

April 30, 2023

Rev. Richard J. Cirba, V.F., Pastor

First Holy Communion God Bless You

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

Quinn Dante
Harper Gadomski
Samantha Guesto
Nora Jones
Brock Joyce
Ethan Krupa
Luke Martin
Armando Ortiz
Jacob Osborne
Paisley Sims
Michael Zavislak

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

Violet Benson
Emersyn Benson-Robbins
Zachary Capone
Julianna Caswell
Dawn Katchko
Tessa Norakus
Samara Padavan

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Celebrating Liturgy at St. Aloysius Church

143 West Division Street
Wilkes Barre, PA 18706



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

420 Main Road
Hanover Twp, PA 18706

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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We greatly appreciate your support of the weekly bulletin.

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.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations April 30, 2023

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

2023 marks the **60th Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



Congratulations and God Bless to all the children who received First Communion

in both parishes this weekend and next weekend.

The Ascension of our Lord Thursday, May 18th, A Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, May 17th

5:30PM St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

Thursday, May 18th

8:00AM Exaltation of the Holy Cross

12:10PM St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

6:00PM Exaltation of the Holy Cross



St. Casimir Cemetery

will be having their groundskeeper starting before you know it. For 8 months out of the year there is a cost of **\$950/month to maintain our Cemetery**. Please remember if you placed anything on the graves of your loved ones it is now time to take them off.

If you would like to make a donation to **St. Casimir Cemetery** you can do so with a check made payable to the cemetery. Put it in an envelope marked with the cemetery's name on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Remember these donations are tax deductible!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Please check one:

I am new in the parish & wish to register

Change of Address/Phone Number

Moving out of Parish

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

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

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**Weekend & Daily Masses in: St. Aloysius Church
May 1-7, 2023**

Mon.	8:00am		No Mass
Tues.	8:00am	Helen Gdovin	Tom & Sharon Comitiz
Wed.	8:00am	Betty & Jack Delaney	Sons & Daughters
Thurs.	8:00am		No Mass
Fri.	8:00am		No Mass
Sat.	4:00pm	Victoria Swoboda	Donna Weidow
Sun.	7:00am	Mother's Day Intentions	
Sun.	11:00am	Margaret Malkemes	Mary Elizabeth & Lenny Budinas



April 23, 2023

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

Building &
Grounds
\$182.96

St. Casimir
Cemetery
\$120.00

Offertory	\$ 3,245.00
Online Giving	\$ 375.00
Loose	\$ 363.70
Dues (incl online)	\$ 215.00
Missalettes	\$ 296.00
Increased Offering (one time gift)	\$ 25.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 30.00
Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Charity	\$ 50.00
Candles	\$ 40.00
Easter (add'al)	\$ 620.00
TOTAL	\$5,289.70



**Both Tabernacle Candles
this week are in loving memory of
Peter & Alvina Klemash
requested by daughter, Sandy**



*First Communion will take place:
Sunday, May 7th, 11am at St. Robert Bellarmine.
Please pray for these children
who will be receiving First Communion.*

Holy Name Meeting will be on
Sunday, May 7th at 7pm in the cafeteria.
New members are always welcome!

**All Women of our Parish are invited to the:
Altar & Rosary Society Year End Dinner
on Wednesday, May 24th, 5pm
Red Lobster, Arena Hub Plaza, Wilkes Barre.**

**The cost is \$20.00/person payable at the door for an
open menu. RSVP for reservations, no later than
Tues., May 17th to Sandy Snook at 570-817-6785.**



2023 Flea Market

**Friday, June 2nd from 9:00am-3:00pm and
Saturday, June 3rd from 9:00am to 1:00pm
in the church auditorium.**

Drop off will be Saturday, May 13th between
9:00am-12:00pm. For smaller items they can
be dropped of Monday through Friday 9am to
11:30am.

PLEASE remember we **DO NOT** accept clothes of any kind,
shoes, text books/magazines, VHS tapes, DVD's, Records,
medical and personal hygiene supplies and equipment, TV's
and Computers and no damaged goods.

HELPERS NEEDED: Join us on **Saturday, May 14th, 9:00am
-12:00pm to help with transporting items from cars to
church basement. ALL Are Welcomed!**

If you are interested in setting up and working the flea market
call the Parish Office at 570-823-3791.

THANK YOU to all who gave so generously
to our **Easter Collection**
\$13,000.00 was budgeted for the Easter Collection.
\$10,138.00 has been collected to date.



2023 BAZAAR

for the month of April

we are collecting gift cards and lottery tickets of any
denomination during the month of April.

Please put any gift card or lottery donations in an envelope
with your name on outside of envelope. You can place your
envelope in the collection basket. Your donations will be
used as prizes during the bazaar.

Thank You for the recent donations!

\$10 Lottery Ticket from John Sickler

for the month of May

we will be collecting paper goods for the
bazaar. Please drop off paper plates, napkins and
paper towels in the boxes in the back of the church.

Thanks for all you do to support our parish!

Faith in the
Present,
Hope for the
Future

As a friendly reminder, electronic
giving is an **easy, safe and secure**
way to support St. Robert
Bellarmine Parish.



