



**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 18, 2020**



		✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠
Sat	10/17	William & Virginia Pastore, In Honor of their 57 TH Wedding Anniversary
Sun	10/18	Bob Reynolds by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Perch
Wed	10/21	Debra Price by Maureen
Thu	10/22	Marie Stemple by Bob & BJ Biehm
Fri	10/23	Phil Engman by Mary Carter
Sat	10/24	Charles Bauersfeld by Bill & Jill
Sun	10/25	James V. Senape, Sr. by Family

**WKLY: \$2,132.12 OUTREACH: \$577 CARE OF PRIESTS: \$25
HURRICANE LAURA & WILDFIRES: \$127**


CONFESSIONS: Wednesday, 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM & Saturday, 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS: OCT 17-18 World Mission Sunday, OCT 24-25
Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal**

SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS: Face masks must be worn covering the nose, mouth & chin. The only time a face mask may be removed is when receiving Holy Communion. Pews are marked for social distancing. All people must maintain a safe social distance of six feet from others in all directions. The only exception is for families who may sit together. The distribution of Holy Communion will take place after the conclusion of Mass. Communicants will maintain social distancing in the communion line. After receiving communion, the faithful will depart the church & proceed directly to their vehicles. There is one entrance & one exit unless otherwise directed due to changing circumstances.

2020 VIRTUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL: Thank you for the generous response to the VIRTUAL Summer Festival. The new total raised is \$17,850.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Once again, we deeply appreciate the faithful support from generous parishioners. We know that people have gone out of their way to mail or deliver weekly and monthly contributions. For those who have not been contributing, remember that the work of the Church goes on even if the church is closed or can take limited attendance. Please make a regular contribution in support of St. Patrick Church.

 **ROSE FOR LIFE:** In Honor of Bill & Virginia Pastore's 57TH Wedding Anniversary
To dedicate a Rose for Life, call Roseann Kolensky, 570-443-8688.





Message from Mary Anne Malone, Parish Life Coordinator

In early October, Pope Francis issued an encyclical entitled "Fratelli Tutti" meaning "On Fraternity and Social Friendship." It is very rich reading and you can find and read it online. Pope Francis concludes with a prayer to the Creator, which is full of hope for a better world:

Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity: pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice and peace. Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth. May we recognize the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams. Amen.

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As you pray at home this week, spend some time with the readings for next Sunday (October 25), The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Exodus 22:20-26 • 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 • Matthew 22:34-40

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ONLINE GIVING: A number of parishioners have asked about the possibility of Online Giving. St. Patrick Church launched Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor. We now have a link on our website. Look for the green "online giving" button on the "Bulletin" page of the parish website: www.stpatrickswHITEHAVEN.org It is easy to sign up and begin giving electronically. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 570-443-9944.

WHITE HAVEN FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry has been open throughout the coronavirus to serve the ever-increasing need of the White Haven Community. Donations of food can be made in a number of ways:

- Take food directly to the pantry on the White Haven campus Fridays 10-12 Noon.
- Bring food when you come to church and leave it in the bin in the vestibule of the church.
- Since the church is locked after masses, you can call the parish center to schedule a time to meet at the church vestibule to drop off food. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM. Phone: 570-443-9944

Thank you for helping to keep the food supply coming to the food pantry.





Missionaries in Our Midst

A message from Father Philbert Takyi-Nketiah on behalf of
the Diocese of Sunyani in Ghana

I am thankful to God for the gift of faith, and to you for the generous opportunity to appeal here in the parish on behalf of my home diocese. My name is Fr. Philbert Takyi-Nketiah at St. Jude's Church, Mountain Top from the Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana. I am working in the Diocese of Scranton along with two classmates of mine, Fr. Clement Amankwaah, Christ the King Church, Archbald, and Fr. Stephen Asomah, Our Lady of Snows Church, Clarks Summit, as missionaries.

We are here because it has become necessary to reciprocate the generosity of the many American missionaries who brought the Catholic Faith to us in Ghana, and helped to nurture its growth to maturity, and we are so glad to do it as diocese and as individual priests. But to be able to continue to offer this needed help, we need more priests. We have more vocation but the high cost of priestly formation in a fragile economy of a developing country like Ghana is so daunting on us as a diocese. That is why we need your financial support on this year's Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal.

- **In total, the diocese spends about \$75,000 (400,000 Ghana Cedis) on our 65 major seminarians annually (about \$1,150. per seminarian).**
- **This expenditure highly strains the finances of the Diocese and painfully limits its efforts to provide other highly needed social services such as good Catholic Education, quality healthcare and potable water to many poorer rural communities we serve.**

Drawing inspiration from the statement: "World Mission Sunday joins all the Catholics of the world into one community of faith," I humbly invite you as a member of this one community of faith, to consider making a generous donation to support this worthy course, or better still, be a benefactor to one seminarian. Who knows? The priest you help to form today, may be serving this parish in some few years to come just as Frs. Clement, Philbert and I are serving here now. Please, support the Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal on Sunday, October 25th.

CATHOLIC *Communications*



The Daily Mass is a big part of my life. It brings our Lord into your home. It connects you with your faith and faith community. It gives me hope and courage! You don't feel so left out when you're homebound.

The Catholic Light does the same. I enjoy seeing our school kids putting their faith into action...When you give to the Appeal you can see how the money is used.

Karen Magnotta, Dunmore

Sharing the Gospel message is the vital mission of Diocesan Catholic Media and Communications, a ministry made possible by the Annual Appeal. Helping people stay connected with their faith has perhaps never been so important as during the isolation of the virus pandemic.

The Diocese delivers the Good News through *The Catholic Light* Newspaper, the Diocesan website, DioceseofScranton.org, and CTV broadcasting the Daily Mass from St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, and producing "Our Faith Our Diocese," local programming.



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