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# Memory of me



**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH**  
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA  
570-342-4881

# M A S S *intentions*

**Mass Schedule Week of June 6 - 14, 2026**

Sat 6/6	4:00 pm	William Powell <i>by family</i>
Sun 6/7	7:15 am	<b>FOR THE PARISHIONERS</b>
	8:30 am	Lou Nardella <i>by wife, Liz</i>
	11:00 am	Mary Rose Salerno Smith <i>by Salerno family</i>
Mon 6/8	8:00 am	Lucreazia Chieffallo <i>by Joann Yanni Martarano</i>
Tues 6/9	8:00 am	Jennie Connor <i>by granddaughter, Nancy</i>
Wed 6/10	8:00 am	Frank Gleich <i>by family</i>
Thurs 6/11	8:00 am	Ann Schmidt <i>by Jean Rodney</i>
Fri 6/12	8:00 am	Michael Rosenhagen <i>by Michelle Sinkaus</i>
Sat 6/13	4:00 pm	Stanley Belock <i>by family</i>
Sun 6/14	7:15 am	Luis C. Gonzales <i>by Carl &amp; Tess Bauer</i>
	8:30 am	<b>FOR THE PARISHIONERS</b>
	11:00 am	Eileen Connelly <i>by family</i>



*burns in memory of ...*

**LIGHT OF CHRIST - SANCTUARY LIGHT**

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

*William Powell.....by family  
Cheryl Malinowski.....Suzanne, Billy,  
Kristen, and family*

**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.



Believe  
in the  
**POWER**  
of  
Prayer



**MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF June 6 & 7**

LECTORS

MINISTERS

Mass-----	-----	4:00 pm
Randy Palko	Jean Rodney	Rose Benzeleski
Mass-----	-----	7:15 am
AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	
Mass-----	-----	8:30 am
Elizabeth Kutsher		
Mass-----	-----	11:00 am
Brian Butler	Herb Smith	Joe Kowalski



**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.*

- June 7 – (Sunday Home Communion)** – Paulette Powell  
Anthony Berardelli
- June 11 – Delaware Towers Communion**
- June 14 – (Sunday Home Communion)** – Carol Hapstak  
Anne Sweeney
- June 20 – Allied Skilled** – Sandi Georgia & Paulette Powell
- June 21 – (Sunday Home Communion)** - Nancy Blume  
Patsy Williams, Nancy Layo & Colleen Pollock
- June 28 – (Sunday Home Communion)** - Joe Berardelli  
Nancy Miller & Barb Urciuolo



**PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**

*For the month of June, we honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Feast: June 12<sup>th</sup>). Let us pray that each of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His Heart, learn to have compassion on the world. When we go to His Heart, we are filled with Divine Love. It is then that our hearts are moved to share His Love with others and to console His Heart by making reparation for those who reject Him. Our Lord, you love us with all your heart, help us to grow in charity and compassion. O, Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Amen.*



**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION MINISTRY**

Not a lot of time but want to help out in a BIG way? We are in need of someone to bring communion to parishioners at home. If interested, please call Sister Therese Mary at (570)342-4881!



**PROJECT MY TESTAMENT**

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

**BREAD FOR OTHERS**

**Key Passage:** *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:** What does it mean for you right now to be bread for others as Jesus was?

**Child Question:** In what ways can Jesus' presence in the Eucharist help you to do good things for others?



**WORSHIP – Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30**

**LGBTQ - Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at noon**

**THE THERESIANS OF SCRANTON**

Praying for vocations is a vital act of faith. While God calls individuals to serve in consecrated life, persistent prayer is essential to ensure those calls are heard and answered amidst the noise of modern life. We gather once a month, for 8 months of the year. We meet at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Dunmore where we pray the rosary as a group and attend the 12 noon Mass. We then proceed to Cooper's Restaurant for lunch and a speaker. **The group does not participate in fundraising.** Contact: Mary Boretsky at (570)780-3452 or Judy Menago (215)630-2738.

**FIAT DAYS**  
HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

3 DAYS  
**JUNE 29  
JUNE 30  
JULY 1**

- LOCATION: MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY
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- COST IS \$100

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**VOCATIONS**



**Holy Cross Crusader Boys Basketball Camp**

**Date: June 22 - June 25**

**Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**Boys Entering Grades 4 - 9**

**Cost: 100.00**

**Contact For Info: Al Callejas (570-650-9858) Email: [ac31078@aol.com](mailto:ac31078@aol.com)**



**THE BLOCK PARTY STARTS THIS FRIDAY!!!**

Summer is approaching quickly and so is our annual Block Party!! Have you considered making a monetary contribution to the party? We offer three levels of support – any of which would be greatly appreciated! Your business or family name will be placed on a sign displayed in the Center and appear in an edition of the church bulletin.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$500-above PLATINUM**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$250-\$499 GOLD**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$100-\$249 SILVER**

For more information, please call the parish office at (570)342-4881.



