



Mary, Mother of God Parish

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

316 WILLIAM STREET ✽ SCRANTON, PA 18508

Welcome to Mary, Mother of God Parish!

We come to MMOG from: all the various neighborhoods of Scranton, as well as Blakely, Clarks Summit, Dalton, Dickson City, Dunmore, Elmhurst, Eynon, Factoryville, Greenfield Twp., Greentown, Jefferson Twp., Lake Ariel, Milford, Moosic, Moscow, Old Forge, Olyphant, Roaring Brook Twp., Scott Twp., So. Abington Twp., Spring Brook Twp., Taylor, Throop, Tobyhanna, Waverly Twp. and W. Abington Twp. **Please join us!**

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

Joseph Marcellus

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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† **Holy Rosary Church**
316 William Street, Scranton, PA 18508

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

† **St. Joseph's Cemetery**
Sanderson Street, Throop, PA 18512

† **St. Stanislaus Cemetery**
Morgan Highway, Scranton, PA 18508

Website

www.marymotherofgodparish.org

Parish Phone

570-342-4881

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Week of September 18 - 26, 2021

Sat 9/18	4:00 pm	Joseph Boylan <i>by Rita Boyd</i>
Sun 9/19	7:15 am	Luis C. Gonzales <i>by Carl & Tess Bauer</i>
	8:30 am	FOR THE PARISHIONERS
	11:00 am	Theresa Miller <i>by Nancy</i>
Mon 9/20	8:00 am	Peg Brady <i>by Ann Kirby</i>
Tues 9/22	8:00 am	Jack Schofield <i>by Jay & Mary Ann Murphy</i>
Thurs 9/23	8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dutka <i>by Jerome Murphy</i>
Fri 9/24	8:00 am	Pearl Zalys <i>by John McGowan</i>
Sat 9/25	4:00 pm	Wayne Rodney <i>by family</i>
Sun 9/26	7:15 am	Angelo Condella <i>by family</i>
	8:30 am	FOR THE PARISHIONERS
	11:00 am	Judy Mundy <i>by Bob</i>
	6:30 pm	YOUTH MASS followed by Ice Cream Social

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

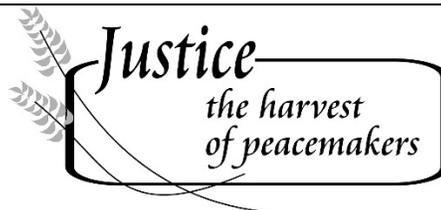
TRUE WISDOM

Key Passage: He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Adult Question: What evidence do you see in the world around you that many do not accept Jesus' teaching on power and ambition?

Child Question: Why do you think Jesus says if you want to be first you should take care of others?

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 or posting to the MMOG Facebook Page.



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Wicked people discuss their anger at the just one, because they do not like being reproached for their evil ways. They want to see if he is the Son of God, so they decide to torture him and see if God will come to defend him. They decide to condemn him to a shameful death and see if the claims are true that God will take care of him.

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

James discusses the importance of avoiding jealousy and strife. People should strive for peace and justice instead of concentrating on material pleasures which can tempt people to sin to obtain whatever they desire.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus again attempts to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, although they do not yet fully understand. They had been arguing over who was the most important one, but Jesus tells them whoever wants to rank first must be willing to remain a servant to all. He also tells them that anyone who welcomes a child in his name welcomes both him and God.



LIGHT OF CHRIST - SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will be burning in reverence and petition (Sunday thru Saturday)

Mike Kuchwara.....*by Marlene & Chris Lichterowicz*
Tom Henry.....*by Chats & Alice Lance*



For the month of September, please pray for all who are chronically ill and those who are suffering from cancer and other life-threatening disease.

"SLEEPING ST. JOSEPH"



Don't forget that St. Joseph is ready to receive your intentions in the box at the rear of the church. Drop your intentions in the box and he will "sleep on it".



Sunday Communion to Homes:

September 19th - Nancy Layo & Carl Friese

September 26th - Joe Berardelli & Joe McCarthy

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.

