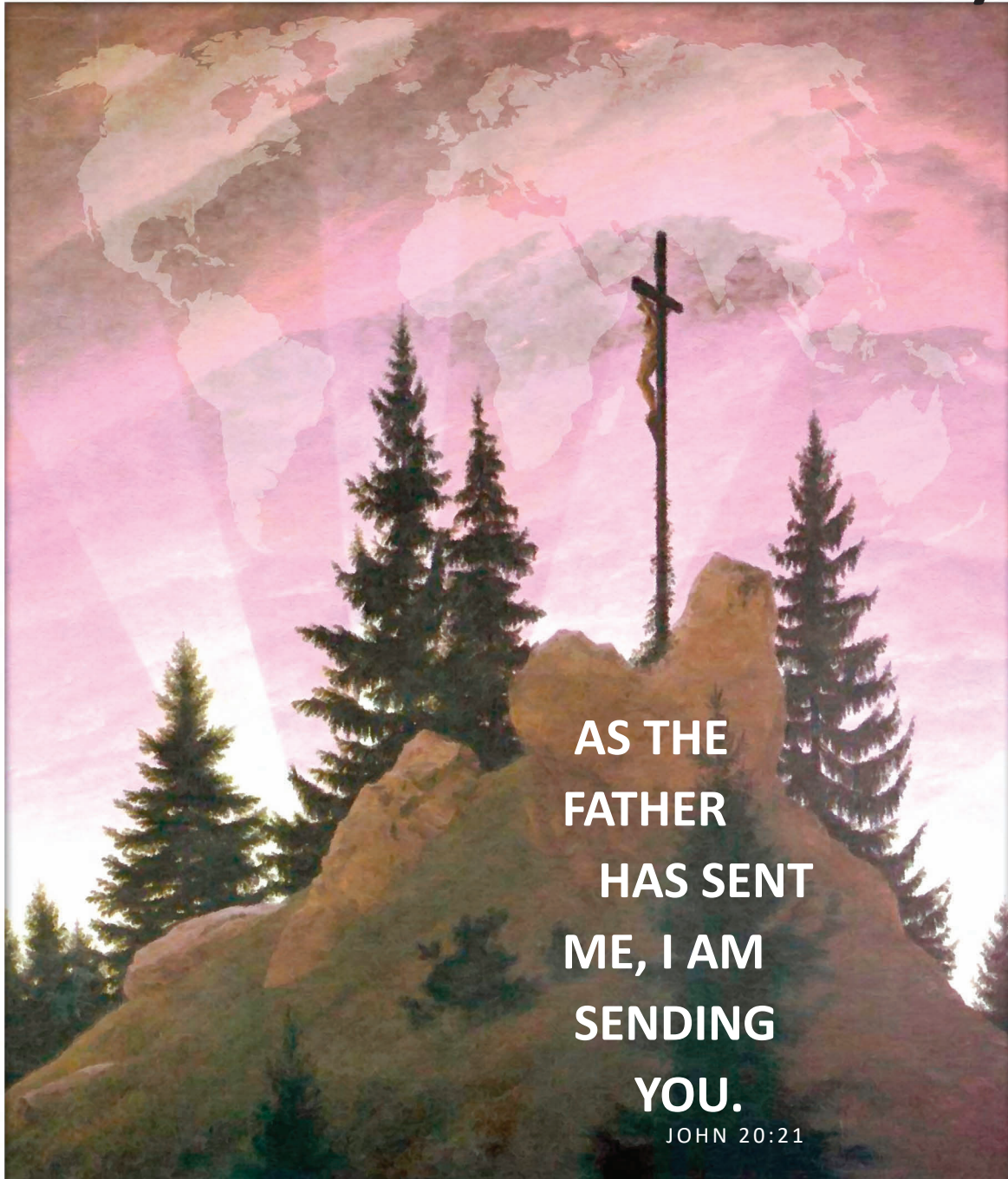


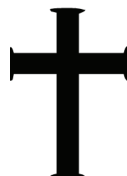
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Rev. Andrew Amankwaa, Senior Priest

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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 enrolled in the Church.

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.



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

Our Parishes Diaper Drive will begin in both churches begin the weekend of Oct. 6th (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, but especially for toddlers.

OUR CALL TO SERVE
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Your contribution helps fund access to food pantries across the Diocese, providing nourishment to those in need.

In 2025, St. Joseph's Food Pantry in Hazleton served **more than 6,500 individuals**, while the CSS Food Pantry in Carbondale served **more than 10,000 families**.

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Hanover Township Lions Club
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Saturday November 7th. We will host our local veterans to a Free Picnic Lunch from 1:00 to 4:00... See more

LIONS CLUB
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FREE VETERANS PICNIC LUNCH

Saturday, November 7th, 2026
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Hanover Township Lions Club is proud to host a FREE Veterans Picnic Lunch honoring our local veterans.

The Crossroads
693 Carey Avenue
Across from Burger King
Please call: 570-262-7108 to reserve your spot.

Rain Date:
Saturday, November 14th, 2026

All Veterans Welcome!

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 St. Casimir Cemetery.