**BLOCK PARTY CORNER**

*As you know the block party is set for:  
June 12 & 13, 2026*

*If you can assist by donating the item of the week, we would appreciate any assistance you might give:*

**\*\*ITEMS OF THE WEEK\*\***  
**PAPER PLATES/TAKE OUT**  
**CONTAINERS/PLASTIC**  
**SILVERWARE/NAPKINS**



Both veterans and rookies!! Experience the fellowship and fun of being a part of our annual Block Party! Please call our Parish Office at 342-4881 or fill out the form below in order to add your name to the volunteer pool.

**BLOCK PARTY VOLUNTEER FORM  
June 12th & 13th**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

I can help: Fri \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_

Stands \_\_\_\_\_ Food \_\_\_\_\_ Bingo \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make the following donation(s):

Baked Goods: Fri \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Sunday Basket or the Parish Office.

*Your Name Here*

Would you like to help the parish and have your family name proudly displayed on a stand? For a \$100 donation, you can sponsor a stand for this year! Call the Parish Office to find out how!!

**BASKETS GALORE AKA “PEGGY’S BASKETS”**

In honor of our beloved friend and original planner for baskets, our baskets will now be referred to as “Peggy’s Baskets”. Fresh and fabulous Raffle Baskets of all varieties can be donated to the Block Party by contacting Clare Farry at (570)650-0405.



**BAKERS NEEDED**

Who doesn’t love a bake sale?? Show off your baking skills to your neighbors and friends by donating one of your master creations to the Bake Sale. Not a baker? You are welcome to donate decaf coffee to serve with those delicious treats!

**NEW TO THE BLOCK PARTY****SILENT AUCTION!!!****Trip to Ríncon, Puerto Rico!!****6 day/5 night****Bidding starts at \$600**

Ríncon is situated on the northwest corner of Puerto Rico, where the Atlantic meets the Caribbean and prides itself as being one of Puerto Rico's premier vacation destinations year round. Winter is high season for surfing and whale-watching! Ríncon has some of the most beautiful water beaches on its Caribbean side, perfect for swimming or stand-up paddle boarding. The town of Ríncon, its restaurants and beaches are full of activity and there is always lots to do: SCUBA diving off nearby Desecheo Island, snorkeling, horseback riding, deep-sea fishing, sailing, mountain biking, swimming, yoga, long walks on the beach, and of course those unforgettable sunsets every night!! Your trip to Ríncon will be housed here (in the end and largest unit in an elegant row of townhouses) just steps from the beach! The house features 2 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, sleeps 6, full laundry facilities, full kitchen, living room and garage. The ocean view rooftop deck is perfect for afternoon grilling or evening cocktails while enjoying the sunset. A private dip-in pool and terrace complete this home away from home. From the front door to the beach is a 20 second walk...yes 20 seconds. **Terms: Airfare NOT included. The home is privately owned & used as a vacation rental, so subject to availability. Prize must be used 1 year of the winner being notified. A rental deposit may be required.**

**MARKET VALUE: \$1,600****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.**

**MAKE A SPLASH! CELEBRATING 10 YEARS!!**

The Community and Service Coordinating Team is excited to kick off our annual Summer Swim Drive – now celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> year of supporting local families in need! Throughout the month of June, we will be collecting new swim and summer essentials to help families enjoy a safe and fun season. Donations of the following items are greatly appreciated:

**Beach towels, Flip-flops, bathing suits, goggles, sunscreen**  
**Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase additional supplies.**

You can drop off your donations in the collection "pools" located in the back of the church, or bring them to the parish office during regular business hours. For a decade, your generosity has helped make summer brighter for so many in our community. Thank you for helping us continue this meaningful tradition – together, we can truly make a splash!

**WORD OF LIFE**

*"Christ's blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self...It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God's plan life will be victorious."*

**Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae***



Join the Diocese of Scranton and Verso Ministries for a life-changing week on pilgrimage **from August 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> at World Youth Day 2027-Seoul**. Designed for Catholic Youth and Young Adults (Must be 18+) to experience the global Church firsthand amidst the unique and vibrant story of Catholicism in Korea. From remarkable saints, bustling markets, and moving shrines to Mass with the Pope and sleeping under the stars, join millions of Catholic young people in this worldwide encounter and celebration. You'll never experience God, the Church, or your faith the same way again. **The priority registration deadline is June 30, 2026.**

Secure your spot by visiting <https://versoministries.com/departures/wyd-seoul-2027-diocese-of-scranton/>. For any questions, please contact Bridget Maille at (570)207-2213 ext. 1133 or [familylife@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofscranton.org).