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monthly gift or to make a one-time
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Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

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May 1 2023-May 7, 2023

Mon.	8:00AM	Stanley & Eleanor Czajkowski	Stan & Jean
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.		No Adoration	
Fri.	8:00AM	Mary Malek	The Men's Club
Sat	5:30PM	Ed & Eleanor Bohinski	Family
Sun.	9:30AM	Joe Altavilla	Joan



Bread & Wine
for this weekend are offered:
In Memory of Mike Hrebin by a Friend.

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning May 1st:

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Arch Gurzynski by Costantino/Mangan families.

Blessed Mother Candle: In Memory of Anthony & Mary Truskoski by Joe & Vern Truskoski.

Infant of Prague Candle 1: Health & Blessings for Florence Krulewski by Michele.

Infant of Prague Candle 2: In Memory of Tom Niezgoda by Roemarie Kaminski

Confirmation 2023

Congratulations to our 8th grade class who received the sacrament of Confirmation on April 17.



Pictured: (1st row) Emma Kane, Dawson Gula, (2nd row): Mason Krumich, Eliana Schlaugh, Sophia Zadzura, Evan Dewey. (3rd row): Deacon Frank Hine, Bishop Joseph C Bambara, D.D., J.C.L., Rev. Richard Cirba, V.F.

Young Adult Bible Study

Mondays from 6-7PM in the rectory. Questions?
Contact Stephen at 570-262-4007.
All are welcome!



Ladies of Mary Cookbooks

If you haven't looked at our cookbook, check the sample at the entrances of the church. Great gift for any occasion. Cost is \$15.00. Contact: Georgette - 570-824-5941 or Ann - 570-574-8287.



April 23th,
Thank You and
God bless you
for your
Contributions!

Diocesan
Holy Thursday:
\$17.00
Good Friday: \$32.00

St. Vincent
DePaul fund
(On-line):
\$50.00.

Sunday	\$ 2,083.00
Sunday - Online	\$ 370.00
Dues	\$ 305.00
Dues - Online	\$ 25.00
Loose	\$ 216.14
Children	\$ 21.00
Candles	\$ 69.00
Utilities - Online	\$ 5.00
Increased Offertory Contributions (one-time Gift)	\$ 100.00
Maintenance & Improvements	\$ 25.00
Perquisites	\$ 350.00
Total	\$ 3,569.14



Thank You to all who gave so generously to our
Easter Collection

Our budgeted goal: \$9,500.00

Collected to date: \$7,919.00

I hope we can meet our goal.

Dates for Potato Pancake Fest Prep

Monday, May 15 - 6pm - Prep Bazaar Grounds.

Wednesday, May 17 - 6pm - Peel Onions.

Friday, May 19 - 5pm - Make batter.

Sat/Sun, May 20-21 - 10:30 - Volunteers arrive.

Saturday, May 20 - 12:00-6:00pm

Sunday, May 21 - 12:00-5:00pm

Sun, May 21 5:00pm - Raffle drawing.



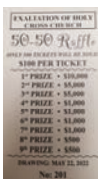
\$100.00 Raffle tickets

Sponsored by The Men's Club

Drawing: Sunday, May 21 - 9 prizes

1st prize - \$10,000, 2nd & 3rd prizes - \$5,000
4th-7th prizes - \$1,000 8th & 9th prize - \$500

Tickets can be purchased at the office, from
any Men's Club member or on-line by visiting
www.exhc.org.



SAVE THE DATE

- Our 2023 Big Tent Bazaar will be:
July 14th, 15th, & 16th.
A weekend of Food, Fun, and Entertainment!



Upcoming Events

5/8 - Ladies of Mary Meeting at 7:00PM.

5/20-5/21 - Men's Club Potato Pancake Fest.

5/21 - Men's Club 50/50 Cash Raffle Drawing.

5/22 - Prayer Shawl Gathering at 5:30PM.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠ APRIL 30, 2023

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS, HIS WORD TODAY

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

“Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth... For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.”

How beautiful the message of St. Peter to the newly baptized, and to us. As we experience the joy of Easter time on this Good Shepherd weekend, we acknowledge the fact that we belong to His flock, walk in company with Him, and know of His care and protection. As I reflect upon Jesus’ ‘figure of speech’ we resolve to listen to His voice in a society and culture that still seems far distant.

As the beautiful prayer poem of St. Teresa of Calcutta states: ‘this is between you and God anyway.’

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

With great authority, Peter proclaims to the people that the Christ who was crucified is indeed the Messiah. Urging them to reform and be baptized in the name of Christ, three thousand responded to his words and were baptized.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

This is a strong exhortation from Peter to the people to endure suffering for Christ as he did for them. Healed by his wounds, they have “returned to the shepherd.”

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe his care for his sheep. He also says he is the sheeppath and promises that “Whoever enters through me will be safe.”

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Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

Year A

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Easter | John 10:1-10

Jesus says, “I am the gate for the sheep.” Jesus is the faith we follow, and the gate we enter, to meet Him in heaven.

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FIND THE LETTERS

Find and write the missing letters not listed (from A to Z).
Hint: This word has doubles of two letters

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

“I am the good _____ ;
I know my sheep and my sheep know me.”

JOHN 10:14

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