You can put the donation in an envelope marked with the cemetery's name on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket.

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

www.stalschurchwb.com

Phone Number: (570)823-3791

email address: stalschurch@stalloysiuswb.com

Weekend & Daily Masses in: St. Aloysius Church

October 19-25, 2026

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Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	8:00am	Angeline Popovich	Ron & MaryAnn Zaledonis
Wed.	8:00am	Genevieve V. Lehman	David & Carl Royer & Family
Thurs.	8:00am	No Mass	
Fri.	8:00am	No Mass	
Sat.	4:00pm	George & Irene Cheponis	George, Suzan & Sandra
Sun.	7:00am	Alex Pawlenok	Beth Mangan
Sun.	11:00am	Michael J. Marley	Loving Wife & Children



October 11, 2026

Sunday (online incl)	\$ 3,469.00
Loose	\$ 270.08
Dues (online incl)	\$ 721.00
Charity	\$ 567.00
Candles	\$ 62.00
Total	\$ 5,089.08

Thank You and God bless you for your Contributions!



Tabernacle Candles

this week are in loving memory of
Donald & Elizabeth Garrison
requested by Family
and in loving memory of Robert Garrison
requested by Family.



2026 Annual Appeal!

Our parish goal: \$36,331.00

Total Raised: 9,342.00

Amount over/under goal: **-\$26,989.00**

Thank you for your support!!



Blessed Mother Candle

This week is in loving memory of
Kathleen McKeown
requested by Patti & Joe Niznik.

The Tabernacle, Blessed Virgin Mother & St. Joseph Candles and the Eucharistic Bread & Wine

are available to be offered on a weekly basis in memory of, for health & blessings or to honor a special occasion. Please call the Parish office to schedule any of these.

Interested in serving at Masses as a Eucharistic Minister, Lectors or Altar Servers? If you are interested in serving in one of these ministries please contact the Parish Office for more information.



Sunday, Oct. 25th 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. 20th to Mrs. Jessica Eick, at 570-574-4484.



Diaper Drive Once again this year during **Respect Life Month** we are having our **Diaper Drive** at our Parish. There is a crib by the cross in the vestibule of the Church. Our donations will all go to the **Pro-Life Center** to be used for children in need of diapers.



Thanksgiving Food for the Poor

Our Annual Thanksgiving Food for the Poor Collection will be held in St. Aloysius Church once again this year.

Shopping Bags will be available this weekend in the vestibule of St. Aloysius Church.

Bags are due back the weekend of November 15th.

Please bring your food or offering with you and place it at the Altar. Food collected will be given to **St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen**.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

St. Robert Bellarmine Holy Name Society will be having a **Spaghetti Dinner** **Sunday, November 8, 2026** **12-4pm in St. Al's Cafeteria.** **Eat in or Take Out** **\$14/person,** **children 10 and under \$7.**

Donations are greatly appreciated to help defray the cost of the dinner.



A Mass of Remembrance 4pm on Saturday, October 31st.

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.

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 19- October 25, 2026

Mon.	8:00AM	Carl & Regina Povicki	The Olszyk family
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.		No Adoration	
Fri.	8:00AM	Anthony, Jr. & Julia Sanders	Joe & Vern Truskoski
Sat.	5:30PM	60th Anniversary in Heaven SP4 Frank A. Glowiak	Family
Sun.	9:30AM	Dolores Krasnavage	Claudia & Russ Madden



Bread & Wine for this weekend are offered:
In Memory of Julia Dubick by Rosemarie & Dorothy.

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning October 18th:

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Joan Glusheski by Dorothy Dubick.

Blessed Mother Candle: 60th Anniversary Blessings in Heaven SP4 Frank A Glowiak by Family.

Infant of Prague Candle 1: In Memory of Eugene & Eleanor Breznay by The Breznay family.

Infant of Prague Candle 2: In Memory of Anna Wilpiseski by Daughter, Maria.

*October 11th
Thank You &
God bless you
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Contributions!*



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\$10.30

Sunday	\$ 2,194.30
Dues	\$ 337.75
Loose	\$ 239.00
Children	\$ 64.00
Feast Day	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 40.00
Donation	\$ 25.00
Maintenance & Improvements	\$ 716.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,626.05
St. Vincent dePaul Social Concerns	\$ 30.00



**OUR CALL TO
SERVE**
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

2026 Annual Appeal!

Our parish goal: \$28,863.00

Total Raised: 7,510.00

Amount over/under goal: **-\$21,353.00**

Thank you for your support!!



Baptized in Christ!

Congratulations to the Kreitzer & Donovan families on the
Baptisms of Arlo Lamar & Jovi Kai Kreitzer who were baptized
on 10/11/26. Welcome to our parish, Arlo and Jovi!

Our annual Blue Mass was beautiful. Thank you to all who helped to
make it special, especially the Hanover Township Fire & Police
Departments, and Ambulance Services.



We appreciate what you do for our community!

**The Men's Club will have their monthly meeting
Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00pm.**

New members are always welcome! Come join them!!!



