Corpus Christi Sunday- June 6, 2021

"For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance." Hebrews 9:15



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16; 22-26

Mon: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Mk 12:1-12

Tue: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17 **Wed:** 2 Tm 1:1-3. 6-12/Mk 12:18-27 **Thu:** 2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34

Fri: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

Sat: 2 Tm 4:1-8 (358)/Lk 2:41-51

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	June 5	4:00 PM	Edward Burns (Florence Trowbridge & Family)
Sunday –	June 6	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Monday –	June 7	12:00 PM	James Gurn (Pat Gurn)
Tuesday –	June 8	12:00 PM	Victoria Rayappan- Birthday Blessings
Wednesday -	June 9	12:00 PM	Special Intention for Conversions (Anonymous)
Thursday –	June 10	12:00 PM	Intention of Donors
Friday –	June 11	12:00 PM	Intention of Donors
Saturday –	June 12	4:00 PM	Morgan Turner (Roberta Collins)
Sunday –	June 13	9:00 AM	Frank Riancho (Frank & Rita Deriancho)

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1st Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

There is finality to death as understood in this sort of ritual in the sense that there can be no turning back. When God entered into this covenant with the people, and the people vowed acceptance, it was viewed as irrevocable and sacred. The agreement was sanctified by sacrificial blood and the blood represented covenantal finality. In effect, the people were committing themselves to God's Law *unto death*.

^{2nd} Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Christ, both human and divine, both God and mortal, is the only priest who can mediate the eternal with the mortal. Christ is both the sacrificial blood and the final acceptance on behalf of all humankind. Christ is the prism and the Light, both potentiality and action, both matter and energy, both shadow and Truth. Jesus Christ is our human apology to God for not living up to the covenant, and at the same time the Divine Love that has always forgiven us.

Gospel Reading: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

In the darkness of human ritual, Jesus shared his divine light with his disciples. Their limited human impulses and grasping understanding followed the light, followed the illumination that drove back pain and ignorance and shadows. Jesus crafted Love from simple bread and wine so that out of the primal God could always be found for those who tried. When God crafted humanity from earth and implanted a spark of His own image within, He made a profound promise: *you are mine and I am yours for all eternity*. Jesus articulated this promise at the Passover meal and sealed it with his own blood. And today as always we continue to struggle, continue to mourn our ignorance, but within the Love of the Eucharist we can now find a promise of Divine Light that is real.



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.

LET US PRAY THIS MONTH:

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold, Richard Arnold, Frank Bayer, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett,





LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY:

Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Michael Pelicci, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

PARISH FINANCES 5/30/2021

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$ (<u>4867.00)</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,126.00

Thank you for your generosity & support

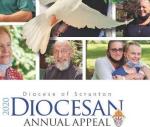


Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations. Thank you!!

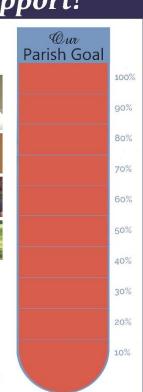
Thank You for your support! Thanks to your generous gifts, our @wr parish has reached its goal for the



2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal



For anyone still looking to contribute, gifts can be made at www.AnnualAppeal.org









ALTAR SERVERS NOT NEEDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE July 23-25 at the Parish Center

Friday, 8AM – 5PM Saturday, 8AM – 5:30PM Sunday, 9AM – 2PM

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chili and beverages will be available starting at 11AM each day.

Donations and volunteers needed!!



Now is a great time to clean out your closets, attics and basements! Donations for the White Elephant Sale can be brought to

the Parish Center at any time and left on the porch. **Deadline for donations is Monday, July 12.** Please no clothing, shoes, stuffed animals, wigs, large furniture, large appliances or VHS tapes.

Volunteers will be needed ahead of time to price items, as well as the weekend of the event. If you can spare an hour or two of your time, please call the rectory, (570) 278-1504.

2021 Catholic Women's Conference:

For more information visit www.cwcnepa.com.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



We ask the members of Holy Name of Mary parish to keep the following children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacraments:

<u>First Holy Communion students</u>: Silas Mooney, Albert Paolucci, & Brent Smith

Confirmation candidates:

Tanner Holtsmaster, Makenzie Krupinski, Geovani Lopez, & Lee John Sullivan

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION!

