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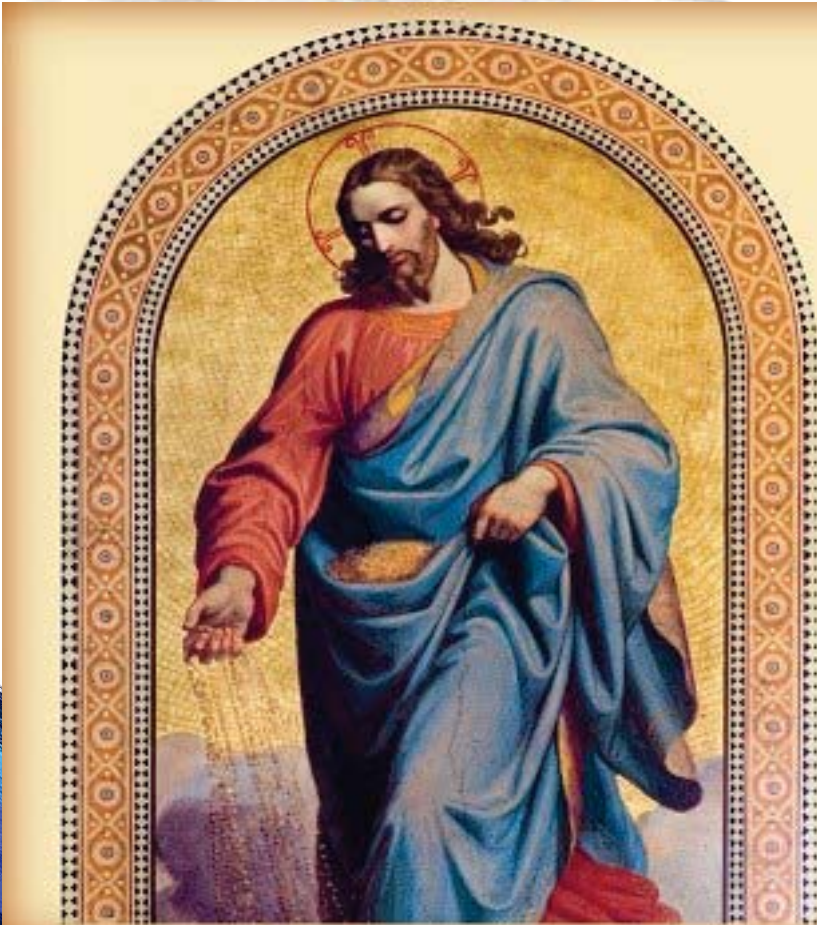


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Eucharist

Monday—Friday 8:00am
Saturday 4:00pm (vigil)
Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am &
5:30pm

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The seed sown on rich soil is
the one who hears the word
and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit
and yields a hundred
or sixty or thirtyfold.*

Matthew 13:23

Worship

Intention

Requested by

Monday, July 17

8:00am Mary Jane Yatsko-Cefarati

Joe & Terri Burgess

Tuesday, July 18

8:00am Frank Plominski

Family

Wednesday, July 19

8:00am George J. Shendock

Family

Thursday, July 20

8:00am Monica Skolnick

Children

Friday, July 21

8:00am Stephen & Jule Pacovsky

Jerry & Marion

Saturday, July 22

4:00pm John Ludwikowski

Mark & Jane

Sunday, July 23

8:30am Robert Tobias

Andy & Jean Kapral

11:00am John Straub

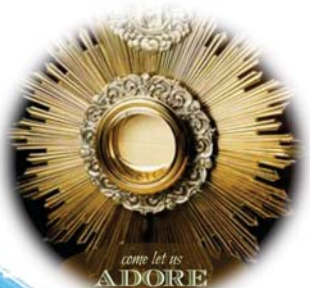
Wife, Arlene & Children

5:30pm Robert Mies

Jim & Gen Fredmonski & Family

Prayer

Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is held each Thursday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Evening Prayer and Benediction conclude the night. All are welcome to come, even just for a quick visit on Thursday evenings here in church to spend a little time in prayer before Our Sacramental Lord.



Special Intentions



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

~~In Memory of **Samuel Yankay** offered by Grandmother

~~In Memory of **Mary Jane Yatsko-Cefarati** offered by Joe & Terri Burgess



Flower Intentions this week:

~~In Memory of **Terry Jankoviak** offered by Family

Recently Departed

~**Francis J. Evanich**~ May he rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Staff

Rev. Joseph J Pisaneschi x105

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Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

8:30am to 3:00pm

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings

by appointment.

Save the Date!

On Sunday, August 27th Father Joe will celebrate his "Amen Celebration" with our parish community. There will be a special Eucharist at 11:00am, and then a little picnic later in the afternoon to celebrate the last 12 years of ministry at Seton. More details will follow.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Kof C will meet this Tuesday, July 18th, at 7pm in our church hall. New members are welcome.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Our SCC will meet this Thursday, July 20th, at 6:30pm in our church hall. New members are welcome.

Mission Appeals THIS WEEKEND

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 on the World Mission Sunday. My name is Rev. Philbert Takyi-Nketiah from the Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana. I am working in the Diocese of Scranton along with five other priests from Ghana.

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 World Mission Appeal.

This year (2023) in July, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera would return to Ghana again to ordain fourteen young men into the priesthood. These young men have benefited from the generosity of the good people of the Diocese of Scranton. We are much grateful for your support to the formation of seminarian in the holy Catholic Church especially in the diocese of Sunyani, Ghana. 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 a few years to come.

