



# Mary, Mother of God Parish

## HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

316 WILLIAM STREET ✽ SCRANTON, PA 18508

### Sacramental Life

#### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Already Baptized, but never received Communion or Confirmation? RCIA is the process the Church uses to bring adults into the Catholic Faith. To find out more, call the parish office and ask for Sr. Therese Mary.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the last two Sundays of the month. Parents should call the Parish Office to make arrangements for the baptism of their child. **Parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal program.**

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should begin making arrangements for their marriage in advance in order to complete requirements.

#### VISITATION OF THE SICK

Hospitals are visited each week. Communion is taken to Allied Skilled Nursing on Saturdays at 2:00 pm and Allied Rehab on Mondays. Communion is taken to the homebound on Sundays after 9:30 am or on First Friday after the 9:00 am Mass.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**CCD Classes** are held on Tuesdays from 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm and on Sundays from 9:30 am - 10:45 am. All grade school children should be attending religious education classes.

High School Youth Group meets regularly and welcomes new members. Consult the bulletin for activities.

### Our Pastoral Staff

#### Pastor

Father Cyril Edwards

#### Assisting Priest

Father Martin Gaiardo

#### Deacon

Jan Mroz

#### Pastoral Assistant

Sister Therese Mary Dougherty, IHM

### Mass Schedule

Saturday.....4:00 pm

Sunday .....7:15 am

Sunday .....8:30 am

Sunday .....11:00 am

### Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday.....3:15 pm

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316 William Street, Scranton PA 18508

† **Holy Rosary Church**  
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† **Holy Rosary Center**  
West Market Street, Scranton PA 18508

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#### Website

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Parish Phone.....570-342-4881

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M A S S  
*intentions*

July 12 - 19, 2020

Sun 7/12	8:30 am	Lawrence Bonifanti <i>by daughter, Sheila</i>
	11:00 am	Frank Naughton <i>by family</i>
Mon 7/13	8:00 am	James Hayes <i>by Daily 7's</i>
Tues 7/14	8:00 am	Joan Cosgrove <i>by family</i>
Wed 7/15	8:00 am	Joseph Dodgson <i>by Nick &amp; Jenn Telli</i>
Thurs 7/16	8:00am	Thomas Schmidt, Jr. <i>by family</i>
Fri 7/17	8:00 am	Dave & Mary Ellen Mrozek 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary <i>by family</i>
Sat 7/18	4:00 pm	Cecelia Hanahue <i>by family</i>
Sun 7/19	8:30 am	Angelo Gennell <i>by Mary Labukas</i>
	11:00 am	PJ Noone <i>by family</i>

**LIFELINES**

“Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God’s power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.”  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “An Adoption Love Story”

**PROJECT MY TESTAMENT :** Here is our next **Question of the Week!** Take it home and discuss it with your family during the week.

**Seeds of Faith**

**Key Passage:** Jesus said, “Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.” (Matthew 13:7-8)

**Adult Question:** How do you provide “good soil” for the faith of others to grow?

**Child Question:** What are you doing to help the seeds of your faith grow each year?

We also encourage you to share your thoughts for **Project My Testament** by filling out the slips at the back of the church and returning to the box, emailing responses to [mmogchurch.ministries@gmail.com](mailto:mmogchurch.ministries@gmail.com) or posting to the MMOG Facebook Page.

*This week the  
Sanctuary  
Candle  
burns in memory of ...*

LIGHT OF CHRIST - SANCTUARY LIGHT  
*The Sanctuary Light will be burning in reverence  
and petition (Sunday thru Saturday)*  
Pat Schofield.....by Alice & Chats Lance

**PRAYERS**

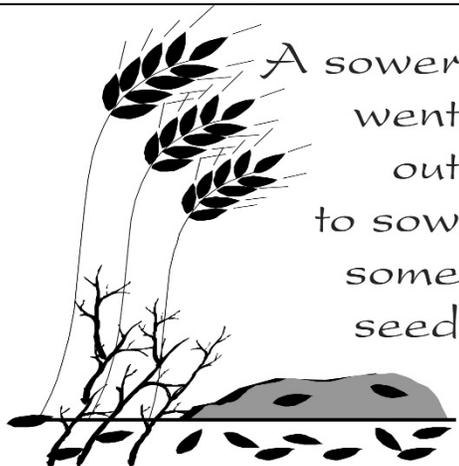
For the souls of those who died this past week, especially all our parishioners and their families, those suffering from the COVID 19 virus, members of Holy Rosary Memorial Association, and for the ill, that they may enjoy good health.

