



Mary, Mother of God Parish

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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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

Parish Phone

570-342-4881

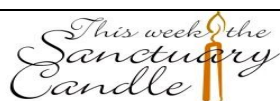
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M A S S intentions

Mass Schedule Week of September 12 - 20, 2026

Sat 9/12	4:00 pm	Rosemarie Roche <i>by Patterson family</i>
Sun 9/13	7:15 am	Carol Gallagher <i>by Kellie & Mark</i>
	8:30 am	William Powell <i>by family</i>
	11:00 am	FOR THE PARISHIONERS
Mon 9/14	8:00 am	Morris Family <i>by family</i>
Tues 9/15	8:00 am	Bruce Muir Bissland <i>by family</i>
Wed 9/16	8:00 am	Nancy Liotta <i>by Rita Boyd</i>
Thurs 9/17	8:00 am	Charlie Williams <i>by Jean Rodney</i>
Fri 9/18	8:00 am	Mary Alice O'Malley <i>by Joan & Mike Boylan Pat & Jim Sundheim</i>
Sat 9/19	4:00 pm	Jack & Ceil Hanahue <i>by Sharon Murray Karen Savage</i>
Sun 9/20	7:15 am	Pacita Dela Cruz <i>by Carl & Tess Bauer</i>
	8:30 am	FOR THE PARISHIONERS
	11:00 am	James Edward Allgood & Mamie Alwood McGuffy <i>by Joann Yanni Martarano</i>



LIGHT OF CHRIST - SANCTUARY LIGHT

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

*Lou M. Nardella.....by Cesira Berardelli
Charlie Williams.....by Tom & Jean Ruddy*



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 September 19 & 20

LECTORS	MINISTERS
Mass-----4:00 pm	
Ryan Legg	Rose Benzeleski
Randy Palko	
Mass-----7:15 am	
AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Mass-----8:30 am	
AVAILABLE	Jean Rodney
Mass-----11:00 am	
Patti Minora	Joe Kowalski
	Mary Alice Fenwick
ALTAR SERVER	
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.

September 12 – Allied Skilled Communion – Debbie Peluccacci
Mary Ellen O'Malley

September 13 – (Sunday Home Communion) – Carol Hapstak
Anne Sweeney

September 14 – Allied Rehab Communion 5 pm

September 20 – (Sunday Home Communion) – Nancy Layo,
Nancy Blume, Patsy Williams & Colleen Pollock

September 26 – Allied Skilled Communion - Lauren Roberts
Carol Hapstak

September 27 – (Sunday Home Communion) – Joe Berardelli
Nancy Miller & Barb Urciuolo

September 28 – Allied Rehab Communion 5 pm



PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

As the new school year begins, let's ask God to bless parents with patience, calm and wisdom as they adjust to new schedules, the morning rush, and helping their children adjust to a new school year. Dear God, bless children, fill them with joy, and help them to focus on learning and discovering new things in school. We also pray for teachers and principals to lead the children with patience, fairness, and understanding. God bless all school personnel: bus drivers, lunch ladies, school nurses, aides, secretaries, janitors, crossing guards, etc. Dear God, keep them all safe from harm. Amen.

Mary, Mother of God Parish

NEVER BEEN BAPTIZED??

**HAVE NO CHURCH TO CALL
YOUR OWN??**

**LOOKING FOR A
SPIRITUAL HOME??**

**We have a program just for you!
Order of Christian Initiation
for Adults and Teens**

It is especially for:

- Those who have never been baptized
- Those who have been baptized Catholic, but never received further sacraments of Communion 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.