## PENTECOST THANK YOU

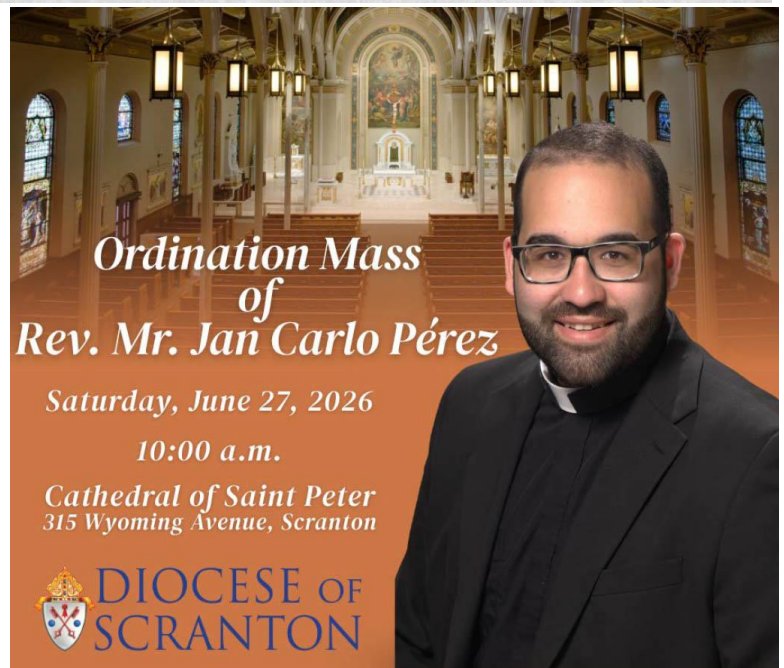
*Thank you to all who helped in any way with our wonderful celebration of Pentecost Sunday's 11 am Mass. Thank you to our music ministry, to all those who served as flag bearers, and to those who read the petitions in so many different languages. Pentecost is the 15<sup>TH</sup> birthday of Mary, Mother of God Parish!*

## FIRST COMMUNION



**1<sup>st</sup> Communion banners may be picked up in the Church sacristy after any**

**weekend or daily Mass.**



### Father Patrick Peyton Prayer Guild @ Diocese of Scranton

*Families today – perhaps more than ever – need to pray together to be spiritually strengthened, which was the focus of Father Patrick Peyton's ministry. This dedicated priest – who has ties to Scranton – built a worldwide ministry by preaching these simple yet profound beliefs: "The family that prays together stays together" and "A world at prayer is a world at peace."*

*Father Peyton helped countless people deepen their spiritual lives by fostering prayer, especially the Rosary.*

*We invite you to become an important part of Father Peyton's Cause for Sainthood! Please join the Father Patrick Peyton Prayer Guild that has formed in the Diocese of Scranton. You can join as a family or individual member! Your prayers and participation are critically important in the process of remembering and honoring Venerable Patrick Peyton. There is no cost to join – but you will receive many benefits!*



**"JESUS LOVES US"**

Vacation Bible School will be held on **June 22<sup>nd</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until 11:30 am** at the Parish Center!! More information will follow shortly.

**HOLY LAND BIBLE GIFTS**

Greetings from Holy Land Gifts! We will be in your church vestibule during all the masses. We are originally from Bethlehem in the Holy Land, and our mission is to assist and help sustain the Christian families who live there. Currently, **Christians make up only 2% of the population** due to significant political and economic challenges, leading many to emigrate. Our goal is to help maintain the Christian presence in their homeland by offering a beautiful collection of unique, hand-carved olive wood religious items, such as rosaries, nativities, crucifixes, and more. These items are ideal for loved ones or special occasions like baptisms, weddings, new home blessings, and Christmas. Your support makes a significant difference, as these families depend of this craft for their livelihoods. Together, we can ensure the continued existence of Christianity in the birthplace of Lord Jesus Christ. For more information, please visit our website at [www.holylandbiblegifts.com](http://www.holylandbiblegifts.com).

**A Prayer to Begin Summer**

For more light in the day, we thank you,  
 For gentle mornings, we thank you,  
 For nighttime conversations, we thank you,  
 For friends and family, we thank you,  
 For gardens and all manner of creatures, we thank you.  
 Help us, Creator and lover of our souls.  
 Help us love this earth.  
 Help us dwell wholeheartedly in our lives this day.  
 Help us pray as we walk, work, play, rest, and create.  
 Amen.

**< KID'S >  
KORNER**

**Gospel Today**

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ | John 6:51-58

When Jesus says He is the living bread, He doesn't mean the bread on our p,b&J sandwiches! He refers to the Bread of Life, Blessed Bread, The Holy Eucharist. Bread that, along with the wine at mass, gives us eternal life. This is what we call the Body & Blood of Christ.

Year A

**BIBLE WORD SEARCH**

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



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**LOAVES of BREAD  
NOURISH US EVERYDAY.**



< ACTIVITY/SNACK >  
Bread Spread

Take a slice of bread, and spread on peanut butter, cheese spread, hummus or whatever you like, 1/4" thick. Use a plastic knife to "draw" a picture of a fish on your bread spread. Read yourself or ask an older person to read or tell you the Miracle Story of Jesus feeding 5,000 with 5 small loaves and 2 fish (John 6: 1-15), while you eat your snack.

We need BOTH - our daily bread and the Bread of Life.



**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

Collection.....	\$6,306.00
Care of Priests.....	19.00
St. Matthew's Fund.....	100.00
Groundskeeping.....	70.00
Catholic Communication.....	20.00
Church of Latin America.....	5.00
Peter's Pence.....	5.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$6,525.00</b>
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