



# 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

#### † Mary, Mother of God Parish Office

316 William Street, Scranton, PA 18508

#### † 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](http://www.marymotherofgodparish.org)

#### Parish Phone

570-342-4881

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# M A S S intentions

## Mass Schedule Week of July 25 – August 2, 2026

|               |          |                                                                                      |
|---------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat<br>7/25   | 4:00 pm  | Jay O'Malley<br>by family                                                            |
| Sun<br>7/26   | 7:15 am  | Tom Laird & Sam Fiorenzo<br>by Bob Casey                                             |
|               | 8:30 am  | Bob Moran<br>By family                                                               |
|               | 11:00 am | FOR THE PARISHIONERS                                                                 |
| Mon<br>7/27   | 8:00 am  | Nazzareno Galassi<br>by Colleen Pollock                                              |
| Tues<br>7/28  | 8:00 am  | Constance Weisel<br>by Marilyn Lennick                                               |
| Wed<br>7/29   | 8:00 am  | Jack & Connie Shivock<br>by Peggy Eriksen                                            |
| Thurs<br>7/30 | 8:00 am  | Morris Family<br>by family                                                           |
| Fri<br>7/31   | 8:00 am  | Joseph & Helen Munley<br>by family                                                   |
| Sat<br>8/1    | 4:00 pm  | FOR THE PARISHIONERS                                                                 |
| Sun<br>8/2    | 7:15 am  | John Felondis<br>by Norma Yeager                                                     |
|               | 8:30 am  | Mark Hopkins<br>By Randy Mursch                                                      |
|               | 11:00 am | Mary Elizabeth Allgood McGuffy<br>& James Edward Allgood<br>by sister, Isabelle Neal |

*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)*

*Romayne Seamons.....by Jay & Mary Ann Garvey  
Cheryl Malinowski.....by Noreen Schofield*



### 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 August 1 & 2

### LECTORS

### MINISTERS

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mass-----       | 4:00 pm         |
| Nancy Miller    | Barb McCarthy   |
| Sandy Sherotski |                 |
| Mass-----       | 7:15 am         |
| AVAILABLE       | Paulette Powell |
| Mass-----       | 8:30 am         |
| Jocelyn Bailey  | Jean Rodney     |
| Mass-----       | 11:00 am        |
| Brian Butler    | Herb Smith      |



## 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.*

**July 26 – (Sunday Home Communion) – Joe Berardelli**

*Nancy Miller, & Barb Urciuolo*

**August 2 – (Sunday Home Communion) – Paulette Powell**

*Anthony Berardelli*

**August 8 – Allied Skilled – Sandi Georgia & Paulette Powell**

**August 9 – (Sunday Home Communion) – Carol Hapstak**

*Anne Sweeney*

**August 13 – Delaware Towers Communion 11:30 am**

**August 16 – (Sunday Home Communion) – Nancy Blume,**

*Colleen Pollock & Patsy Williams*



### PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

*Lord, as summer heat intensifies, we pray for  
those who are without safe shelter, electricity, or  
clean water. Bless those who must work outside in  
the heat. Protect all those who are vulnerable this summer. Give  
us the desire and ability to help them in any way we can. Amen.*

### LIFELINES

*“Assisted suicide proponents are pursuing an aggressive nationwide campaign to advance their agenda through legislation, ballot measures, litigation, and public advertising, targeting states they see as most susceptible to their message. Some polls indicate that the public is receptive to the general concept of assisted suicide. But the same polls show that when the public learns about the dangers of assisted suicide, especially for those who are poor, elderly, disabled, or without access to good medical care, their views shift against the practice.*

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**

**“Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide**

## Order of Christian Initiation

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a program **for adults and teens** 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**

### DECEMBER BAPTISMS



This year, we will not provide baptisms during the month of December. It is a busy time for all of us, especially those

working to decorate the church. Please make a note of this if you are a parent planning on baptizing your child.