**Are you in need of prayers for a surgery, sickness, or for healing?**



Mary, Mother of God Parish has a Prayer Ministry Team that will pray for you or someone you know who requires additional prayers. Please call **Marie Mann** at (570)

**344-3059** and the Prayer Ministry Team will pray for your needs.



A sower  
went  
out  
to sow  
some  
seed

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11**

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23**

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are “as nothing,” Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

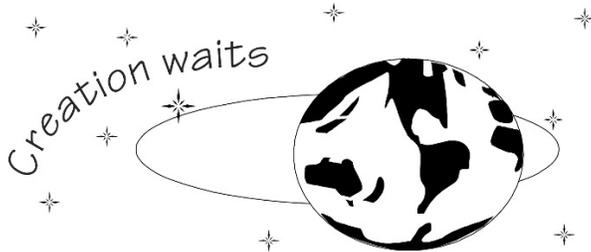
**Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23**

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground -- “the man who hears the message and takes it in” ... “bears a yield of a hundred-fold.”

*For the of the month of July*

*Please pray for those suffering from natural diasters in our country.*

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

#### Monday

Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1

#### Tuesday

**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**

Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

#### Wednesday

**Saint Bonventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

#### Thursday

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

#### Friday

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

#### Saturday

Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

### A message from Deacon Jan....



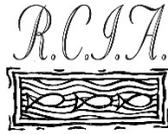
Lord Jesus, help me to pray. Help me to follow Your example of prayer and to seek the presence of the Father in a deep and continuous way. Help me to enter into a deep communication with You and to be consumed by the Holy Spirit. Jesus, I trust in You.

Deacon Jan would like to let you know if you need spiritual advisement, you may call to speak with him at (570)904-0333.

### THANK YOU...FROM FATHER EDWARDS

I cannot go this week without thanking the Groundskeeping Committee for all their hard work at not only the church but the rectory, hall, and school. The grounds look impeccable..as always. Thank you to the Community/Service Committee for providing Keystone Mission with 60+ bag lunches last week. There was a lot of ministry in action here...the Youth Group also provided over 350 brownies to St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia on July 5<sup>th</sup>. This is only a few of the reasons our church is the best there is!!

### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)



R.C.I.A. is a program for adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church, or coming into full communion with the faith.

**It is especially tailored to:**

- \*those who have never been baptized;
- \*those who have been baptized Catholic, but ever received the sacraments of Eucharist/ Confirmation;
- \*those who have no church to call their own;
- \*those who have been baptized in another Christian church and would like to come into full communion with the Catholic Church.

***If you are interested, please call Sr. Therese Mary at 342-4881.***

### HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH, WINDSOR, NC

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*In the name of the parish, I want to say thank you for the support of \$2,400.00 that you have given us. As the phrase which has been used a lot recently, "We are all in this together", yes, we are all in the same faith to help each other. In your parish and community, I believe that you have seen people helping each other during the pandemic, for example, health care workers and others who have given support to people.*

*Our parish has opened up a little bit with Sunday mass – the church building has enough space that we can social distance in the church. All along, we have been able to live stream the mass on Sunday mornings.*

*I pray that things have been well health- wise for the members of your parish. May the Lord guide us through these trying times!*

*Thank you again for your love, support, and prayers,*

***Brother Virg Siefker , Holy Spirit Catholic Church, North Carolina***

### MASS OF 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. This year we keep in our hearts those who lost their struggle with COVID-19.

The Mass is scheduled **for Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Saint Peter's Cathedral**, 315 Wyoming Avenue. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. Seating is limited to 70 people. Please call the Office for Parish Life at (570)207-2213 ext. 1102 to reserve a seat. The mass will be televised on CTV.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones be registered on forms which are available in the parish office or the Diocesan website, [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) . **All forms are due by July 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**CONFIRMATION**

Dear Confirmation Students and Parents,

Father Edwards has scheduled the Celebration of Confirmation for **Tuesday, July 14th and Tuesday, July 28th at 7:00p.m.** in Holy Rosary Church. Father Edwards, not the Bishop, will be conferring the sacrament. Anyone who is unavailable or uncomfortable doing so due to health concerns may receive Confirmation at the conclusion of a weekend Mass. This would need to be scheduled individually.

