donation to the 2022 Annual Appeal!

Our parish goal: \$15,000.00
Total Raised: 5,565.00
Amount over/under goal: (9,435.00)

Thank you for your support!!

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 29 7:00-8:30PM

Vehicles are needed to decorate their trunks and pass out candy/treats.

To register your vehicle or questions, contact Stephanie Zadzura at (570) 814-7794.

Prizes will be given out for the best displays!

Vehicles can start decorating at 6:00PM!



Halloween Youth Family Mass!!

This week will be our annual Halloween Youth Family Mass at 9:30AM.

It begins with CCD at 8:30. The children will then process together for Mass.

A Halloween party with games, music, food and a lot of fun will follow in the church hall for ALL children from the parish! To sign-up your child(ren), complete the online Google Form or text 570-706-6951.

Teenage volunteers are needed to help with the party.

The next Men's Club meeting will be Wednesday, October 26 at 7:30pm.

New members welcome. Come join us!!!



Upcoming Events

10/27 - Youth Choir Practice(6PM), Adult Choir Practice(6:45PM).

10/29 - Trunk or Treat - 7-8:30PM.

10/30 - Halloween Youth Family Mass & Party.

11/6 - Mass of Remembrance.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✕ OCTOBER 23 , 2022

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS, HIS WORD TODAY

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

“The Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cries of the oppressed. The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint. The one who serves God willingly is heard, his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal.”

We may not be familiar with the book of Sirach, but how special is this teaching. A just God who is concerned about the widow and orphan, but all people as well. The teaching of the scriptures has always placed the needy, the oppressed, the hurting in front. We are led by a God of justice, and He calls us to labor in the same way.

How many of Jesus' parables teach us the same thing? The good Samaritan, poor man Lazarus, the widow with her two coins. May we look beyond ourselves, praying for the victims and oppressed and acting in their behalf. In my own community we are offered countless opportunities to recognize and respond to the deepest needs of others.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

God is just and does not show favoritism, but hears the prayers of everyone. Anyone who serves God, no matter how lowly his position here on earth, will be heard and answered.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul writes to Timothy that he thinks his mission is near the end, and he is glad his faith is still strong. Paul hopes that all nations will hear the gospel. But, if he is executed as he anticipates, he is sure he will live forever in heaven.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells a parable about a Pharisee who went to the temple, and offered up a prayer of thanks because he was not a sinner like the tax collector who was also there to pray. The tax collector was far more humble, acknowledging his sins, and asking forgiveness for them. Jesus said the tax collector's prayer would be heard because, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, while he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/l-o-v-e.

When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby? First, prioritize listening over speaking. Ask her about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs, and wants. When her story is fully shared, it is your turn to provide factual information, in a loving and caring way. Encourage her.

Reassure her that she is not alone.

Help her set goals that extend beyond her due date to help her see life beyond her pregnancy. Reassure her that she is not alone, and provide practical support. Pray with her, offering Christ's love at a crucial life-saving and life-defining moment.

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Father Cirba appointed as Dean of Wilkes-Barre

This past week the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton appointed Reverend Richard J. Cirba, Vicar Forane (Dean) of the Wilkes-Barre Deanery for a period of three years, effective October 6, 2022. This is in accordance with canon 553 of the Code of Canon Law. These added duties/responsibilities come at an important time of pastoral planning in our diocese.

Congratulations and God's Blessings Father Cirba on this appointment.

Leave a Mark 2022



Young adults (age 18-40) are invited to join Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on Sunday, November 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton for this annual gathering to kick-off National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton. A social with food trucks, live music, corn hole and more will immediately follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

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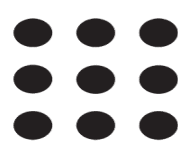
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