



# 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 3:00 - 4:00 pm and on Sundays from 9:30 - 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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316 William Street, Scranton, PA 18508

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West Market Street, Scranton, PA 18508

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

#### Website

[www.marymotherofgodparish.org](http://www.marymotherofgodparish.org)

#### Parish Phone

570-342-4881

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# M A S S *intentions*

**Mass Schedule Week of August 10 - 18, 2024**

Sat 8/10	4:00 pm	Catherine Stevens <i>by Sherotski Family</i>
Sun 8/11	7:15 am	<b>FOR THE PARISHIONERS</b>
	8:30 am	Layo & Gibbas family <i>by family</i>
	11:00 am	Sam Fiorenza <i>by Rupp Family</i>
Mon 8/12	8:00 am	Dave Walker <i>by Colleen LoVallo-Pollock &amp; family</i>
Tues 8/13	8:00 am	Tom Mc Andrew <i>by wife, Ann</i>
<b>VIGIL – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>		
Wed 8/14	4:00 pm	Jeremiah Garvey <i>by family</i>
<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>		
Thurs 8/15	9:00 am	Tom O’Neill <i>by Lorraine Mc Laughlin</i>
	7:00 pm	Robert Timlin <i>by Jean Rodney</i>
Fri 8/16	8:00 am	Thomas O’Neill <i>by June Buckley</i>
Sat 8/17	4:00 pm	Carol Mc Cawley <i>by Family</i>
Sun 8/18	7:15 am	Kevin Kruk <i>by Barbara Cadden</i>
	8:30 am	<b>FOR THE PARISHIONERS</b>
	11:00 am	Mary Lou Gaetano <i>by Family</i>

*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)*  
Ann Marie Rotondo.....by Noreen Schofield  
Danielle Barbuti.....by Noreen Schofield



For the month of August, please pray for medical professionals and those who care for the sick and suffering. God, we ask You to give them strength of body, mind, and spirit; give them the patience, skill, and wisdom they need to tend to those in their care. ~Amen.

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

**LIFE FOR THE WORLD**

**Key Passage:** Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” (John 6:51)

**Adult Question:** When has the bread of life given you the strength you needed to face a difficult situation in your life?

**Children Question:** What will you ask Jesus to help you with when you receive Holy Communion this week?

**FUNERAL PLANNING TEAM**

*The funeral planning team is in urgent need of volunteers to assist in the planning and selection of readings, music, etc. Most of the time, this can be accomplished over the computer or by telephone, but occasional meetings may be involved. The team normally works on a rotation basis so you will not be called constantly for your services. If you are interested in more information, please call the parish office at (570)342-4881 or email Colleen at [mmaq.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:mmaq.secretary@gmail.com).*

**WORD OF LIFE**

“Although we may feel unsure how-to best comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.”

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**

**“Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage”**



**Nursing Home Residents**

*If you have a loved one who resides in a nursing home or personal care home, please let us know! We have a team of wonderful volunteers who visit, send cards, and provide a lively connection to our parish community. Call the parish office at (570)342-4881.*



**WORD TEAM – Sunday, August 11 @ 9:30 am**

**Planning Mtg Advent/Xmas – Tuesday, August 13 @ 6:30 pm**

**CCD Teacher Meeting – Tuesday, August 20 @ 6:00 pm**



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program for adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church or coming into full communion with faith. It is especially tailored to:

- Those who have never been baptized;
- Those who have been baptized Catholic, but never received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or 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 interested, please contact Sr. Therese Mary at (570)342-4881***

**CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER!!**

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

~On Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, the Youth Group will hold our annual summer outing at Hickory Run State Park. Cars will leave at 10 am (go to mass early!) and head out for a day of hiking, swimming and a great cookout. This event was a staple of youth group prior to the pandemic and it is a great tradition. Hickory Run features the famous "Shades of Death" trail and beautiful lake – often crowded – for swimming. Modern facilities make HRSP one of the state's best parks.

**OUT DOOR ROSARY**

***On Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, we will host an outdoor rosary in honor of the Assumption of Mary. If you plan to join us, please try to bring an outdoor chair with you since***

*seating is limited.*



**FOR THE WEEKEND OF August 17 & 18**

**LECTORS**

**MINISTERS**

Mass-----4:00 pm

Nancy Miller  
Sandy Sherotski

Barbara McCarthy  
Joe McCarthy  
P. J. Devine

**ALTAR SERVER**

Emma Woody

Mass-----7:15 am

Lauren Roberts

Mass-----8:30 am

Rachel Walsh

Andrea Lidle

Mass-----11:00 am

Herb Smith

Alice McDermott

If you are having issues with scheduling on the sign-up site, please let us know so we can assist you.



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

**OUR PARISH IN THE MINISTRY OF SERVICE THIS WEEK**

***Assist us in living your Gospel of compassion and love in service to those in need.***

***August 10 & 11 (Sunday Home Communion) -***

***Anne Sweeney & Carol Hapstak***

***August 17 – Allied Skilled Nursing Communion –***

***Shirley Polcha & Jean Rodney***

***August 17 & 18 (Sunday Home Communion) – Nancy Layo***

***Sr. Therese Mary***

***August 24 & 25 (Sunday Home Communion) – Nancy Miller***

***Joe Berardelli***

**MARIAN SOCIETY BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY AT TOWNHOUSE APARTMENTS**

***On Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, our Marian Society will again distribute school supplies for kids living in the Townhouse apartment complex. This is an annual event for the Marian Society. Thank you for your continued support for the returning school students in North Scranton!! Monetary donations are welcome!!***



**MARIAN SOCIETY NIGHT AT THE RAILRIDERS**

The Marian Society presents Mary Mother of God Night at

the Scranton Wilkes Barre Railriders at PNC Field. Join your friends and family on **Friday August 16, first pitch at 6:35pm** against the Buffalo Bisons. It is **First Responder Friday** and **Princess and Pirate** night at the stadium and will conclude the night with the traditional firework display. Tickets can be picked up at the parish office beginning Monday August 12. For additional information please call the parish office.