If you are not comfortable receiving Confirmation at this time, please let us know that too. Seating is limited. Social distancing must be adhered to at all times and masks must be worn. As the Church is reopening for Mass, seating is marked. People must register to attend. This is also true for Confirmation. The Confirmation student, sponsor and parents will attend. We will need to know the number for parents who will attend since there are varying situations. The number of others permitted to attend will depend on how many students register for each date.

This is a difficult time and these are difficult decisions to make. Please talk this over in your family and let us know what you would like to do. You can call or text **Mrs. Marie Purcell at 570-228-6304** or **Mrs. Betty Ann Lucas at 570-702-3661**.

If you have any questions, we will do our best to answer them. Please contact us by **June 30, 2020**.



Due to the virus, there will not be any Youth Group trips scheduled for the summer. Please keep in your prayers the poor who are impacted by a slow-down of volunteers. We will find another way to reach out to them.



2020 has been a different type of year, to say the least. We have been social distancing, as well as, distance learning. This, unfortunately, includes going (or not going) to Church. These changes are very unusual for us! Bible School will be no different, if only for this year. We will be trying a new format to keep you connected with your church family and friends.

Our Vacation Bible School will begin on **Monday, July 27, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.**, in the church parking lot (weather permitting) with a short Opening Prayer Service, a few fun activities and bible school materials, including gym games and art projects, for to do at home during the week. (Snack ideas will also be included). On **Thursday, July 30, 2020** we will return to the church parking lot at **11:30 a.m.** for some more fun activities, a sweet treat and a short closing Prayer Service (which will include our Camp Cheer and "Put on Love"). Social distancing will be maintained. At that time, we will ask you to return a specific art project that we will display in the church.

If you are interested in participating in this year's Bible School, please fill out the form below and return to Ms. Betty Ann Lucas, 405 Putnam St, Scranton, PA 18508. If you have any questions you may call or text her at 570-702-3661. Checks should be made payable to: Mary, Mother of God Parish.

**TRACKING MARY: MYSTERIES & MESSAGES**

**Mary, Mother of God Parish**

**Vacation Bible School**

**July 27 through July 30, 2020**

Grades Pre-K (3-4-5 yr. olds) through 4th grade are invited to attend

Grade is grade last completed

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

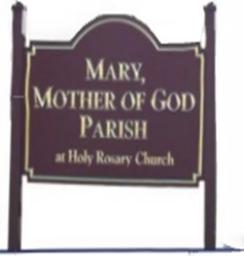
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Name (Please Print):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Cost:** \$5.00 per child/\$10.00 per family

**Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_



# BLOCK PARTY

Will be held at

**Holy Rosary Church Grounds**

316 William Street • North Scranton

**Fri., July 31 & Sat. August 1**

**4:00 to 8:00 both nights**



INFORMATION & PRE-ORDERS  
 570-342-4881 Ext:122  
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**Please be aware that preorders are being taken for this event.** To assure that you will be able to get this delicious picnic food ...please pre order by calling the rectory at (570)342-4881 and **LISTEN FOR THE OPTION TO RECORD YOUR ORDER!!** Order forms are also available on the website, Facebook page, and Instagram. Please pre-order by Friday, July 24!

## UPCOMING INFO

- You should have received all the information for the Drive Thru Block Party in a recent mailing. If you DID NOT receive it, please call the parish office and let us know so that we can resend the information.
- The Lifetime Achievement Awards, Bishop Youth Awards, and Father Gaiardo's 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration will be planned and conducted as soon as possible. Please bear with us, as we make all these arrangements and readjust
- **First Holy Communion will take place as soon as the children are prepared to receive and when the guidelines allow us to celebrate as one. We would like the children to receive at one time, but they still require additional instruction before they are prepared.**
- Saturday Mass is at 4pm and Sunday Masses are now at 8:30am and 11am. Please schedule your attendance through the website or call Colleen at (570)335-8840. We have had some attendees arrive without registering. Please attempt to register one of the 2 ways above so we have an accurate count. Thank You.
- Daily mass will be on YouTube and Facebook by 10am every day.
- Weekend mass on YouTube and Facebook will vary depending on which mass is taped. We try to tape the 4pm mass, but it will not be shown until later that evening due to editing and uploading to the sites.
- Baptisms will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Saturdays** of the month at 11am. Baptismal prep class will stay at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 6 PM.



July 5, 2020

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 6,908.00
Groundskeeping.....	206.00
Care of Priests.....	297.00
Peter's Pence.....	81.00
Father's Day.....	45.00
Ascension.....	30.00
Easter.....	120.00
Mother's Day.....	23.00
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