June 11, 2023

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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:

We would like to thank all who Sponsor an ad in our bulletin.

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.

"Christ's blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. …It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God's plan life will be victorious."

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

June 22–29, 2023

Religious Freedom Week 2023 takes place June 22–29. The Week begins with the Feast of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, and includes the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

Many resources will be made available to help the faithful **pray**, **reflect** on, and **take action** for religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. Resources, including graphics, lectionary notes, bulletin inserts, and daily prayers and reflections will be available at usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Diocese of Scranton Vocations Golf Classic
John Yourishen Memorial Tournament
Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, Mountain Top,
Monday, July 10, 2023, Registration begins at 10 a.m., Grill Lunch at 11 a.m. Shotgun start at noon. Special Beat the Seminarian Putting Challenge at 11 a.m. Join us for a day of great golf and great food and fellowship in support of our Diocese of Scranton seminarians, the future shepherds of our church.

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 cemeteries 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

June 12-18, 2023

Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	8:00am	Mary & Paul Tomko & Family	Family
Wed.	8:00am	A.R.M. 3C Joseph Regiec, Navy, WWII, MIA	Family
Thurs.	8:00am	No Mass	
Fri.	8:00am	No Mass	
Sat.	4:00pm	Denise Fostock	mother, Lillian & sister, Tamra
Sun.	7:00am	Barbara Kunec	Bill & Children
Sun.	11:00am	Victoria Elias O'Donnell	Jim Casey, Jr.

Both Tabernacle Candles
this week are in loving memory of
Barbara Kunec
requested by Bill & Children

Eucharistic Bread & Wine
blessed at all weekend masses are in loving memory of Denise Fostock
requested by mother, Lillian & sister, Tamra

Blessed Mother Candle
This week is in Loving Memory of
Stanley Solack & Edward Doblix
requested Family

St. Joseph Candle
This week is in Loving Memory of the living & deceased Fathers listed on the envelopes at the Altar

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Raffle
is a three (3) month Raffle
based on the evening Lottery Number.
It will take place August through October.

To win all you must do is match the evening Lottery Number-Straight ONLY-Double Draw Not Valid.

There are 92 chances to WIN cash prizes from $25.00 to $1,000.00 for the months **August, September and October 2023**. Please fill out the bottom portion & return it to the Parish Office for 1 or more tickets!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

I would like _____ Raffle Tickets at $20.00 each.

Enclosed please find payment of $_____ for _____tickets.

Thank You and God bless you for your Contributions!

Care & Ed for Priests $377.00

June 4, 2023

Offertory	$	4,134.00
Online Giving	$	1,180.00
Loose	$	315.25
Dues (incl online)	$	1,633.00
Miscellaneous	$	25.00
Charity	$	30.00
Maintenance	$	116.00
Candles	$	72.00
TOTAL	**$**	**7,505.25**

St. Casimir Cemetery $75.00

August 3, 4, and 5, 2023
St. Al's BAZAAR

This month we are collecting paper goods for the bazaar. Please drop off big paper plates, napkins, plastic forks & spoons, aluminum foil and paper towels in the boxes in the back of the church.

We are still accepting gift cards and lottery tickets, they can be put in the offertory basket.

Thanks for all you do to support our parish!

Thank you to a Friend for the following:

10	$ 1.00	Lottery Tickets
1	$15.00	Gift card to Little Caesars

THANK YOU to the following Sponsors:

St. Al's Sponsor:
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2023 Flea Market
Saturday, July 29th from 9:00am-2:00pm
and during the Bazaar
in the church auditorium.
Drop offs will be accepted
Mon. through Fri. 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.

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

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

Website: www.exhc.org
e-mail: exhc@aol.com www.facebook.com/holycross420
Phone Number: (570) 823-6242

June 12, 2023 - June 18, 2023

Mon.	8:00AM	John & Ellen Bujnowski	Children & Grandchildren
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.		No Adoration	
Fri.	8:00AM	Margaret White	Beth Ann, Sandy & Margaret
Sat	5:30PM	Father's Day Intentions	
Sun.	9:30AM	Father's Day Intentions	

Bread & Wine
for this weekend are offered:
In Memory of Leonard & Krista Maday
by Family.

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning June 12th:

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Frank J. Glowiak by Family.

Blessed Mother Candle: In Memory of Dolores Krasnavage by Frank.

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

Infant of Prague Candle 2: In Memory of Thomas Pivarnik by Son, Chris.

Prayer Shawl Gathering
The Prayer Shawl Group will not meet on Monday, June 26th. They will resume on Monday, July 31 at 5:30PM.

Thank You!

Thank You to all who worked so hard to make our homemade pierogi for the Big Tent Bazaar.

Because of the turnout, we were done in record time!

Dates for Bazaar 2023 Preparation!

Below are many tasks that have to be done.
Light work to heavy lifting. There is a job for you!!
The more volunteers, the less time to complete each task.
Questions? Contact Mary at 570-899-7063.

Piggie prep will begin at 8:00AM:
June 24 - Prepare Cabbage, Make Sauce & Meat Mixture.
June 25-28 - Piggy assembly.

Preparation will begin at 6:00PM unless noted.

Onions:
June 21-23 - Peel, Cut & Chop Onions.
June 24 - Butter & Onions for Haluski/Pierogi.
July 5-7 - Set-up Outside Grounds.
July 10 - Chop Vegetables for Clam Chowder & Sausage.
July 11 - Make Clam Chowder at 1:00PM.
July 12 - Cut, Quarter, Bag Onions for Potato Pancakes. Sausage, Peppers & Onions. Men NEEDED.
July 13 - Whimpies will be made (Kitchen reserved for this).