**BINGO SPECTACULAR!!!**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026**  
**AT HOLY ROSARY CENTER!!**  
**GAMES BEGIN AT 1 PM BUT**  
**DOORS WILL OPEN AT**  
**NOON!!**

**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN  
UPCOMING BULLETINS AND SOCIAL MEDIA!!**

### MY TESTAMENT

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

### COMMITMENT

**Key Passage:** The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. **(Matthew 13:44)**

**Adult Question:** What would you be willing to “sell”, or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

**Child Question:** What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get??

### “ROSARY ON THE LAWN”



The outdoor rosary for the **Feast of the Assumption** will be on **Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** this year. Mass will immediately follow the rosary.

### DID YOU SAY ADVENT???!!!!???

It's true!! In order to meet deadlines and have our Advent Reflection books ready for the First Sunday of Advent, we need to start now! Many of our Advent writers have been willing to write for Lent as well. Please call the Parish Office to let us know you are interested in writing a reflection. We welcome new writers all the time!! You do not have to be a professional writer, just someone who wishes to share his/her faith. Throw your hat in the ring! Call (570)342-4881 and leave your name, phone number, and email address. Thank you! You will be contacted with details!

### MMOG READS THIS FALL!



We will once again be offering weekly Bible study sessions this fall! These sessions will deal with the New Testament. We are still firming up the details but need to start ordering

the books. If you plan to attend this fall, please call the parish office to let us know. We will order the books! The sessions will be organized in a similar manner to last year's. We will have 2 options for meeting – 11:30 am and 7:00 pm – beginning the latter part of September. We had a great time last year and hope to continue the momentum this year. Please call the Parish Office with your name and phone number. Books will cost approximately \$15. More details to follow!!

**SUMMER SWIM DRIVE**

A sincere thank you to everyone who supported our 10th Annual Summer Swim drive through donations, prayers, and kindness. Because of your generosity, families who may not have otherwise been able to enjoy swimming this summer received the supplies they needed. We are blessed to serve families at Weston Park, Weston Field, and Connell Park. Your generosity is a wonderful reflection of God's love in our community. Thank you for helping make this ministry possible. We look forward to doing it all again next summer. Swim supply donations are always welcome throughout the year.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION QUESTION****For TUESDAY CCD**

If you are planning to send your child to Tuesday CCD this September, we need to know **NOW!!** Public schools will not have early dismissal on Tuesdays this school year, so class time for Tuesday CCD would be adjusted to 3:15 – 4:15 pm. Last year the Grade 1-4 program on Tuesdays had only 20 students. While 4<sup>th</sup> grade had 8 students, 1<sup>st</sup> grade had only 2 students. On Tuesdays we have a good program and great teachers, but we need more students! If we do not have more students, the program for Tuesday will be discontinued. All students will attend class on Sunday. If you are planning to send your child to Tuesday CCD, please contact Mrs. Betty Ann Lucas at (570)702-3661 or on Facebook. Contact Mrs. Marie Purcell on Remind or call the parish office at (570)342-4881.

**The decision will be made soon, so please act NOW!**





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**NORTH SCRANTON  
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Join us for a community conversation about the needs, opportunities, and future of North Scranton.

**TUESDAY  
JULY 28TH**

**5:00 - 6:00PM**

**Location:**  
**THE SANCTUARY THEATER**  
1735 North Main Ave.  
Scranton, PA 18508

For more information, contact Serena Saar  
ssaar@uncnepa.org | (570) 866-2472 ext.213



Recently the committee for the annual block part met to discuss this year's event. Thank you to all that contributed in any way. Many parishes have terminated their block parties due to cost, aging workers, etc. I am proud to say we can still accomplish a good time for all that attend.