**FAITH FORMATION GRANT**

Our parish recently received a grant of \$1,000 from the Diocese through the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Your generosity to the Appeal made this grant possible!! It will be used this year for faith formation projects here at the parish – especially programs involving our children and their parents. A special emphasis will be placed on the Advent/Christmas Faith Fest scheduled for November 24<sup>th</sup>.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:  
NO MORNING MASS  
ON AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 8 AM**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 570-209-6460



The date for our annual Night of Reflection will be **Thursday, October 3, 2024, at Mendicino's Restaurant in Covington Twp.** The evening includes dinner and a presentation by Mary Claire Hallman, the Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life. We are in the process of arranging transportation for the event for those that cannot drive the distance. Please check back for updates. Cost of the evening will be \$15, and reservations are due by September 22, 2024.



**Sunday, August 4, 2024**

Collection.....	<b>7,759.00</b>
Groundskeeping.....	96.00
Care of Priests.....	442.00
Peter's Pence.....	20.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$8,317.00</b>



**AMOUNT FUNDED JULY 31<sup>st</sup> ..... \$1,369.00**

**UP COMING SECOND COLLECTION**

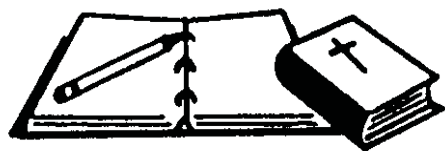
During next weekend Masses, we will have a Missionary Speaker visit our parish. The speaker will talk about her missionary needs. We ask that you donate, if able.

**BACK TO SCHOOL HOLY HOUR:** Our parish will host a



*"Back to School Holy Hour"* on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Church. This prayer service will include Eucharistic Adoration,

scripture readings, discussions by the young people and more. Any young person is invited that is heading back to school but especially those in grades 8-12. Parents are also welcome to attend!! Please come and get a new year off to a great start!! **Vacation Bible School photos may be taken from the back of the Church after Masses.**



## Religious Education News

First Grade Public School Students and new students should sign up at the parish office. **Registration fee is \$35. Classes will begin Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am for Grades 1-8 or Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> for Grades 1-4.** To receive First Holy Communion, students must attend Grades 1 & 2. For Confirmation students, students must attend Grades 7 & 8. Grade 6 will have an Introduction to Confirmation with 3 special classes during the school year.

Our Advent/Christmas Faith Fest will be held again this year. If you would like to help plan this event, please come to our meeting on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the school basement.

The CCD Teacher Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the school basement. Anyone who would like to help with this year's CCD program, please come to this meeting.

### CASH BINGO AT CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of Saint Peter will sponsor a Cash Bingo on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 1 pm, In the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. The first game will start at 2 pm. There will be 20 games with \$100 cash prizes per game with specials. Admission is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Each admission ticket includes 3 playing cards for 20 regular games. Additional cards, refreshments and light fare are available for purchase. Parking is available on the corner of Wyoming Avenue and Linden Street with handicap parking in the lot next to the Pastoral Center. Call (570)344-7231 for tickets or visit [www.stpeterscathedral.org](http://www.stpeterscathedral.org).

### SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY

The North Scranton Neighborhoods Plan will develop a broadly supported and achievable vision for the North Scranton community that will be used to guide improvements and investments. Join us at one or more of the following events and take the survey to share your ideas! By participating in the events and survey below, you're not only contributing to the future of North Scranton but also ensuring that your voice is heard.

Survey:

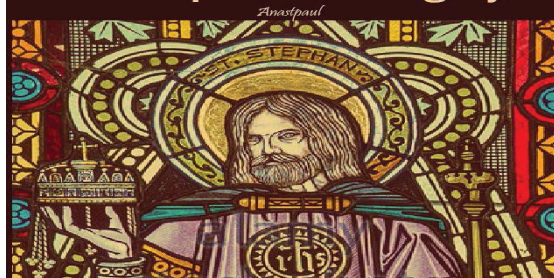
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthScrantonPlan>  
...this survey will close on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Jane Jacobs Walk and Listening Session:** Walk will begin at **10 am until noon on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet at the Parish Hall at 300 West Market Street and walk around the community with neighbors. Share your stories about North Scranton and your ideas for the future. From 2 pm until 4 pm we will collaborate with neighbors and the project team to identify community needs and opportunities to achieve a shared vision for the community's future that will benefit all residents. For more information on this planning effort and to stay updated on the plan, please visit: <https://bit.ly/NorthScrantonPlan>. You can also contact Shaquera Martindale, Executive Director, Scranton Redevelopment Authority at [smartindale@scrantonpa.gov](mailto:smartindale@scrantonpa.gov) or (570)780-0367.

### ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY – FEAST DAY AUGUST 16

"Be HUMBLE in this life,  
that God may raise you up in the next.  
Be truly MODERATE  
and do not punish  
or condemn anyone immoderately.  
Be GENTLE,  
so that you may never oppose justice.  
Be HONOURABLE,  
so that you may never voluntarily  
bring disgrace upon anyone.  
Be CHASTE,  
so that you may avoid all the foulness of lust  
like the pangs of death."

### St Stephen of Hungary



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