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IS RISEN TODAY!**

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M A S S  
*intentions*

Mass Schedule Week of April 4, 2026

**HOLY SATURDAY**

Sat 4/4	8:00 pm	Mary Alice O'Malley <i>by Ed &amp; Ginny Cordier</i>
Sun 4/5	7:15 am	<b>FOR THE PARISHIONERS</b>
	8:30 am	Charlotte Bartosavage <i>By Rich &amp; Carol Rothstein</i>
	11:00 am	Marie Stelmak <i>by family</i>
Mon 4/6	8:00 am	Buddy Cosgrove <i>by family</i>
Tues 4/7	8:00 am	Roy Schofield <i>by family</i>
Wed 4/8	8:00 am	Kathryn Edwards <i>by Father Edwards</i>
Thurs 4/10	8:00 am	Sebastian J. Shepherd <i>by Rachel &amp; Sam</i>
Fri 4/10	8:00 am	Anna Cannon <i>by family</i>
Sat 4/11	4:00 pm	Thomas Krawitz <i>by wife, Marge</i>
Sun 4/12	7:15 am	Anna Elyce Iacobino <i>By Rose Mary Yusinsk</i>
	8:30 am	<b>FOR THE PARISHIONERS</b>
	11:00 am	Jimmy Keeler <i>by Julie Hill</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)**

**JoAnne McLain.....by Millie McLane**



**PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM**

Are you in need of prayers for surgery, sickness, or 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 **Jean at (570) 955-5226** and the Prayer Ministry Team will pray for your needs.



**MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF APRIL 11 & 12**

**LECTORS**

**MINISTERS**

Mass-----	4:00 pm
Mary Ann Behle Ryan Legg	P. J. Devine Gary Behle
Mass-----	7:15 am
AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Mass-----	8:30 am
Elizabeth Kutsher	Mauri Burda
Mass-----	11:00 am
Tom McLane Herb Smith	Colleen Pollock

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Molly Fenwick



**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.*

**April 5 – (Sunday Home Communion) –**

*Paulette Powell & Anthony Berardelli*

**April 11 – Allied Skilled Communion –**

*Sandi Georgia & Paulette Powell*

**April 12 – (Sunday Home Communion) –**

*Carol Hapstak, Anne Sweeney*



**PROJECT MY TESTAMENT**

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

**MADE NEW BY CHRIST**

**Key Passage:** Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. **(1 Corinthians 5:7)**

**Question:** What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?

**Child Question:** What bad habit would you like to “clear out” during the hopeful time of this Easter season?

**WORD OF LIFE**

“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (*spec salvi 31*).” USCCB

Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities **“Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life”** (citing Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi*)

**SERVICE/COMMUNITY TEAM NEWS**

This Easter, our Community/Service Coordinating Team assembled gift bags for our homebound nursing facility parishioners as a reminder that they remain a cherished part of our parish family. Through this simple act, we share the joy and hope of Easter with those who cannot be with us in person. We are especially grateful to the parishioners who generously gave their time and talent to create handmade Easter cards for each gift bag.

“He is not here; He has risen.” (Luke 24:6)

**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS**



The Easter Flower Memorial Envelopes will be placed on the altar in memory of your loved ones. They will be remembered during the weekend masses until Mother’s Day.

**CCD**



**REGULAR CLASS SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY THIS WEEK!**

**CONFIRMATION PRACTICE**

**CONFIRMATION STUDENT/SPONSOR**

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at St. Paul’s Church

**CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION**

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm

St. Paul’s Church

Students report to St. Paul’s by 4:30 pm

**PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**



For the month of April, let us pray that all who are receiving sacraments of initiation this Easter will be warmly welcomed into our church community. May God bless them. Let us also pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer. Amen.

**5 REASONS TO WELCOME KIDS IN CHURCH**

1. Kids matter to God
2. Parents feel more welcome when their children are welcomed
3. Kids learn by imitation and participation
4. Kids have plenty to offer
5. Their presence strengthens relationships across generations.

Year A

**< KID'S KORNER >**

**KORNER**

**Gospel Today**  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | John 20:1-9

On Easter morning Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and found it empty. She hurried to get Peter and John. Peter entered first, and when John entered he “saw and believed.”

**A-MAZE-ING**

Start Help little chick find the way back to bunny & lamb.

Finish

**CELEBRATE NEW LIFE THIS EASTER!**

Color the newly hatched chick.