Mental Health Ministry

The Mental Health Ministry will meet on Sunday, November 8
at 1:00PM in the parish rectory. All are welcome to join!
Contact Todd at 570-262-4087 with questions.

Pierogi Sale Order form

	How many?
Potato/Cheese (10.00dz)	
Cheese (Farmers) (12.00dz)	

The Ladies of Mary Society are having a Pierogi Sale in November. Orders are now being taken. Pickup will be **November 15** (you will be called.) A limited number will be made.

Deadline to Order: 10/23 (No Exceptions).

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Payment must be included with order. Write check to "EXHC".

Questions? Call Joan at 570-814-6444, Leave Message if necessary.



Food Collection for Ashley Food Pantry at St. Leo's
October food collection: Cranberry Sauce/Yams
Please place items in the containers at the entrances.
Thank you for your generosity!



Prayer Shawl Gathering

There will be a prayer shawl gathering on
Monday, October 26 at 5:30PM in the rectory.

To join or for questions, contact Kelly at 570-332-3904.

Annual Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25 6:00-7:15PM

Vehicles are needed to decorate their vehicles & pass out treats.

**For more information or to register your vehicle,
contact Stephanie at (570) 814-7794.**

Prizes will be given out for the best displays!

Vehicles can start decorating at 4:30PM!



Upcoming Events

11/8 - Mental Health Ministry meeting at 1:00PM.
11/10 - Ladies of Mary Society meeting at 7:00PM.
11/13-11/15 - Pierogi Sale Time: TBD.
11/18 - CEO Food Giveaway at Mohegan Sun Arena.
11/23 - Prayer Shawl Gathering at 5:30PM.
11/28 - Food Distribution - Noon-1:00PM.



TWENTY- SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ OCTOBER 18, 2026 ✠

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS, HIS WORD TODAY

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

"I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that from the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me."... "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

On the day of my baptism, I was called by name and began my relationship with God. Since then, I ask myself, 'how well do I know my loving God?' For many we know about God but our goal and task is to know Him personally, to foster that relationship when He first called me. May I find Him in the scripture, in the sacraments, in His quiet voice in my prayer today.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Cyrus, King of Persia and friend to the Jewish people, becomes the Lord's anointed one, and through God's intervention, returns the Jews to their own country.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians, newly converted to Christianity, are displaying remarkable constancy in their new-found faith.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Seeking to entrap Jesus in his speech, the hostile and hypocritical Pharisees ask him this dangerous question, "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" Realizing their treacherous motives, Jesus asks for a Roman coin, and pointing to the inscription of Caesar's, he answers, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

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Every October, the Church in the U.S.
Celebrates **RESPECT LIFE MONTH.**

"An Old Irish Proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: uscbb.org/end-of-life-care."

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Care for Loved Ones at Life's End**

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees had a plan to entrap Jesus in speech. They said, "Teacher, we know you will tell the truth. Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

Year A

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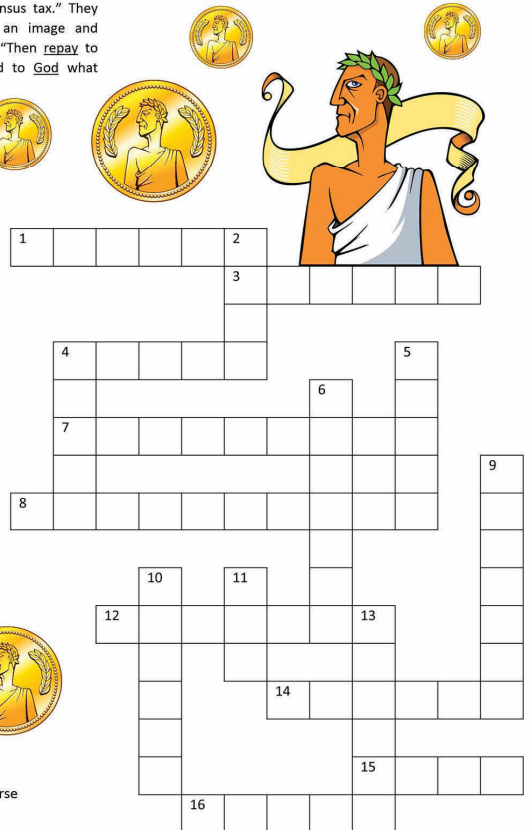
Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." They handed Him a Roman coin, with an image and inscription of Caesar. Jesus replied, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

ACROSS

- 1 To catch in; as if in a trap
- 3 Allowed by law
- 4 ____ Catholic Church
- 7 Ancient Jews who strictly observed Mosaic law
- 8 Person pretending to be what they are not
- 12 To be owned by someone
- 14 Title of Roman emperors after Augustus
- 15 Round, flat, metal money
- 16 Real fact, honest

DOWN

- 2 A detailed scheme (to achieve an objective)
- 4 To pay back
- 5 ____ Christ
- 6 Evaluate
- 9 Person who teaches
- 10 Periodic population count
- 11 Supreme Being, Creator of universe (Our Father)
- 13 Act of speaking; public address



All answers are underlined on this page.

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. Additional Safe Environment Compliance information may be found at <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/child-protection-victim-assistance/>.

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