

5th Sunday of Easter – April 28, 2024

"God is greater than our hearts and knows everything." -1 John 3:20



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Mon: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tue: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wed: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thu: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Fri: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Sat: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	April 27	4:00 PM	Mary Kufta Franks (Marion Hanjaras)
Sunday –	April 28	9:00 AM	Morgan Turner (Roberta Collins)
Monday –	April 29	12:00 PM	Pro defuncto
Tuesday –	April 30	12:00 PM	Pro defuncto
Wednesday –	May 1	12:00 PM	Pro defuncta
Thursday –	May 2	12:00 PM	Pro defuncta
Friday –	May 3	12:00 PM	Michael Hibbard (Mom & Dad)
Saturday –	May 4	4:00 PM	Jeanne Falk (Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	May 5	9:00 AM	Ed Luecke (Fran & George Calafut)

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Saul was a Pharisee prior to becoming convinced of the truth of Jesus Christ, and he persecuted many of the followers in the name of orthodoxy; it is no wonder the disciples would suspect his intentions! But God is bigger than Saul and his righteousness, bigger than the fears of the original disciples, and when Barnabas introduces him to the disciples they immediately accept him. Actually, as an interesting side-note, Barnabas is a nickname given to one of the first 'new' followers, Joseph. The nickname 'Barnabas' means: *Son of Encouragement* (Acts 4:37)

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

This passage compresses several Christian teachings, but the one that fits best with the general theme this week is that: *God is greater than our hearts and knows everything*. In the early church, when all was new and being formed as events unfolded, remaining true to Christ's teachings was more than devotion- it meant survival. Trusting God to show the 'way' is how the church was formed; out of a simple seed came the glory of Christendom.

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

Connectedness to Jesus, to God, is how the 'fruit' of God's plan grows. Some scholars believe that the branch *taken away* refers to Judas and that the *pruning* refers to persecution of the apostles later; but whatever the writer originally meant, the metaphor still works. The church cannot grow, cannot survive, without taking spiritual nourishment from Jesus. When a branch is removed from the vine, though the young grapes may seem fine at first, they will never mature. This is a very effective lesson for instructing us to remain within the community: *to continue receiving the wisdom, the encouragement, and even the pruning that our Church always provides*. From Jesus to Peter, from Peter down the centuries to Francis, from Francis to Joseph, and then to all of us, the vine is not broken.



MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-278-4590.

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold & her family, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Aiden Conklin, David Conklin Jr., Debbie Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Mary Ann DeWitt, Philip Donahue, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Shawn McGraw, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondri, Luis Muloski, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Rocchia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Dorothy Sergent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Dolores Slatter, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen.



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY: Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.



PARISH FINANCES 4/21/2024

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	1,891.51
<i>Thank you for your generosity & support</i>		

Travelers & Vacationers

Please remember that our parish relies on your contributions, even when you are away. Thanks!!



Sunday, April 28th – 9:00AM
Bernadetta Paolucci
Sunday, May 5th – 9:00AM
Isaiah Torres
Sunday, May 12th – 9:00AM
Albert Paolucci
Sunday, May 19th – 9:00AM
Lee John Sullivan

Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.

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.

PARISH EVENTS

April 27th/28th – Second Collection: Catholic Home Missions Appeal
April 27th/28th – Loose Change Weekend

Singers Needed for Special Concert!



We are looking for singers that are willing to commit to a short schedule of rehearsals during April - June, followed by one concert in June.

If you've ever thought about giving the choir a try, but aren't sure of going full-time, now is your opportunity to give it a try!

If you are an instrumentalist, you are also very welcome to join! Please contact Kristin Allen-Murray for more information @ krisallenmurray@aol.com or (915) 247-9131.

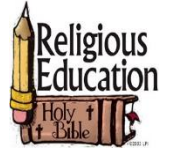


Please consider donating flowers for our altar! This is a wonderful way to honor Our Lord, the Holy Spirit, and Our Blessed Mother.

It is also a special way to honor beloved family members who have predeceased us, or to recognize a significant family event such as an anniversary or birthday.

All intentions will be announced in the bulletin. Please help us continue to keep Holy Name of Mary looking beautiful! Please call the rectory (570) 278-1504. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00AM Mass.

If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms will be available at the rectory, as well as online on the Holy Name of Mary Church web site under the Religious Education portal.

Religious Education Schedule:

April 28 – Regular Class

May 5 – Regular Class

May 12 – NO CLASS ... Happy Mother's Day!

May 19 – Regular Class, Last Class;

CONFIRMATION MASS

June 2 – Graduation Mass for Religious Education Seniors



Confirmation Corner

Completed Confirmation registration forms are due. Please have your child bring the form to class or drop it off at the rectory in an envelope attention to Fran Calafut.

The following service hour projects have been arranged for Confirmation Candidates. They can participate in any or all of the hours in the area that they may need service hours in. Service is always encouraged beyond the required number of hours. Details about the following hours has been emailed home to parents.

Service hours....Church

Sunday, April 28....11 to 12

DATE OF CONFIRMATION MASS IS ... Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at the 9 AM Mass.

Refresh Your Faith

Catholic Women's Conference

Women from around the Diocese of Scranton gather on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at Marywood University for the Annual Refresh Your Faith Catholic Women's Conference. The day includes Mass with Bishop Bambara, continental breakfast, Catholic Marketplace, 3 Keynote speakers, rosary, Eucharistic adoration, music and lunch.

Register for only \$55, students \$20.

You'll be inspired by this year's speakers. Father Justin Cinnante, O.Carm. brings in the truth of the real presence in the Holy Eucharist and the miracles he has seen!! Jackie Francois Angel loves being part of the Body of Christ. She fell in love with God at a youth retreat, and now is a full-time traveling speaker, singer/songwriter, and worship leader. Father Giuseppe Maria Siniscalchi, CFR gave up a career in law to follow his vocation. He will shine great light on the importance of the Eucharist for our times, the link between the Eucharist and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the healing journey into God's Merciful Love.

Just added: Special programming Friday night, June 7 – with accommodations at Marywood University.

Register at cwcnepa.com.

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Women's Conference

Saturday, June 8, 2024
Marywood University, Scranton

Friday, June 7, 2024
Overnight accommodations, dinner, and talk

Register at cwcnepa.com

Jackie Angel

Fr. Giuseppe Maria Siniscalchi, CFR

Rev. Justin Cinnante, O.Carm.