

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**



MASS INTENTIONS



Sat	09/18	5:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Chester Jeziorski by Jeziorski & Kolensky Families
Sun	09/19	10:15 AM	Blaine Finkbiner by Alberta Mariner
Wed	09/22	8:00 AM	Patricia Baranski by Bernadette Roote
Thurs	09/23	8:00 AM	Betty Skvasik by Theresa Engman
Fri	09/24	8:00 AM	Bert & Betty Mizdail by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Perch
Sat	09/25	5:00 PM	Alice Danenhower by Daughter, Cheryl
Sun	09/26	10:15 AM	All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

OFFERINGS: Wkly: \$3,652 Outreach: \$385

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON SPECIAL COLLECTION for victims in Haiti devastated by an earthquake & Tropical Storm Grace and victims of Hurricane Ida in the Gulf Coast. Offering will be the next weekend, September 25 & 26.



CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Saturday, 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM
Sunday, 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM. You may also schedule an appointment.

On August 6, Bishop Bambera issued the following guidelines for a safe environment at all weekday & weekend masses:

- Strongly recommending all parishioners, vaccinated or unvaccinated, to wear a mask while attending Mass. While masks will not be mandated in our parishes at this time, we must continue to be vigilant against the emerging health threat.
- A non-contact exchange, such as a wave or nod may be given at the sign of peace.
- Hand sanitizing must continue.

MASS OBLIGATION: The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation has been reinstated by Bishop Bambera. Exceptions will be for those who are sick, have a serious health risk, living in a household with those at risk, primary caregivers to those at risk, have a significant fear or concerns of being in a crowd due to COVID-19, or unable to attend Mass in person.



SACRED SILENCE: As Catholics, we believe in the presence of Our Lord in the Tabernacle. Please observe a sacred silence before and after Mass. You can help to make our church a reverent space for prayer and worship.



"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:9) This passage should be familiar to most of us. In today's second reading (James 3:16-4:3) we hear about some of these ways: "wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity." Yes, God's ways are far above our ways, but can we imitate the wisdom of God nevertheless?

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As you pray at home this week, spend some time with the readings for next Sunday (September 26, 2021), the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Numbers 11:25-29 • James 5:1-6 • Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

2021 VIRTUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL: Thank you for the generous response to the Virtual Summer Festival. The total raised at this time is \$9,908.

FAITH FORMATION (CCD) will begin on Sunday, October 3. Classes will be in person from 9:00 - 10:00 am. Registrations are being accepted for Pre-School through 8th grade. All children in grades 1-8 who attend school other than a Catholic School should be enrolled in the parish program. Registration forms were mailed to current students. They will also be available in the back of the church and online. Please fill out and return the form to church or the Parish Center by Sunday, September 19.



Ushers are needed for both Masses. There will be a meeting on Monday, September 20 at 6 PM in the Church. You can call the office with any questions, 570-443-9944. Please consider this important ministry.

WEBINAR WITH DEACON ED SHOENER: Please join us for a one hour webinar on Tuesday, October 19 at 7 PM with Deacon Ed Shoener. Deacon Ed will be discussing the books he and Bishop John Dolan helped to create, *Responding to Suicide: A Pastoral Handbook for Catholic Leaders* (named Resource of the Year by the Association of Catholic Publishers) and *When a Loved One Dies by Suicide: Comfort, Hope, and Healing for Grieving Catholics*. Deacon will also speak about his continuing work in Grief and Bereavement Ministry at Cathedral Parish. To register for the webinar or to learn more, please contact Jennifer Housel (570-207-2213 x 1104, jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org).



To dedicate a Rose for Life, call Roseann Kolensky, 570-443-8688.