**BIBLE WORD SEARCH**

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Jesus	Y	R	A	M	S	T	O	N	E	A
Early	Y	L	R	A	E	N	O	M	I	S
Stone	J	E	W	G	N	I	N	N	U	R
Tomb	E	C	S	D	E	P	P	A	R	W
Removed	S	N	L	A	J	N	I	I	E	B
Entrance	U	A	O	L	O	L	S	O	M	T
Mary	S	R	V	E	H	E	I	H	O	O
Magdalene	O	T	E	N	N	W	R	N	V	M
Running	E	N	D	E	V	E	I	L	E	B
Loved	P	E	T	E	R	L	O	R	D	N
Simon										
Peter										
John										
Wrapped										
Linen										
Saw										
Believed										
Risen										
Lord										



**IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN... WHAT WILL FR. EDWARDS COOK UP?????????**

*It's no surprise to any of us that our Father Edwards is NOT a master chef....but....can he make a breakfast sandwich without burning down the rectory? For a good laugh..and to donate, please go*

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2026PASTORCHEF/team/FrCyrilEdwards> or text Text 2026PASTORCHEF1671777Msg & data rates may apply. The competition is heating up!! Vote for Fr. Edward's concoction making on the diocesan website at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org). Each vote costs \$10, with \$5 going to the parish of the priest and the other \$5 going for the anti-hunger initiative by Catholic Social Services for the Diocese of Scranton. All videos of the priests contending for the win of Ready, Set, Cook are on the Diocesan website. Voting will continue until midnight on April 10<sup>th</sup> with the winner being announced on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**GOOD LUCK FR. EDWARDS!!**



The MMOG Youth Group will sponsor a **PAINT AND SIP NIGHT** on **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the gym**. Cost of the event is **\$35**. These events always draw a nice crowd (usually always females) and a good time is had by all. Proceeds from the event help the teens pay for the summer trip to Philadelphia (getting more expensive every year). Come out for a good time and help the kids as well. Please call the Parish Office to reserve a seat. Reservation payment must be paid in full by April 10<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there!!



**MOVIE NIGHT**

The parish will be hosting a movie night on **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a fine family event and is offered free of charge. It will be "under the stars" event held right in front of the rectory. The movie will have a religious theme and will be appropriate for all ages. Pray for good weather!! **The event will begin at 8 pm.**

**MMOG NIGHT AT THE RAILRIDERS**



The Marian Society presents MMOG Night at the Scranton Wilkes Barre Railriders at PNC Field. Join your friends and family on **Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> with**

**the first pitch at 6:35 pm**. Gates will open at 5:30 pm. **Tickets are \$15. Parking will be available for \$5. Tickets must be paid in advance at the parish office. The stadium is cash free so we will be using paper tickets again this year. Deadline to purchase tickets will be Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available for pick up beginning Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.** If you require any additional information, please call the rectory at (570)342-4881



**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH**

Dinner, dessert, live music, exciting raffles, and a cash bar.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**5:30 – 8:30 PM**

**ST. MARY'S CENTER**

**Advance reservations required.** This event is in support of Providence Pregnancy Center!!

**ST. LUCY'S CHURCH - SCRANTON**

St. Michael the Archangel Parish at St. Lucy's Church is hosting a spaghetti dinner with St. Lucy's **FAMOUS** sauce. The event will take place on **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in the church hall**. Take out available from 3 – 4 pm with sit down dinner from 4 – 7 pm. **Cost of the dinner is \$15** and includes salad, spaghetti and meatballs, bread, and dessert. For ticket information, please contact **Joe Guido at (570)955-7469**.

**UPCOMING CATHEDRAL CONCERT**

**Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**  
**Marywood University Chamber Singers**  
**Cathedral of St. Peter**  
**316 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton 18503**  
 The program is free and open to the public. Donation to our Sacred Music Concert series may be made by contacting the Cathedral Parish Office to continue these programs in our community.  
**The Parish Office number is (570)344-7231.**



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**VOCATIONS**




**2026 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

*His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office of Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2026 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 28, 2026. The event includes a 2:30 pm Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a light reception. The registration deadline for this event is Sunday, June 7, 2026. To register, please go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org> or contact Bridget Maille at (570)207-2213 Extension 1133 or [familylife@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofscranton.org)*

**SAINT PADRE PIO**  
**RELIC EVENT**

*A Weekend of Prayer, Reflection & Veneration.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

**Transfiguration Church**

213 West Green Street  
 West Hazleton, PA 18202

- 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- 4:00 PM Mass
- 5:00 PM Special Talk:  
 Padre Pio's Love  
*for the Blessed Mother*

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

**Saint Gabriel's Church**

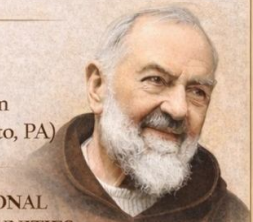
122 S. Wyoming Street  
 Hazleton, PA 18201

