

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**



**MASS INTENTIONS**



Sat	09/04	5:00 PM	Mary Frances Reindel by Carole and John Barron
Sun	09/05	10:15 AM	Lawrence Examitas, Jr. by Examitas Family-Larry, Joe, Tena, & Grandchildren Noah, Emily, Lidia
Wed	09/08	8:00 AM	Sally Mizdail by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Perch
Thurs	09/09	8:00 AM	Patricia Baranski by Cheryl and Joe Brady
Fri	09/10	8:00 AM	All Parishioners
Sat	09/11	5:00 PM	Slyconish Family by Ann Marie, George and Chris
Sun	09/12	10:15 AM	Frank Procida by Anna Western

**OFFERINGS: Wkly: \$1,795    Outreach: \$149**

**DIOCESE OF SCRANTON SPECIAL COLLECTION for victims in Haiti devastated by an earthquake & Tropical Storm Grace will be the weekend of 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.



Message from Mary Anne Malone, Parish Life Coordinator

"What is the secret of a blessed life, a happy life? Recognizing Jesus as the living God. For it is not important to know that Jesus was great in history. What matters is the place I give him in my life." (Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex) When we read and hear Scripture, do we think of Jesus long ago and somehow not relevant to our lives in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? The Word of God is alive. Jesus is alive. The Word of God speaks to each one of us directly. Listen and be blessed.

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As you pray at home this week, spend some time with the readings for next Sunday (September 12, 2021), the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Isaiah 50:4-9 • James 2:14-18 • Mark 8:27-35

**2021 VIRTUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL:** Thank you for the generous response to the Virtual Summer Festival. The total raised at this time is \$7,453.



**Parish Pastoral Council Nominations:** There is an insert in this week's bulletin, a ballot that you may use to nominate one or more parishioners for the Parish Pastoral Council. Please prayerfully consider some good candidates, then fill out and return the bottom portion next weekend (September 11 or 12).



**BINGO:** St. Patrick's Bingo is on Wednesday, September 8. Food is available at 5 PM. Games begin at 6 PM. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for a successful bingo event. Please call the parish office if you would like to volunteer, 570-443-9944.



**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.



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

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY



St. Patrick Parish  
Nomination(s) for Parish Pastoral Council  
September 11/12, 2021

The Parish Pastoral Council is a vehicle for fulfilling the pastoral mission of the parish, and its members are involved in planning to meet the needs of the parish. The Council advises the Pastor/Parish Life Coordinator and develops policies to support those activities and programs which foster the spiritual, intellectual, moral and practical well-being of the parish.

St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council recently adopted a Constitution and Bylaws. The Bylaws outline the process for selection of new members. There will be a minimum of six members and a maximum of eight, selected from the parish. The nominees must be baptized, practicing Catholics, at least 18 years of age, and registered members of the parish. They must participate in parish worship, especially the Mass and the sacraments. On September 11/12 you will have an opportunity to nominate yourself or other parishioners for the Parish Pastoral Council. Please consider candidates who are prayerful and faithful to the Church. Each person nominated will be contacted by a current member of the Parish Pastoral Council. The names of those who agree to serve will enter into a selection process conducted within the PPC.

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*Please cut on the dotted line, and return this form to church by September 12, 2021*

**SAINT PATRICK CHURCH  
WHITE HAVEN, PENNSYLVANIA  
NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Please consider candidates who are prayerful and faithful to the Church. Nominees must be at least 18 years of age and registered members of the parish. You may nominate yourself or any member of the parish. You may also nominate more than one person.

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# Family Fun Day!

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## FAMILY FUN DAY AT KNOEBELS

As part of our Year of the Family observance, the Office for Parish Life is sponsoring a Family Fun Day at Knoebels Amusement Resort on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Groups or individuals are welcome to enjoy all that Knoebels has to offer from 12pm to 8pm and take advantage of our discounted ticket offer! You can choose from a **Lunch and Ride Package** (\$25 per person includes a bagged lunch and \$20 worth of ride tickets) or a **Discounted Tickets Only** option (\$20 worth of ride tickets for \$17). Regardless of the package you choose, you are welcome to take advantage of our reserved pavilion for lunch or to simply gather with your family and friends.

To purchase tickets by credit card, visit [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org). To order and pay by check, call (570)207-2213 ext 1155. All orders must be paid in advance. The deadline to place orders is September 16.