

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 17, 2021

“Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.”

–Mark 10:43-44



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45
Monday	Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday	Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday	Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
Friday	Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	October 16	4:00 PM	Vincent Freeman, Jr. (Fran & George Calafut)
Sunday –	October 17	9:00 AM	Susan Corbett (The Sullivan Family)
Monday –	October 18	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	October 19	12:00 PM	Special Intention for Conversions (Anonymous)
Wednesday –	October 20	12:00 PM	John Petro
Thursday –	October 21	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	October 22	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday –	October 23	4:00 PM	Robert Plavier (Jeanne Falk & Family)
Sunday –	October 24	9:00 AM	Kathy Bozzo (Mary Ferris)

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Rabbinical teaching holds the ‘suffering servant’ to be Israel; the Church interprets it as foreshadowing Jesus. The many, again as the rabbis interpret it, refers to all nations; the Church reads it as all humankind. Remembering that our Christian beliefs are rooted in Jewish tradition helps us to understand scripture, both Old and New Testaments.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus is fully human and was tempted, during his forty days in the desert, to follow other paths than the one put before him by the Father. Because he overcame those specifically human temptations, Jesus then is suited to be our ‘high priest’ and our exemplar. The biggest challenge for all of us is to succumb to the temptation of worldliness rather than Godliness; we are not asked to be perfect, but to acknowledge the perfection of Christ and to always put him first.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

To be a servant is rarely viewed as a positive use of one’s talents. How many of us want our children to grow up and become servants? On the other hand, to be an important person, a person who directs others’ activities or is the person ‘in charge’ is generally viewed positively. How many of us would feel pretty good about our kids growing up to be ‘important’ persons? But Jesus turns all of this upside down: *Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.* A perfect example of what Jesus meant is Mother Theresa, a person who lived only to serve others. She had no interest in being important, or ‘in charge’. She served dying street people by bringing a little bit of human dignity to their last days. And yet who in this jaded world doesn’t know of her? And curiously enough, by anyone’s estimation, she was clearly *first among us*.



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 Mondri, 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 10/10/2021

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,119.00

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!!

THIS WEEKEND IS IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Thank you for placing your mailed pledge envelope in the offertory collection. Your generosity will reach thousands of our friends and neighbors in need who depend on your support.

"At one point in time, I was living in my car for about three months. I ended up going to Saint Anthony's Haven and they asked me if I was a veteran. From that point on, I was taken care of...I'm very optimistic now. I've got a lot of things going for me."

James Judge
Catholic Social Services Permanent Supportive Housing Client



Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton has been a lifeline to many during the pandemic. With numerous food pantries, shelters, kitchens and assistance programs, the agency has met the needs of tens-of-thousands of families, children and seniors during the pandemic. James Judge, a U.S. Navy veteran, is currently receiving help through Catholic Social Services' permanent supportive housing program.

Donate now at: annualappeal.org

GIFTS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE APPRECIATED



Sunday, October 17th – 9:00 AM

Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

Sunday, October 24th – 9:00 AM

Isaiah Torres

Sunday, October 31st – 9:00 AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, November 7th – 9:00 AM

Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

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

PARISH EVENTS

October 16/17 – *In-Pew Commitment Weekend*

October 23/24 – *World Mission Sunday*

December 4 – *Christmas Bazaar; Parish Center, 9AM – 3PM*

2021 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Changes to Bazaar for this Year: Due to continuing concerns about COVID-19 and declining membership in the Altar & Rosary Society, we have decided that for this year,

the Bazaar will be held in the Parish Center rather than in the basement of the church (where it is necessary to move all the Treasure House furnishings).

Also, we are limiting our offerings to the **homemade wreaths and Christmas items**. We will also have our customary paper raffle of a few select items.

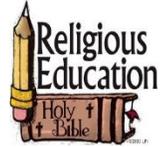
There will be no food served nor baked goods for sale. We will not have the basket raffle nor the white elephant sale.

Since we are limiting our offerings, that means we need more things for our Christmas tables. We are asking you to start now by looking through your Christmas items for things that you are willing to part with. They can be for indoors or outdoors.

If you are able to help us to set up, take down, or work during the Bazaar times (9-3 on December 4), please email Sally McGrath at sallymcg@epix.net or call 570 289-4302 and leave a message if no one answers.

Please bring your donations to the rectory during office hours or place them in the crying room when you come to mass with a label on your box indicating it is for the Bazaar. We will start collecting them now. Thank you!

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.

The following parishioners have thankfully and graciously agreed to participate in the Religious Education program this year as teachers:

2nd & 3rd Grades: Mrs. Cecilia Hibbard
First floor, Parish Center

4th, 5th & 6th Grades: Ms. Jennifer Tometchko

First floor, Parish Center

7th Grade: Mrs. Diana Shreffler
Second floor, Parish Center

8th Grade: Mr. Joseph Tometchko
Second floor, Parish Center

9 to 12 Grades: Mr. Michael Vaccaro
Second floor, Parish Center

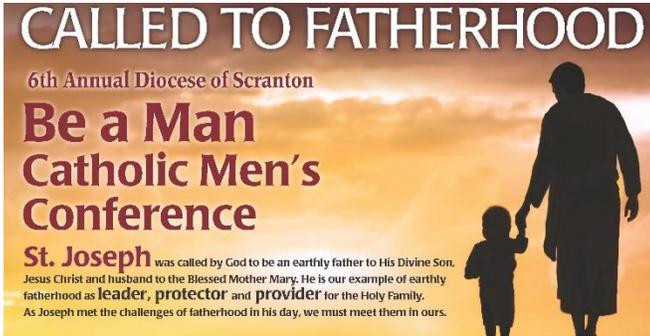
THANK YOU so much to all these teachers for their time and service!



Our 2021 Sponsorship Drive is still under-way.

This fundraiser replaces the Harvest Moon Festival and your support is vitally important for the financial health of the Parish. Contributions of any amount are greatly appreciated and we thank those who have already given.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

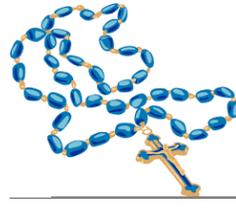


A Catholic Men's Conference is planned for Saturday, October 30, 2021, at The Woodlands Resort, 1073 Highway 315, Wilkes-Barre, PA. **(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION.)**

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.Bea-CatholicMan.com or pay that day (\$40). Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer 570-746-0100 or michaelk-ilmer71@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



We are in need of flowers for our altar! Taking on the custom of having live flowers in the church (when liturgically appropriate) is a wonderful way to honor

Our Lord, the Holy Spirit, and Our Blessed Mother. It is also a special way to honor beloved family members who have predeceased us, or to recognize a significant family event such as an anniversary or birthday.

This does not have to be an expensive endeavor! Consider donating flowers from your garden, or purchasing inexpensive bouquets from the grocery store. We will be happy to arrange them for you! You can even simply place an envelope with your intention and monetary donation in the collection basket labeled "Flower Donation".

Please help us continue to keep Holy Name of Mary looking beautiful! Please call the rectory if you are interested in donating flowers. Thank you!