This year's invoices are still dribbling in, but we can say the 2026 profit will be approximately \$26,000. This is a noticeable **decrease** compared to past years. We hope to find ways to make up the difference during the year. Looking forward to the 2027 block party, one promising suggestion was to move the date. This year the picnic conflicted with the race at Pocono, the Big Boy train, a very popular Railriders game against Lehigh Valley (Philadelphia minor league team), graduation parties, vacations, as well as other events. These additional circumstances took away from getting workers and visitors to our block party which hurt us in many ways. **Next year we will hold the block party on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.** No date will work for everyone, but we think this may be a better date than in the past. **Please write this date down NOW!!** Again, many thanks to all who contributed in any way by assisting with our biggest fundraiser during the year.

~Father Edwards

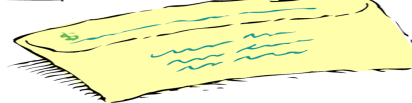
#### **MMOG AT RAILRIDERS**

Because of rain and thunderstorms, MMOG Marian Society Night at the RailRiders on Saturday, July



18<sup>th</sup>, was postponed. Tickets may be exchanged for any remaining 2026 home game, based on availability. To exchange tickets, please call Mike Harvey at (570) 558-4609. Mike can provide details about available games and replacement tickets, which will be sent by email. For additional questions, please call the parish office.

## Offering Envelopes



**Sunday, July 19, 2026**

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Collection.....               | \$6,324.00        |
| Care of Priests.....          | 70.00             |
| St. Matthew's Fund.....       | 100.00            |
| Groundskeeping.....           | 459.00            |
| Catholic Home Mission.....    | 10.00             |
| Father's Day.....             | 10.00             |
| Mission Speaker.....          | 2,175.00          |
| <b>TOTAL.....</b>             | <b>\$9,148.00</b> |
| <b>OSV ONLINE GIVING.....</b> | <b>\$ 962.00</b>  |



O God, we thank you for the gift of grandparents.  
For their warmth and wisdom, for their guidance and generosity,  
For their presence and peace.

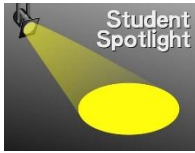
We thank you for the ways grandparents have taught us how to imagine  
With a twinkle in their eyes as they spin yet another tall tale.  
We thank you for the blanket forts and backyard baseball,  
For the fresh-baked cookies and knitted blankets.  
We thank you for the parents who raised us & the parents who raised them,  
For now as we raise our own daughters and sons  
We understand their joys & sorrows in new ways.  
We marvel at the joys behind their laugh lines  
And the sorrows behind their grey hairs.  
We thank you for lessons passed down & the memories shared.  
We thank you that though times have changed  
The love of a grandparent rarely does.

We thank you for those who are still with us  
And for the grandparents we will someday see again.  
We ask that we'd never be too busy to remember the generations before us,  
Thank you for those above us in the family tree.  
And for the elders of our faith who bare no relation,  
But have stepped in to guide and care for the youngest among us.

Thank you for the gift of growing old, O God.  
And we ask that the grandparents around us  
Know just how treasured they are.

KAYLA CRAIG

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS DAY

**MEET ROMAN!!**

Roman was part of our Tuesday afternoon CCD program last school year, and one of his favorite parts was "Let's Taco 'Bout Jesus" on

Taco Tuesdays! His mom, Brandy, especially appreciated the intimate setting and small class size, which gave the children extra opportunities to learn, ask questions, and grow in their faith. We would love to continue offering our Tuesday afternoon CCD program this year, but we need more families to register. Without enough enrollment, we may have to cancel the Tuesday program.

If you've been considering Tuesday CCD for your child, now is the perfect time to sign up! Help us keep this special program going so more children can experience the welcoming, faith-filled community that Roman and Brandy enjoyed. Please contact the parish office to register today. We hope to see you on Tuesdays!