Please, support this appeal by giving a cash donation or writing a check to Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your contribution is much appreciated. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Rev. Philbert Takyi-Nketiah.

Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident.

The Mass is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming, Scranton**. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. The mass will be televised on CTV.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or on the Diocese of Scranton's website, www.dioceseofscranton.org. All forms must be received by July 19, 2023.

CONGRATULATIONS GFT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Since it's inception four years ago, the GFT Awards Program has granted over \$100,000 in scholarships to rising and deserving Parish seniors to assist with college finances. Because this year's award winners were basically tied in their qualifications, we've decided to award two GOLD SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Awardees are **Amelia Hoffman** and **Noah St. Clair**. Each will receive a \$5000 scholarship or \$20,000 total over four years. We congratulate both for their Community, Family, and Scholastic Achievements and wish them the very best in their future endeavors.

CASH BINGO IN ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH HALL

42 Redwood Drive, Laflin, PA Saturday, August 19, 2023. Doors open at 11:00am.

BINGO FROM 1PM TO 4PM. Tickets \$30--includes 20 games of BINGO and \$5 food voucher

Regular Game Prizes of \$100 Specials (\$5 each) \$200- \$500+ (extra games may be purchase)

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The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is hosting an Annual Scholarship Open on Sunday, August 20th at Four Seasons Golf Club, Exeter PA. The format is captain and crew with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Cost is \$85/golfer. Complete team payment by August 7th and receive the registration discount: pay \$80 per golfer. Cost includes green fees, cart, dinner, prizes and refreshments. There will be a longest drive hole and 50-50 hole. Proceeds will benefit the annual Youth Academic Scholarships. Scholarship Hole sponsors welcome, Platinum \$150, Gold \$100, Silver \$75.

For information or to register your foursome call Gene at 570-704-7196, email: GKBreznay@comcast.net or swoyk1951@comcast.net.

Deadline to register is August 14. Check out Swoyersville Kiwanis on Facebook & Instagram



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By Dr. Scott Hahn

The Word's Return

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm 65:10-14

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word—and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today's Gospel, especially.

Again we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in the which the Word can grow and bear fruit.

As we sing in today's Psalm, in Jesus, God's Word has visited our land, to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit (see John 7:38; Revelation 22:1).

The firstfruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle (see Romans 5:5; 8:15-16). In this, we are made a "new creation" (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), the firstfruits of a new heaven and a new earth (see 2 Peter 3:13).

Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility (see Genesis 3:17-19; 5:29). But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today's First Reading.

His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steal it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns.

In the Eucharist, the Word gives himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness.

And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord's Day (see Mark 4:29; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 1:10)—when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.

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Saint Mary Magdalene

1ST CENTURY
FEAST DAY: JULY 22

Mary, from Magdala in Galilee, was a disciple of Jesus who used her resources, or wealth, to help support him and his followers. The Gospel of Luke identifies Mary as the woman from whom Jesus cast out seven demons. The Gospels record that she was present at his crucifixion and burial. In all four Gospels, Mary was the first witness to the Resurrection and carried that news to the others. Because of this, St. Augustine called her “apostola apostolorum,” the apostle to the apostles. On June 3, 2016, Pope Francis raised her liturgical observance from a memorial to a feast—the same rank as the observances accorded to the apostles.

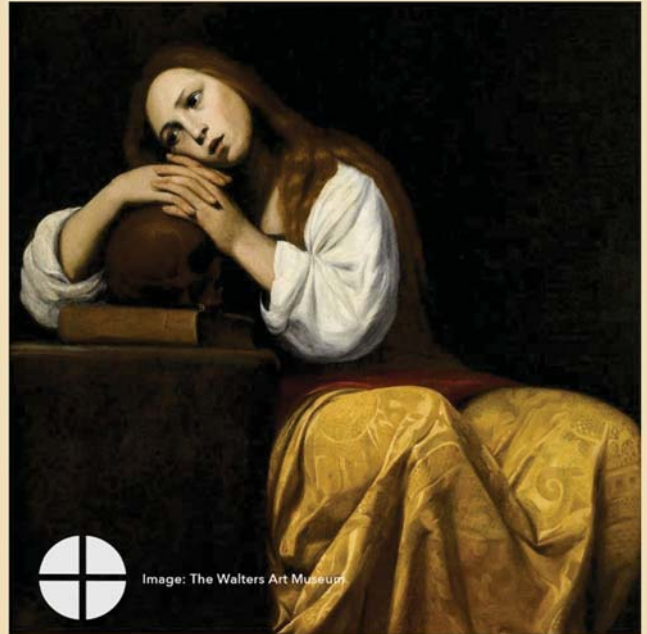
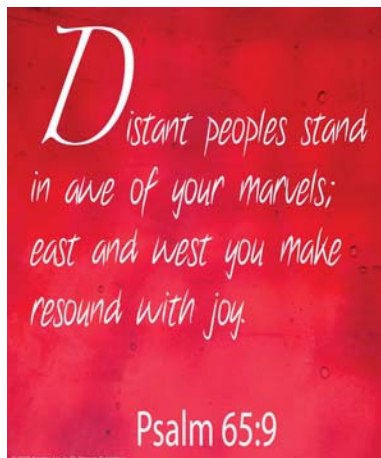


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