June 4th, Thank You and God bless you for your Contributions!

Diocesan
Catholic Communication Campaign: **$5.00**
Care & Education Priests (inc. Online): **$570.00.**

Sunday	$ 2,809.00
Sunday - Online	$ 415.00
Dues	$ 530.00
Dues - Online	$ 130.00
Loose	$ 168.00
Children	$ 27.00
Candles	$ 100.00
Utilities	$ 60.00
Maintenance & Improvement - On-line	$ 20.00
Total	**$ 4,259.00**
St. Vincent DePaul fund	$ 20.00

Congratulation's!
To the O'Dell & Bienias families on the Baptism of Christopher Henry O'Dell, Jr.!
Welcome to our parish family, Christopher!

Honor someone special with Flowers
If you are interested in making a donation in Memory/Honor of someone with flowers at the Altar during any weekend, contact Ann Williams at 570-574-8287.

Wine Down Wednesday

Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30PM on the Rectory lawn.
Appetizers, wine/beer, soda/water, Guest Speaker.
All are Welcome! RSVP by completing the online form at www.exhc.org or call Georgette at 570-824-5941.
Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Committee

Bazaar T-Shirt forms are due by Friday, June 30.
You can place them in the collection basket, drop off in the rectory mail slot, or complete the form online at www.exhc.org.
Tshirts are FREE thanks to anonymous donors.

Online Giving is a great way to support our parish especially during the summer months when so many are traveling and away.
Visit our website at **osvhub.com/exhc/funds**.
All donations are secure.
Questions? Contact the Parish Office.

Upcoming Events

6/11 - Graduate Mass at 9:30AM.
6/12 - Ladies of Mary Society Meeting at 7:00PM.
6/28 - Wine Down Wednesday at 6:30PM.
6/30 - Bazaar T-Shirt orders DUE.
7/31 - Prayer Shawl Gathering at 5:30PM.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

BIG TENT BAZAAR 2023

- Friday, July 14 6-11PM
- Saturday, July 15 *4PM Mass* 5-Midnight
- Sunday, July 16 5-11PM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Friday– Souled Out
Saturday - OZ (5-7PM)
Sweet Pepper and the Long Hots (8PM)
Sunday - Third Degree (5-7PM)
Pop Star Drive (7:30PM)

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$100.00 - Sign on Display at Bazaar
$150.00 Sponsorship Plus - Sign on display at Bazaar, website listing, Facebook posts, livestream Masses.

CASH RAFFLE

$20.00 a ticket
1st prize - $5,000; 2nd prize - $2,500; 3rd prize - 1,000; 4th prize - $500
Tickets will be mailed to all parishioners/club members. For additional tickets, contact Joanie in the office. Tickets can also be purchased on our website www.exhc.org.

THEME BASKETS

Assembled baskets are needed and/or items to make up a basket. For the 2022 Bazaar, we had 163 baskets. Baskets and items can be dropped off at the parish office. Questions? Contact Ann Williams (570) 574-8287.

LOTTERY TICKETS

Scratch off lottery tickets of any dollar amount are needed for our game stands. You can put them in the collection basket, mail to the office, or put in the rectory mail slot.

BAKE SALE

Homemade baked goods are needed for all 3 nights of the Bazaar.
Drop off items on Thursday, July 13 at the church garage between 6-8PM or one hour before the Bazaar opens each night.

WAGON OF CHEER

Items can be dropped off in the parish office during business hours or brought to the Bazaar grounds during setup (July 10-13).

St. Al's Bazaar Information
August 3, 4, & 5

ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday	**Triple Fret**
Friday	**Flaxy Morgan**
Saturday	**Strawberry Jam**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
PEROGIE MAKING 2023
ALL ARE WELCOME!
COME LEARN AN AGE-OLD TRADITION!
SUNDAY, JUNE 25th *CUTTING POTATOS* 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
MONDAY, JUNE 26TH *Making Potato Balls and PINCHING PEROGIES;* 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH *PINCHING PEROGIES & FINISHING UP* 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Come and help the tradition continue. Bring a friend or 2!
Questions call Peg Warmouth at 570-825-5575.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

St. Aloysius Presenting Sponsors $1,000+
St. Robert Bellarmine Sponsors $750+
St. Casmir Sponsors $500+
All sponsorship levels include sign prominently displayed on bazaar grounds along with recognition on social media, bulletin inserts and bazaar wrap up thank you correspondence in additional to food / raffle / lottery tickets & t-shirts at different sponsorship levels.

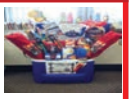
†† FRIENDS OF THE PARISH††

Gold Sponsor: $100 Silver: $50 Bronze: $25
All Friends of the Parish sponsorship levels Include sign prominently displayed on bazaar grounds along with recognition on social media, bulletin inserts and bazaar wrap up thank you correspondence.

Inquire to the Parish office for more information on sponsorship levels (570) 829-3791.

BUCKETS OF FUN!!!
Help children of all ages enjoy the bazaar with buckets of fun!! Please consider filling a bucket with summer fun things for children.
The buckets will be available next weekend. They can be filled with things like bubbles, silly putty, bouncy ball, sidewalk chalk, etc. Return your filled buckets the weekend of July 15-16 to the vestibule of the church in a container marked "BUCKETS."

Baskets Needed for our Basket Raffle Stand!



Themed baskets, basket items, lottery tickets, gift cards, etc., are needed. Please donate to the success of our Bazaar! Donations can be dropped off at the Church Rectory, Monday through Thursday 9am to 2pm. All donations are requested by July 13th. Please contact Phyllis at 570-606-8139 if you have any questions and/or would like to donate items.

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-HourChild 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.

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