

CIA Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2023

Opening Prayer – Fr. Brian

Topics of Discussion:

- **Halloween Trunk or Treat** – It was held on Sunday, October 29th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Hot dogs and hot chocolate were provided. The event was held inside the pavilion this year because of the rain. We had 18 candy stations. The event was a success. Thank you to all who participated.
- **Christmas Giving Tree** – The giving tree will be put up the weekend of November 18th and 19th. It will be up until the weekend of December 9th and 10th. Please consider taking an envelope from the tree if you are able. You can return your envelope to the office or drop it in the collection basket.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** – They have been busy making lapghans, octopuses, shawls, & scarves for the Oncology Department at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, the Gino Merli Veterans' Center in Scranton, as well as local nursing homes. They will donate handmade items for use at the Mass of Remembrance as well as Surviving the Holidays. They are also in need of acrylic yarn to continue their ministry.
- **Grief Journey Ministry** – Surviving the Holidays will be held on Sunday, November 12th from 2:00pm-4:00pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. If you have questions or would like to register, please contact the parish office at (570) 477-5040.
- **Mass of Remembrance** – It will be held on **Thursday, November 2nd** at **7:00pm**. Centerpieces have been made for the tables. Refreshments (baked goods, vegetables & dip, cheese & crackers, pepperoni) will be needed for the social after mass. The Grief Journey Ministry as well as the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be represented.

- **Thanksgiving Food Collection** – A collection of nonperishable food items will be taken up the weekend of November 18th and 19th to benefit the Back Mountain Food Pantry. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause. Thank you.
- **Next Meeting** – Monday, November 13th at 6:30 in the rectory.

Closing Prayer – Fr. Brian