**THERE'S STILL TIME IF YOU'D
LIKE TO JOIN US!!**

If interested, please contact

**Sr. Therese Mary
(570)342-4881**

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOK

Thank you to all those who offered to write reflections for our Advent and Lenten Reflection books. All readings are now covered for both seasons!! Volunteer writers are reminded that Advent reflections are due **by September 30th**. Lenten reflections are due **by October 28th**. If you have any questions or concerns or run into a "snag", please contact the parish office and someone will get back to you as soon as possible! Happy writing!!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY DAY – SEPTEMBER 19

*Every parish needs **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, and Altar Servers** to assist at weekend Masses. We are no different! Right now, we need parishioners to step forward and serve in these ministry roles.. We are scheduling a training session for **NEW VOLUNTEERS** for each of these roles on **Saturday, September 19th**. The day will begin with a training session at **11 am** for those who wish to serve as Altar Servers. It will be followed at **noon** for those who wish to serve as Eucharistic Ministers at Mass, and **1 pm** for new Lectors. If you are able to serve the parish in one of these ministries, please call the parish office at (570)342-4881, and leave your name and phone number. Thank you for responding to this need!*



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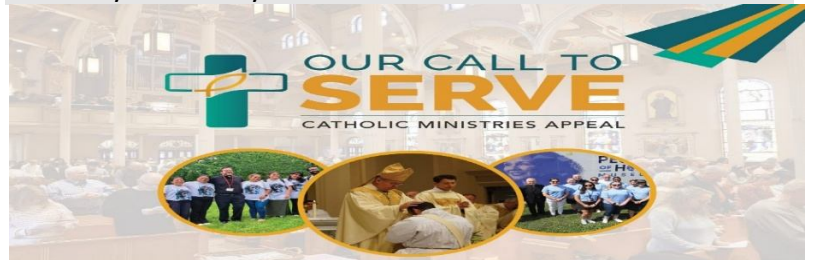
Here is our next **Question of the Week!** Take it home and discuss it with your family during the week:

FORGIVENESS AND MERCY

Key Passage: *Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."* **(Matthew 18:21-22)**

Adult Question: When someone hurts you, how do you forgive them?

Child Question: When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly ?



***Your generosity changes lives by providing
help, hope, and opportunity.***

**SEPTEMBER 12TH & 13TH IS CELEBRATION/
IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

Together, we join with all parishes throughout the Diocese of
Scranton to invest in our ministries!



FALL BIBLE STUDY

MMOG READS THIS FALL!

We will offer six sessions using Professor John Bergsma's book, *New Testament Basics for Catholics*, published by Ave Maria Press. Sessions will be held every Tuesday from September 22-October 27 in the church. You can choose either the morning session (11:30 a.m.) or the evening session (7:00 p.m.). Call the parish office at Mary, Mother of God, (570) 342-4881, to reserve your place in class and to order a copy of the book. The cost of the book will be approximately \$15.00 and will be payable at the first session. The Fall sessions will focus on the gospels of Matthew, Luke and John. We will discuss Acts, Romans and the Book of Revelation in the Spring. We hope you can join us!



DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

PLACE: PARISH CENTER

TIME: 6 PM-10 PM

Fine food, music, cash bar, and more!!
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW!!



MARIAN SOCIETY – Sunday, Sept. 20th noon

LITURGY – Monday, Sept. 21st at 7 pm

PARISH COUNCIL – Wed., Sept. 23rd 7pm

LGBTQ+ - Sunday, Sept. 27th at noon



SOCIAL CONCERNS PLANNING MEETING

The Social Concerns

Committee will hold a calendar meeting on Tuesday, September 15th at 7 pm in the Parish Rectory. Anyone is welcome to join!!

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

CASH BINGO!

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN, FRIENDS & BIG WINS!

Fun! Prizes! Community! All for a Great Cause!

TICKETS EXPECTED TO GO FAST! GET YOURS EARLY!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026 | 1:00PM

PRIZES FOR 16 REGULAR GAMES: \$150
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WE WILL ALSO HAVE A FOOD STAND - MORE INFO TO COME!

