

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 26, 2021

*“Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!
Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all.” –Nu 11:29*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday	Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Wednesday	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday	Jb 19: 21-27; Lk 10:1-12
Friday	Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	September 25	4:00 PM	Joseph Joniec (Edith & Caesar Siedlecki)
Sunday –	September 26	9:00 AM	Mariame Robinson (The Sullivan Family)
Monday –	September 27	8:00 AM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	September 28	8:00 AM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday –	September 29	8:00 AM	Special Intention for Conversions (Anonymous)
Thursday –	September 30	8:00 AM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	October 1	8:00 AM	Isabelle Haynes (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Saturday –	October 2	4:00 PM	Michael Bodie (The Paolucci Family)
Sunday –	October 3	9:00 AM	Jim Gurn (Pat Gurn)

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

When the Elders are given the gift of prophesy, two ‘unauthorized’ members of the encampment also receive the Spirit and Moses’ aid is offended that they have been included. Moses, however, is not the least bit bothered; he recognizes that spiritual gifts are given as God chooses, not as human authorities choose. This of course is understood by Christians as a foreshadowing of Pentecost, where all can receive the Spirit.

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6

The Church sees in this passage a clear, Biblical basis for helping the poor. It also emphasizes the importance of justice and links it to God’s ‘legal’ requirements. Helping those less fortunate isn’t just a nice thing to do; it is an expression of human service to God and humanity co-equally.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

There is a link between preventing the exorcist from casting out demons and the injunction against causing a ‘little one’ from sinning. The exorcist who, with good intentions (as proven by using Christ’s name in his ritual), does a good deed even though he is not ‘officially’ part of Christ’s school of disciples. To do something in the service of others is to obey God, even when done so without the full knowledge of God’s laws. Jesus is here teaching, much as Moses did (Nm 11:29), that when God gives a gift to someone that is clearly being used properly, it is not a matter that should be questioned. To impute sin to this ‘little one’ who is only exercising God’s will, knowingly or not, is to accuse him of sinning, and if he accepts that judgment, the accuser becomes the actual sinner and needs to be cast out. Judging others is rarely a good thing to do.



MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-278-4590.

LET US PRAY THIS MONTH:

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold, Richard Arnold, Frank Bayer, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Ellen Burns, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, Jo-Anne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Manny DeBonis, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Wayne Hibbard, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Barry Markow, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondì, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sergent, Caesar Siedlecki, Edith Siedlecki, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Jesse Wells, Rosemarie Whalen.



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY:



Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Michael Pelicci, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

PARISH FINANCES 9/19/2021

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	1,375.75

Thank you for your generosity & support



Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations. Thank you!!

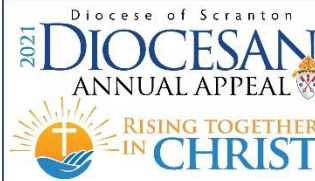
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- Kate and Tony Shattuck
Parents of two students, Monica and John,
at Saint Agnes School in Towanda

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Sunday, September 26th – 9:00 AM

Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

Sunday, October 3rd – 9:00 AM

Isaiah Torres

Sunday, October 10th – 9:00 AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, October 17th – 9:00 AM

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Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.



Starting October 1, weekday Masses will return to being celebrated at 12:00PM. First Friday will also resume, with Adoration from 11:00AM-12:00PM, followed by Mass.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

A Catholic Men's Conference is planned for Saturday, October 30, 2021, at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre. This will be the sixth such Event. The theme is "Called to Fatherhood" under the patronage of Saint Joseph and is sponsored by 'Be a Catholic Man.' This event (from 8 am to 3 pm) will be blessed with nationally known Catholic Speakers: Father Glenn Sudano (Franciscan Friars of the Renewal), Jim O'Day (active in Men's Ministries, Lacrosse Coach, and Self-Defense Instructor), and Karl Keating (Author and Catholic Apologist). All men --- single, married, and clergy, challenged to live virtuous lives in this very secular world are encouraged to attend. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and Sacramental Confession --- a lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera. Register Online: (\$30 till Oct. 9th) www.BeaCatholicMan.com or pay that day (\$40). Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.

Rosaries for Myanmar



We are currently collecting rosaries which will be sent to a missionary church in Myanmar. Rosaries may be new or previously used

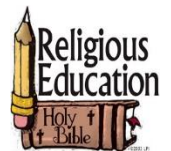
and may be placed in the marked box in the back of the church, or brought to the rectory. Thank you for your help!

-- *"The Rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world."* -- Pope John XXIII

EMERGENCY SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND (9/25-9/26):

In addition to offering prayers for the people of Haiti, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, has asked parishes throughout the Diocese of Scranton to take up an emergency special collection for the Caribbean nation. This emergency collection is greatly needed to help victims of the earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace to rebuild their lives and also help support reconstruction needs of parishes, rectories, schools and other Church properties destroyed or severely damaged in Haiti. Sadly, since Bishop Bambera called for that collection, countless numbers of people have now been impacted by Hurricane Ida, which made landfall in the Gulf Coast and moved inland as a tropical storm, causing damage and suffering in numerous states including many in the northeastern portion of the United States. This collection will now also be used to support victims of this natural disaster, as well.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS

Welcome Back! Religious Education classes have started!

Classes are being held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass will remain at 9:00 AM. As per Bishop Bambera, **masks are required to be worn by all vaccinated and unvaccinated children and adults.** Families previously registered last year should have received a registration form in the mail. Please fill out this form and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms will be available at the rectory. You may register for classes at any time. We look forward to seeing you all once again.