The youth group has already had a great summer with our trip to Philadelphia and our ice cream social at our soup kitchen downtown. **SO PROUD!** Looking ahead, we will visit the Gino Merli Vet center downtown on

**August 30<sup>th</sup>** to play fun and games with the residents. We will meet there at 2 pm sharp. Most importantly, we have a general meeting set for **Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> right after 11 am Mass.** We have invited another parish to work with us as we try to offer good programming for our young people. We have a busy fall season ahead of us – Halloween party, cranberry mania, parish bingo, etc. **Mark September 13<sup>th</sup> down and make every effort to attend.** Anyone in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older is urged to join the fun!

Vacation Bible School pictures can be taken off the wall in the church the weekend of August 1 – 2. Thank you for a wonderful week!!



# KID'S KORNER

**Gospel Today**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 13:44-52

The parables tell us God's Kingdom is the greatest treasure and the greatest treasure is Love! In finding Jesus we find that treasure.

Year A

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There are in the end three things that last: Faith, Hope and Love, and the greatest of these is Love. St. Paul, 1 Corinthians 13:13

We help build the Kingdom of God by being disciples of Jesus.

In this way, we find the greatest treasure - LOVE! Write the

words from the Word Bank on the heart as a reminder:

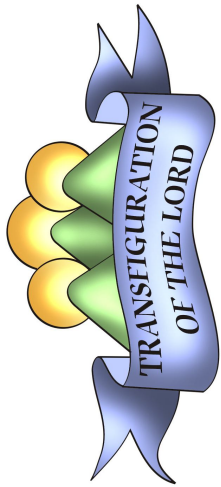
when we treat others this way, we help build the Kingdom.

Fill in the blank below...

**WORD BANK**

Be generous  
Forgive others  
Be kind  
Help others  
Be loving  
Be honest  
Share  
Be trustworthy



| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                  | MONDAY                                                                                  | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                                                                                                         | FRIDAY                                                                   | SATURDAY                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <div>   </div> <h1>AUGUST 2026</h1> |                                                                                         |         |           |                                                                                                                  |                                                                          |                                                       |
| <b>2</b><br><b>Home Communion</b><br>Marian Society<br>Meeting noon                                                                                                                                     | <b>3</b>                                                                                | 4       | 5         | 6                                                                                                                | <b>7</b><br><b>First Friday</b>                                          | <b>8</b><br><b>Allied Skilled<br/>Communion 2 pm</b>  |
| <b>9</b><br><b>Home Communion</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>10</b><br><b>Allied Rehab 5 pm</b><br><i>Saint Lawrence, Martyr<br/>&amp; Deacon</i> | 11      | 12        | <b>13</b><br><b>Delaware Towers<br/>Communion<br/>11:30 am</b><br>Back to School<br>Giveaway @<br>Townhouse Apts | <b>14</b><br><b>Outdoor Rosary<br/>6:30 pm</b><br><b>Vigil Mass 7 pm</b> | <b>15</b><br><b>Feast of the<br/>Assumption</b>       |
| <b>16</b><br><b>Home Communion</b><br><i>St. Stephen of Hungary</i>                                                                                                                                     | <b>17</b>                                                                               | 18      | 19        | <b>20</b><br><b>Friends of the<br/>Poor Food<br/>Giveaway 2-3 pm</b>                                             | <b>21</b>                                                                | <b>22</b><br><b>Allied Skilled<br/>Communion 2 pm</b> |
| <b>23</b><br><b>Home Communion</b>                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>24</b><br><b>Allied Rehab 5 pm</b><br><i>Saint Bartholomew,<br/>Apostle</i>          | 25      | 26        | <b>27</b><br>CCD Teacher<br>Meeting 6 pm in<br>school basement                                                   | <b>28</b>                                                                | <b>29</b>                                             |
| <b>30</b> <b>Home Communion</b><br><b>OCIA BEGINS 9:30!</b><br>Youth Group to<br>Gino Merli 2 pm                                                                                                        | <b>31</b>                                                                               | 25      | 26        | 27                                                                                                               | 28                                                                       | 29                                                    |

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