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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

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316 William Street, Scranton, PA 18508

† Holy Rosary Center

West Market Street, Scranton, PA 18508

† St. Joseph's Cemetery

Sanderson Street, Throop, PA 18512

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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 Oct. 24 – Nov. 1, 2026

Sat 10/24	4:00 pm	FOR THE PARISHIONERS
Sun 10/25	7:15 am	Kevin William Kruk by family
	8:30 am	Thomas O'Neill by family
	11:00 am	Liz Blaise by Leonard family
Mon 10/26	8:00 am	Teresa Miles by Gary Miles, Maria Palermo Frank Mansueti
Tues 10/27	8:00 am	NO MORNING MASS
Wed 10/28	8:00 am	NO MORNING MASS
Thurs 10/29	8:00 am	NO MORNING MASS
Fri 10/30	8:00 am	NO MORNING MASS
Sat 10/31	4:00 pm	Mary Alice O'Malley by Gaetana Boezi
Sun 11/1	7:15 am	FOR THE PARISHIONERS
	8:30 am	William Powell by family
	11:00 am	Robert Shaffer by family & friends



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LIGHT OF CHRIST - SANCTUARY LIGHT

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

Barbara Quinn.....by Noreen Schofield
Alan Rozelle.....by Alice & Chats Lance

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 October 31 & Nov. 1

LECTORS

MINISTERS

Mass-----	4:00 pm
Nancy Miller	Rose Benzeleski
Sandy Sherotski	P. J. Devine
Mass-----	7:15 am
AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Mass-----	8:30 am
Elizabeth Kutsher	Jean Rodney
Christine Conmy	AVAILABLE
Mass-----	11:00 am
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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.

October 25th – (Sunday Home Communion) – Joe Berardelli

Nancy Miller, Barb Urciuolo

November 1st – (Sunday Home Communion) – Paulette Powell

Anthony Berardelli

November 7th – Allied Skilled Communion – Lauren Roberts

Carol Hapstak



PRAYER FOR OCTOBER

Let us pray for individuals with mental health issues. Dear Lord, reach out to those who experience mental illness. Lift their burdens, calm

their anxiety, and quiet their fears. Surround them with your healing presence so they know that they are not alone. We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and in the name of your Son, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Let us pray too, with Pope Leo, that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness Amen.

LIFELINES:

"The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth] invites us to our own parishes and communities...Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need

www.respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection



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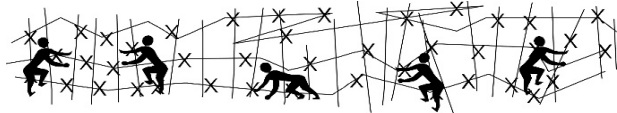
Here is our next **Question of the Week!** Take it home and discuss it with your family during the week:

LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

Key Passage: [Jesus] said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
(Matthew 22:37-39)

Adult Question: In a practical sense, what is one thing that would change in your life if you loved your neighbor as yourself?

Child Question: Why is it hard sometimes to love your neighbor?



DO NOT OPPRESS THE STRANGER

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one's entire being; the second is to love one's neighbor as oneself.



Sunday

Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Monday

Eph 4:32—5:8; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Thursday

Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35

Friday

Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

THE BOOK OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The Book of the Faithful Departed is in the church vestibule for the month of October so that you may write the names of your deceased loved ones whom you wish to be prayed for during the month of November. This book will then be displayed in the sanctuary beginning On All Saints Day, November 1st.



All Saints Day is **Sunday, November 1st**. Our patron saints here in North Scranton will be honored at the holy day masses.



REMEMBRANCE MASS

Monday, November 2 is All Souls Day.

We will hold our Annual "Remembrance Mass" at 7:00 PM in **Holy Rosary Church**. All those from our parish who have lost loved ones during this past year are especially invited to attend this Mass. All our parishioners are welcome to attend and pray for their faithful departed.

KEYSTONE MISSION NEWS

A heartfelt thank you to Sandy Corby and her family for donating the October meal in loving memory of Dan Corby. We are so grateful for your kindness and generosity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2027

We are looking for volunteers to provide meals beginning in the month of February 2027. Each month, 40 meals are delivered to Keystone Mission on the second Sunday at 4:30 pm. To sign up or learn more, please contact Jennifer Pitts at (570)947-0291. Thank you for helping us share God's love with those in need!



Please call the parish office at (570)342-4881 and let us know if you are a homebound

veteran, a veteran currently living in a long-term care facility, or know of a family member or neighbor that fits this description. Veterans will also be honored during the Masses on Veteran's Day weekend. Thank you for your service!!



*Join us on **Sunday, November 8th** at the **11 am Mass** as we honor all who have served in the United States Armed Forces. We will have a special procession before and after Mass, with veterans carrying flags representing each branch of the military. We are also looking for veterans who would like to participate as readers, petitions, and/or gift bearers.*

EIGHT VETERANS ARE NEEDED TO CARRY THE FLAGS.