Lifelines

“Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: ‘there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance’ (Luke 15:7)*” **NABRE 2010 CCD: Used with permission USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion”**



FAMILIES ARE THE HEART OF OUR PARISH



*Our “Welcome Back Mass” will be held **TODAY** at the 11 am Mass. If you have not had a chance to return your heart, please do so at your earliest convenience and they will be added to the display!!*

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

- LITURGY.....Monday, Sept. 20th at 7pm
In rectory
- SOCIAL CONCERNS.....Tuesday, Sept. 28th @ 7:30
- ALTAR SERVER TRAINING...Saturday, Sept. 25th,
Oct. 2nd, Oct. 9th @ 11 am in church
- MARIAN SOCIETY.....Tuesday, October 5th at
7pm in church



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE † September 25 & 26

LECTORS

MINISTERS

Mass -----	4:00 pm
Alice Casparro	Mary Ann Abdo
Randy Palko	Jean Rodney
Mass -----	7:15 am
Nina Condella	
Mass -----	8:30 am
Jocelyn Bailey	Mary Lou Lozinger
Mass -----	11:00 am
Herb Smith	Judy Tugend
Patti Minora	

ALTAR SERVERS

Mass -----	4:00 pm
Nathan Jarrow	
Mass -----	8:30 am
Chelsea Huegel	
Mass -----	11:00 am
Molly Fenwick	

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Young Adult Ministry

We are still welcoming new members of the Youth Group for the coming year!! All youth are most welcome to join even if you couldn't make the meeting! Call the office at (570)342-4881 or Andrea Lidle by (570)241-6745 and we will send you out a list of the upcoming activities we have scheduled!! Today, Sept. 19th we will need about 5 people to give out t shirts to the CCD kids. They will wear these to the 11 am mass today. A BIG THANK YOU to the members that helped make the food for Keystone Mission last weekend!! We had to postpone the purse bingo until the spring for COVID reasons. **We will have a 6:30 pm Mass that Sunday, September 26th for all our youth/youth group members. Following mass we will have an Ice Cream Social!! Please plan to attend!**

Youth Group Reflection

I just want to say thank you. This experience at Saint Francis Inn has changed how I see the world. Just talking to the guests I learned so much about their lives and suffering. Some of these stories are heartbreaking and make you feel so grateful for everything. I would like to thank all of the people who work at the Inn for all their kindness. I have never met anyone as kind as them. If someone needed help with a task, they were always willing to help. I hope to come again next year.

It's Time to Reflect.

On the following **Saturdays, September 25th, October 2nd, and October 9th**, we will hold altar server training at 11 am in the Church. Any youth from grade 4 to senior year is welcome to come to this important, vital ministry.



Due to COVID concerns, our Purse Bingo that was scheduled for Sunday, September 26th will be postponed until the spring. The date will be announced in the coming months. We're sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.



On **October 13th**, we will hold our next "Wisdom Wednesdays". Each night will begin with a mass at 7 pm and will be followed by a reading and discussion on key contemporary Catholic issues. Spread the word....and bring a friend!!

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKLET

The Word Coordinating Team is once again preparing the Advent/Christmas Reflection Booklet containing thoughts and insights about the daily and Sunday Scripture readings during Advent. These reflections are written by parishioners for parishioners. Last year's booklet was well received and we would like to offer another one again this year. You do not have to be a great writer... just someone who has a desire to share your faith with fellow parishioners. **Please call the parish office to volunteer or email Dave Regeski at pdregeski@hotmail.com.** You will be given a particular Advent day's Scripture readings upon which to focus your reflection. **Reflections are due no later than OCTOBER 24TH.**



SCRANTON SERVES

Parish groups and individuals are encouraged to serve our sisters and brothers who are in need throughout the Diocese of Scranton on Saturday, October 2nd or Sunday, October 3rd. The diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations will provide an opening prayer to start the day and reflection questions for discussion at the end of the day. All participants will receive a free t-shirt. Volunteers can choose their own service site based on the needs of their local community or reach out for suggestions. To get involved and helped make a difference, visit www.dioceseofscranton.org.