- 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- **Mass Schedule:**
  - 7:00 AM (English)
  - 8:30 AM (Spanish)
  - 10:00 AM (English)
  - 12:00 PM (Spanish)
- 2:00 PM *Talk on the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Presented by*

**Joe Santoro**

Director, Mission Outreach Program  
 National Center for Padre Pio (Barto, PA)



**VENERATION OF RARE RELICS:**

- The Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Padre Pio's Glove
- Blood-Stained Sock, Nightshirt, and Bandage from his Side Wound
- Hair from Padre Pio's Beard
- Relic from Padre Pio's Stigmata (Wound and crust of blood)

**DEVOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Bring personal items to touch to the relics (*especially for the sick or homebound*)
- Create your own Third-Class Relics
- Browse and purchase Padre Pio devotional items
- Listen to a spiritual talk on the Blessed Virgin Mary

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

*Join us for a special time of faith, healing, and devotion.*

Questions? Contact Debi: 570-956-2222



*Each year our parish honors those who have given tirelessly of themselves in service to the parish. This year's Awards Luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at St. Anthony's Hall on Wood Street in North Scranton.*

Dinner cost is free for the award recipient and **\$17 per person** for those attending as guests. Please call the parish office by **April 20<sup>th</sup>** for a reservation. **All are welcome to attend!**



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

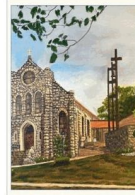
*Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis St., Scranton (Minooka) on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Confessions will be heard from 12 Noon – 2 pm., with praying of the rosary, followed by the celebration of Mass. At 3:00 pm, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic procession, and the individual blessing of the first-class relic of St. Faustina. A social will follow in the parish hall. For more information, contact the parish office at (570)344-1724.*

**PROVIDENCE PREGNANCY CENTER**

*Providence Pregnancy Center will hold its annual Spring Dinner at St. Mary's Center on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a complimentary dinner in support of the center. Gather with more than 500 people from across the Diocese as we celebrate and support the gift of life.*

*Enjoy dinner and dessert, live music, exciting raffles, and a cash bar, Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Advance reservations are required. To register and select your seats, please visit:*

[www.ppcscranton.org/events](http://www.ppcscranton.org/events)



St. Catherine of Siena



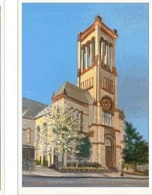
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St. Nicholas Church



St. Thomas Aquinas



St. Patrick Church



Epiphany Church



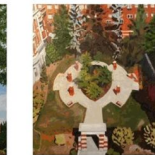
St. John, Honesdale



St. Mary of Vilna



St. Rose of Lima



Cathedral Prayer Garden



St. Mary of Czesstochowa



St. Mary of Mount Carmel



St. Luke Church



St. Matthew Church



Marian Chapel, Marywood



**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

Collection.....	<b>\$8,879.00</b>
Care of Priests.....	<b>83.00</b>
St. Matthew's Fund.....	<b>100.00</b>
Groundskeeping.....	<b>137.00</b>
Rice Bowl.....	<b>56.00</b>
Easter Flowers.....	<b>339.00</b>
Catholic Relief.....	<b>50.00</b>
Eastern Europe.....	<b>10.00</b>
Our Sister Parish.....	<b>5.00</b>
Annual Appeal.....	<b>30.00</b>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$9,689.00</b>
<b>OSV ONLINE GIVING.....</b>	<b>\$2,017.00</b>
<b>PARISH GIVING ONLINE .....</b>	<b>\$ 275.75</b>



### Paschal Candle Memorial 2026

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Vincent Dutkevitch	Sam Pennachioli
Angelo Condella	Patrick Scanlon, Jr.
Daniel Scanlon	Mary Alice O'Malley
Robert M. Geary	Lucy Ann Woytack
Frank Benzeleski	Joan Nolan Charles
Robert M. Harvilchuck	Harry Kirby
Judy Dorohovech	Kevin William Kruk
Eugene Kruk	William McKenna
John McGowan	Bob Reed
James A. Zaltauskas	Thomas Schmidt, Jr.
Eugene Sherotski	Robby Morris
Elisa Fent	Timothy Dolan
Wayne J. Rodney	Russell H. Heckman
Russell J. Heckman	Laura Heckman Akhtar
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Frances Dean	William Powell
Simon Sakevich	Stephanie Sakevich
Teresa Miles	Joyce Plauskas
Mary Sukow	Helen O'Hearn
Marilyn Jones	Lucille Miller
Jean Stanzaski	Betty Havrilko
DeGutis Family	Members of Kruk, Kutulis, & Soncotski
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Walter & Catherine Stevens	Carl, Doris, & Nancy Cron
Angelo & Sadie Barone	Edmund, Dorothy, & Buddy Keen
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