THE PROCESSION IS OPEN TO ALL VETERANS

If you would like to participate in our Veterans Day celebration, please contact the parish office at (570)342-4881.

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOK

Lenten reflections are due by October 28th. Yes, Lent!! 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!!

NOTE FROM FATHER EDWARDS

*We are pleased to report that our Catholic Mission Appeal so far reached **52%** of our goal. That is great work making us second in the city of Scranton! Youth group members are reminded we need help with children's Halloween party on **Sunday, October 25th** from noon until 1 pm in the Parish Center. We need help running the various games on Sunday afternoon.*



HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS!!

TODAY!!! Oct. 25th

Children may come in costume to the 11 am Mass.

Afterwards, the Youth Group will sponsor a Halloween party in Holy Rosary Center starting at noon! There will be treats, games, prizes, and fun!!

Come to this "spook-tacular" event!!

SOCIAL CONCERNS HALLOWEEN PARTY



*The Social Concerns Committee will host a Halloween Party on **Thursday, October 29th** at the **Townhouse Apartments** beginning at **4 pm**. Fun, food, games, and treats will be available for all the children!!*

YOUTH group SCHEDULE

OCT 25 – noon until 1 pm we will work on activities at the Halloween party!

NOV 1 – we will make 150 PB & J's for Philadelphia

NOV 7 – Diocesan Youth Rally in East Stroudsburg

NOTE REGARDING PHILLY SERVICE

The annual Philadelphia trip to serve some of America's poorest people is set for June 28-July 2.



Food Collection

CCD THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our CCD children and their families will be conducting a Thanksgiving food drive for the parish during the month of October and November. Food may be dropped off at the CCD locations- the school or the gym (at the CCD entrance).

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICES

October 28th at 5 pm



**YOUTH AND ADULT MASS OCTOBER 25TH
11 AM**

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 22:34-40

The Pharisees again tested Jesus asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

Year A

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He said to them, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mt 22:35-39)

*You shall love God, and
all God's people.*



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Pharisees	S	K	D	G	R	E	A	T	E	S	T	S	A
Tested													
Teacher	A	C	O	M	M	A	N	D	M	E	N	T	E
Jesus	F	D	R	M	S	P	E	O	N	R	S	S	S
Asking													
Commandment	L	R	E	A	T	H	S	M	I	R	S	T	T
Greatest													
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Lord													
God	R	E	A	S	K	I	N	G	A	O	D	P	T
Heart													
Soul	U	J	E	S	U	S	G	E	L	W	E	O	E
Mind	O	W	T	R	N	E	I	G	H	B	O	R	S
Neighbors													
Yourself	Y	E	L	A	P	E	O	P	L	E	E	P	T
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People													
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A NOTE FROM JEAN RODNEY, PRESIDENT OF THE MARIAN SOCIETY..

*I would like to thank everyone who helped make the **BINGO** a huge success this year especially:*

*The **Youth Group & Youth Group moms** who set up all the table & chairs. You did a great job of taking care of the kitchen too!!*

***Rose Sepaniak** for her fabulous brownies, apple pie and homemade donuts!*

*All the **parish committee members** who scratch off tickets for the cauldron*

***Jay and Mary Ann Garvey** for their special donation of scratch off tickets*

***Babe Skotleski, Sandy Corby, and Shirley Riley** for the door prize donations*

*Every **member of our Marian Society** who donated food, time, and support.*

We ARE a village!!

And lastly, to every parishioner who helped with the scratch off and raffle tickets.

*Without everyone's help we would never have made our **BINGO** turn into such a great, successful day!! Thank you so very much!*



From our BINGO SPECTACULAR!!

50/50 WINNER: Brian Reilly

CAULDRON: Schoen Family

RAFFLE WINNERS

\$500 – Jenn Konten

\$200 – M. Tolan

\$100 – Lauren Franklin

\$ 50 – Mr & Mrs. Joseph Berardelli



BINGO

Lackawanna Blind Association –

Sunday, Oct. 25th

at Holy Cross High School Dunmore

Admission \$35 at door

Doors noon - Games from 1-4 pm

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To purchase tickets, visit:

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Hours and games vary by location so please call or stop by for more information

Thank you, Idle Hours Entertainment, for your support of our annual parish block party!!



Sunday, October 18, 2026

Collection.....	\$5,179.00
Care of Priests.....	53.00
St. Matthew's Fund.....	100.00
Groundskeeping.....	35.00
World Mission.....	1,779.00
Assumption.....	20.00
TOTAL.....	\$7,166.00

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Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551. Additional Safe Environment Compliance information may be found at

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/child-protection-victim-assistance/>

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