EMPLOYEE OPPORTUNITY IN DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

The Diocese of Scranton is seeking to fill 2 positions in the diocese. The first position is for a School Accounts Coordinator. Interested applicants are encouraged to go on the website at www.dioceseofscranton.org to view the comprehensive job description for this position. The second position they are seeking to fill is for Assistant Director of Finance. Individuals are encouraged to review the comprehensive job description for this critical financial position on the diocesan website. For additional information you may contact: James Burke, Diocesan Secretary for Human Resources (570)207-2238 or by emailing Jim-Burke@dioceseofscranton.org.



Brian Gilbride did a fantastic job on his Eagle Scout project by making a handicap ramp for our parish center. This project is something we've wanted for years but just never seemed to be able to get it done. We thank you immensely, Brian, for allowing us to be the recipient of your very important project!

POT OF GOLD 2021

For \$25 you'll have 92 chances to win! Winners are determined by the evening PICK 3 drawing each day from October 1st through December 31st. The daily prize is \$50 but there are also special \$500 and 1,000 holiday prizes available. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office during regular business hours.



NEW SELLERS ARE NEEDED

Sellers are individuals who sell at least 4 tickets. All sellers receive a \$3 commission for every ticket sold, as well as a commission equal to 10% of their customers' winnings!! If you are interested in becoming a seller or would like additional information on the Pot of Gold tickets, please contact Jocelyn Bailey at (570)589-9001.



The Annual Harvest Festival of St. John Vianney Parish will be held at Corpus Christi Church, Route 438, Montdale, on Sunday, October 3rd from noon to 5 pm. The turkey dinner will be a drive-thru take out that includes all the “fixins”. Dinners are \$13 for adults and \$6 for children. Outdoor booths will include a huge Bountiful Basket stand, wreath stand, and raffles including a \$5,000 raffle. Directions: I-81 to exit 201, turn East, and we are 3-4 miles on your right. Come enjoy the fall foliage and wonderful festival!!



JOYCE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

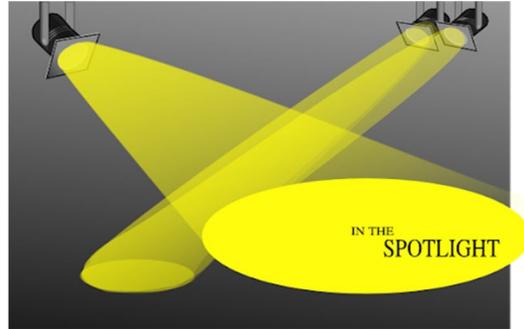
We are now taking registrations for children ages 4 and up, as well as adults looking for a creative outlet to relieve some of the stress this past year has inflicted on us all. We will be beginning classes on **October 23rd**. Our classes will be held at 104 Prospect Street in Dunmore. If you are interested in signing your child(ren) or yourself up for this exciting experience please contact **Shannon Joyce Cerulli, owner and director of Joyce School of Irish Dance at (570)763-9025** to register today!!

DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY

On Thursday, October 7th from 9 am until 7 pm, The Psychological Services Center, located in the McGowan Building at Marywood University will be hosting National Depression Screening Day. This day provides an opportunity for individuals to talk to a professional about any questions or concerns they have regarding any symptoms they may be experiencing. All screenings are anonymous, free and confidential; all ages are welcome. **Face Masks are required!!**

SPECIAL COLLECTION HAITI/HURRICANE IDA

There will be a special collection in the Diocese of Scranton during the **weekend of September 25th and 26th**. This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Relief Services and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB’s Emergency Disaster Fund. Thank you for your cooperation with this effort and may we continue to hold in prayer all those affected by this natural disaster.



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Sunday, September 12, 2021

Collection.....	\$ 5,330.00.00	
Groundskeeping.....		109.00
Care of Priests.....		49.00
St. Matthews donation.....		10.00
TOTAL.....	\$5,498.00	



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TOTAL.....	\$1,572.56
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