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Bingo Buddies Needed

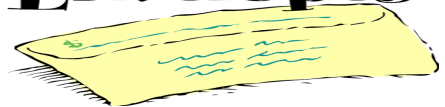
Not able to attend the parish bingo on October 11? Rather stay home to watch the game than go with your wife? Still want to help with this important parish fund-raiser? Become a Bingo Buddy! If you donate \$25.00, the Marian Society will list your name on a large poster at the entrance to the bingo! You can donate in your name or in memory of someone! Call the office!



OUR OWN...

Will be selling tickets after Masses every weekend in September or until the event is sold out!!!!

Offering Envelopes



Sunday, September 6, 2026

Collection.....	\$7,769.00
Care of Priests.....	461.00
St. Matthew's Fund.....	100.00
Groundskeeping.....	110.00
TOTAL.....	\$8,440.00
OSV ONLINE GIVING.....	\$ 1,942.00

SAVE THE DATE!!!



#HugotSeminarista

The Parish will sponsor
an Evening of
Reflection on October
13th at 5 pm. The event
will be held at Stirna's

Restaurant on Market Street. We are nearing
the 145th year of continuous presence of the
IHM Sisters here at Holy Rosary Church/Mary,
Mother of God Parish. This is most likely a
record!! Our speaker for the evening will be
Sister Mary Persico who was recently the
president of Marywood University. The IHM
connection with the Sisters of St. Casimir will
be included. They served at the Saint Joseph's
School on North Main Avenue. Sister Mary
will take us on a short walk down "Memory
Lane" and also look at the fact that everyone
has a vocation. It should be a good meal and
and an uplifting presentation. Cost of the
meal will be announced once all the plans for
the evening are finalized!! Please call the
Parish office if you would like to reserve your
spot!!



Join us for a Rosary Rally

"He called my brother to
the priesthood from the coal
mines of Scranton. He called
me from being the janitor
in St. Peter's Cathedral."

