

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 27, 2025

*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you." -John 20:21*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday-	April 26	4:00 PM	Wayne Hibbard	John & Sally McGrath
Sunday-	April 27 (Divine Mercy)	9:00 AM	Vincenzo Coviello	
Monday-	April 28	12:00 PM	Don Holmes	
Tuesday-	April 29	12:00 PM	Barbara Wren	Anne Bellas
Wednesday-	April 30	12:00 PM	Kenny Malone	
Thursday-	May 1	12:00 PM	Jeanne Butler	
Friday-	May 2	12:00 PM	Richard Grenfell	
Saturday-	May 3	4:00 PM	Wayne Hibbard	Frank & Rita DeRiancho
Sunday-	May 4	9:00 AM	Ellen & Frank Hibbard	Cecilia & Milan Hibbard

1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Solomon's Portico was one of the few areas of the old temple remaining when Herod rebuilt the second version. The portico was used for housing Levites and for exchanges between experts in interpreting the Law. Symbolically, the presence of Christ's apostles gathering there lends a measure of authority to the proceedings as underlined by the miracles and the enthusiasm of 'the people'.

2nd Reading: Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-18

This is probably written, at least in the first part of the book, as yet another appearance of Christ after His resurrection. Much as the disciples were launched by the newly risen Lord into their apostleship, the writer here begins the Apocalypse with a similar intent. Later in the book the strange symbols and apocalyptic language can confuse matters, but this beginning, this revealing of Christ's mission to the Church, is comparatively clear.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Even though several people saw Jesus after His resurrection, in His glorified bodily form, many more did not. And even though many of His pre-crucifixion followers were witness to Jesus' miracles, the notion that He had been resurrected, transformed from death into new life, was hard to believe; John's account of Jesus appearing before Thomas a week after the first appearance addresses the concerns. Thomas becomes the iconic (and representative) doubter of Christ's resurrection, but when Christ reappears in glorified, bodily form before the disciples, *including Thomas*, the doubts of the larger community are addressed formally. And when Thomas is then shown believing, credence is given to the physical presence of Christ. It is no different for us today: *we hear about the Christ event, but we doubt*. There is certainly no shame in doubting, and not coincidentally it provides an opportunity for faith. Without faith, a virtue that is given to us in a special way by God, we would surely be lost in this secular world today. So, in an odd way, our doubts bring us even closer to God, and the faith that follows doubt helps bring Christ into the world. It's almost as if God planned it all out!



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: 570-498-0760.

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold & family, Eileen Baessler, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Aiden Conklin, James Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Carmen Cruz, Wilma Daniels, Mary Ann DeWitt, Philip Donahue, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Phyllis Fritz, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Byron Hilgner, Billie Jackson, Kevin Jenner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Shawn McGraw, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Denelle Myers, Russel Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Sandra Seeger, Dorothy Sargent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen, Gerry Washack.



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

4/20/2025

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	<u>12,832.25</u>

Thank you for your generosity & support.



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.com-pass.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.



FIAT DAYS

• HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP •

JUNE

23-25



- Location: Marywood University
- Open to rising sophomores through graduating seniors in high school
- Adventure, Prayer, Dynamic Talks, Mass, Adoration, and Outdoor Activities
- Learn about vocations, better discern where God is calling you, and chat with religious sisters, priests, & Bishop Bambera
- Cost is \$25.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 16TH

VOCATIONS



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Bill, Kathleen, Mollie, and Joni Host invite you to join them for a study on the Gospel of John. The study will include a weekly pre-recorded video from Ascension Press, a discussion, and some time for fellowship.

According to Ascension Press, "Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ."

This study will occur on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm starting on June 3 at Holy Name of Mary Parish Center. If you are interested in joining, please call or text 570-396-6228.

This study will involve eight (8) sessions on the following dates.

June 3, 10, 17, and 24

July 1, 8, 15, and 2



PPC's Annual Dinner 2025



Join Providence Pregnancy Center on May 16, 2025 for our annual dinner at St. Mary's Center in Scranton. This year's featured guest speaker, Chris Bell, is the founder of Good Counsel Homes in New York City and will share about his important work of providing safe shelter to homeless pregnant women. The evening includes a cocktail hour with appetizers and a cash bar, a delicious dinner, dessert, live music and raffles. Join 500 others as we come together to celebrate and support the work of PPC, which provides critical resources to mothers in crisis including material help, counseling, housing at our maternity home Casa de Maria, and education. Tickets are only \$25 and can be purchased online at www.ppcscranton.org/events or by calling Sandy at 570-862-3001.



Sunday, April 27 – 9:00 AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, May 4 – 9:00 AM

Albert Paolucci

Sunday, May 11 – 9:00 AM

Stanley Grochal

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact the rectory.



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 website under the Religious Education portal. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the program, please call Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.

Religious Education Schedule:

April 27.....Regular Class

May 4....First Holy Communion at 9:00

Followed by Regular Class

May 5....Confirmation Mass at 5:00 PM

Most Holy Trinity Church

May 11....Happy Mother's Day ...No Class

May 18....Regular Class...Final Class



Confirmation Corner

April 27....Rehearsal for Confirmation at Most Holy Trinity Church in Susquehanna (time to be determined)

May 5....Confirmation Mass at Most Holy Trinity Church at 5:00 PM. Children should be there at 4:00

Pope Francis In Memoriam

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

265th Successor of St. Peter



Parish Mission May 17th 2025

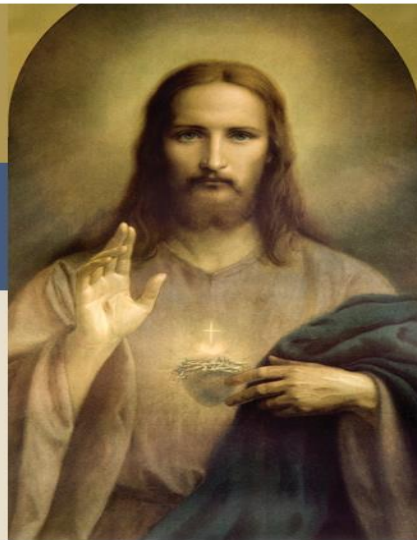
The Sacred Heart of Jesus

*Enthronement in our Parish,
Homes and Hearts*

This will be an inspiring event of Catholic Faith that will encourage our parish to bring our homes and families closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by participating in a home enthronement.

We invite everyone to come to hear our Guest speaker, Emily Jaminet, The National Executive Director of The Sacred Heart Enthronement Network from Columbus OH.

There is no cost to the participants but there will be a free will offering.



Proposed Schedule for the Mission

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Registration and coffee
- 10:00 a.m. First talk by Emily Jaminet
- 11:00 a.m. Rosary-The Angelus
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch break
- 12:30 p.m. Second talk by Emily Jaminet
- 1:30 p.m. Prayer, Final Blessing and departure

**Reserve your spot by contacting
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Parish Office at**

570-746-1006

olophparish@gmail.com



Emily Jaminet is a Catholic author, speaker, and mother of seven. She is the National Executive Director of www.WelcomeHisHeart.com, dedicated to helping others encounter Christ's love. Her most recent book is "Holy Habits from the Sacred Heart". She lives in Columbus, OH, with her family.