—Venerable Patrick Peyton

📍 St. Peter's Cathedral,
Scranton, PA

📅 October 17, 2026

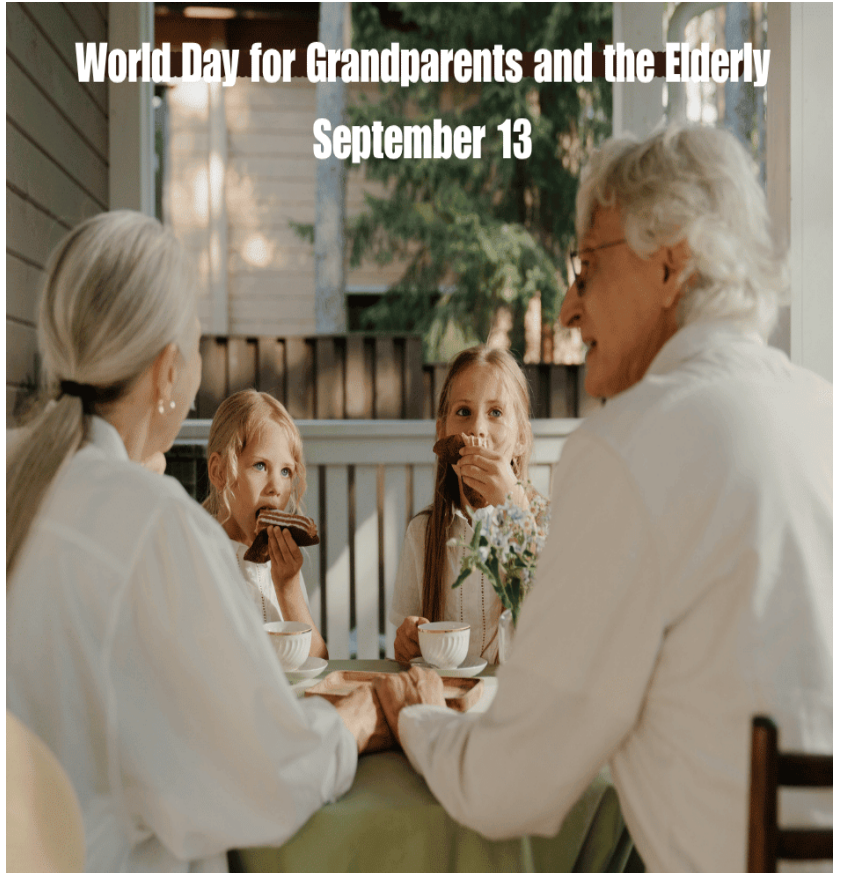
🕒 1:00 pm

**In the silence,
God calls**



Family Rosary
HOLY CROSS
FAMILY MINISTRIES

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly September 13



Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly

Lord Jesus, help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they
never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect
and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in
all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all
the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your
prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in
our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for
the great embrace of life without end.

Amen!



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New Music, New Sounds!

Our Youth Choir is welcoming
NEW MEMBERS!

If you love music, faith, and fun community,
there's a seat saved just for you.

Meet new friends through your love of
singing.

Members must be in grades 4th through 12th
No audition needed. Just bring yourself!

REHEARSALS: Every Wednesday at 5pm-6pm.

Reach out by emailing the director of the
group; Kimberly Gnull
(Kimberly.gnull@gmail.com),
Call the Parish office at 570-342-4881,
Or leave a message below in the comments.



Children's Liturgy of the Word is back!!

Liturgy of the Word for Children will begin
for all children that wish to participate at
the 11 am Mass TODAY, Sunday, September
13th !!!!!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We will have a general meeting TODAY, **Sunday, September 13th**
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. **Please make every effort to attend.**
Anyone in 8th grade or older is urged to **join the fun!**



2026 CCD ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

We **WILL** have Tuesday CCD this year. It has been suggested
we have class from 3:30 to 4:30 pm to attract more
students. Class will begin with "Taco Tuesday" on September
15th at 3:30 in Holy Rosary Center. If you are interested in
Tuesday CCD and have not yet told us, please text Mrs. Betty
Ann Lucas at (570)702-3661! Tuesday classes are for Grades
1-4.

Sunday CCD class for grades 1-8 begins TODAY, Sunday,
September 13th from 9:30-10:45 am. Grades 1-5 meet at
Holy Rosary Center, entering through the side door on
Wayne Avenue. Grades 6, 7, & 8 will meet in the basement
of the school entering through the back door of the school.
All 1st grade public school students and new students are
asked to register at the parish office.

The Mursch Family Needs Our Help!!

PASTA DINNER AT ST. MARY'S OF MT. CARMEL SCHOOL

ADVANCED TICKET ONLY!!!!!! COST: \$15.00

*Includes: Pasta (vodka or red sauce), meatballs,
rolls and dessert*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

Dinner is **Take Out ONLY!** Pick up from **5:30 pm until 7:30
pm** at the school located at 322 Chestnut Street, Dunmore

To purchase an advance ticket, please:
call (570)241-1843 or text (570)357-0961

**All proceeds will benefit the Mursch Family while Matthew
continues his treatments at CHOP.**

Thank you for your support!!

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus says there should be no limit to the times we forgive, from our hearts, those who treat us unfairly.



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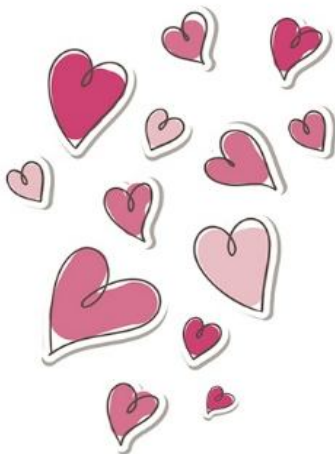
JESUS REMINDS US TO BE FORGIVING

Think of
someone you
need to forgive.

What symbol
would best show
what you are feeling?

Love, peace, hugs &
kisses or prayer; or are
you just proud to be in
America.

Design and color your own
FORGIVENESS FLAG.
With the symbols below, or
your own ideas, design a
larger flag on a separate
piece of paper and
hang it in a
window.



*Forgive from
the heart flag*



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