First Holy Communion:

August 15 at the 9:00AM Mass

Confirmation:

August 22 at the 9:00AM Mass



UPDATED GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS

The Diocese of Scranton joyfully welcomes the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton to return to Masses at all of its parishes. Despite the challenges of the last year, we invite those who have not yet returned to Mass to rejoin us in person to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life.

- Individuals who are <u>fully vaccinated</u> from COVID-19 are not required to wear masks while attending Mass or receiving Holy Communion. Fully vaccinated individuals may continue to wear masks at Mass if desired for personal protection and/or comfort.
- Individuals who have not been fully vaccinated must continue to wear masks while attending Mass. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated must wear a mask while receiving Holy Communion but may briefly remove the mask in order to consume the Sacred Host.
- "Fully vaccinated" is defined as being two weeks after a second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.
- All individuals aged two or older who are not fully vaccinated, whether indoors or outdoors, must wear a properly-fitting face covering that covers their mouth and nose while attending Mass.
- Holy Name of Mary is now open at full seating capacity. Masses will continue to be at 4:00PM on Saturday and 9:00AM on Sunday.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Diocese of Scranton Safe Environment Coordinator

This position will work in collaboration with Diocesan officials, and with representatives from all diocesan parishes, schools and other diocesan institutions to ensure compliance with established diocesan policies and practices, especially the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Specifically, the Safe Environment Coordinator will be responsible for the ongoing development and implementation of a system to monitor State Police Criminal Record Checks, Child Abuse History Clearances, and FBI finger printing for employees and volunteers within the Diocese of Scranton. In addition, in keeping with the Diocese of Scranton's commitment to ensure safe environments for all children, this position will promote and build upon established educational and training programs for adults and children which are designed to assist in recognizing and responding effectively with the issue of child sexual abuse. The comprehensive job description is posted on the diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org. Interested applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and complete resume with a minimum of three (3) references by June 4, 2021 to:

James R. Burke
Diocesan Secretary for Human Resources
300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA. 18503
Or email <u>Jim-Burke@dioceseofscranton.org</u>



Please read the letter from Bishop Bambera on the next page.



May 27, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This past Sunday the Church concluded the Easter season with the observance of the Solemnity of Pentecost that celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church. Through the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives, the disciples of Jesus changed the course of history through their bold proclamation of the presence and power of the risen Lord in the lives of God's people. To this day, the essence of this great feast of the Holy Spirit empowers us to love unconditionally, to serve and to embrace the mission of the Church.

This Pentecost comes at a time of remarkable hope and opportunity. We are gradually emerging from the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Recognizing many positive developments such as increasing vaccination rates, declining hospitalizations and a decreasing percentage of coronavirus cases, the Diocese of Scranton has been able to adjust our health and safety protocols.

I want to take this opportunity to personally welcome you back to Mass and encourage others who are in good health to begin returning to Mass. Only by joining with the community of believers, just as the nascent Church gathered at Pentecost, and through our participation in the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith, are we sustained with the life-giving nourishment of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and our spiritual life renewed. We simply cannot live without the Eucharist! As Jesus himself tells us, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (Jn 6:54-56)

Brothers and sisters, God has spoken mightily to us in this past year. He has spoken to us about life and the true and lasting treasures that have been given to us through faith. I pray that we have listened carefully enough to set aside all that divides us and to go forth during these days filled with the power of the Spirit of God. Having been baptized into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, it is our responsibility as His disciples to proclaim the truth of Jesus, to walk together as brothers and sisters, and to live His message of love, mercy, forgiveness and peace to all.

While the current health situation offers many signs of hope, it is also clear that the pandemic is still a present reality. For that reason, the Bishops of Pennsylvania have jointly agreed that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days should remain suspended at this time in order to not put undue pressure on those who may have pre-existing conditions or health concerns. Nevertheless, for those who have resumed other activities, there is no substitute for gathering together to celebrate the Eucharist and our faith.

Let us continue to pray for one another and especially for all those who have died from COVID-19 and their families and friends who grieve their loss.

Come Holy Spirit! Lead us back to the Eucharist and the fullness of life that we receive through the People of God – the Church of Jesus Christ!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Joseph C. Bambera

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera Bishop of Scranton Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

June 2021

Holy Name of Mary Church

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Afraid of mistakes?

Sometimes we get overwhelmed by the weight of our job as parents. We worry that our mistakes will have lasting negative consequences. "Your every act should be done with love" (1 Corinthians 16:14). Remember that if all you do is performed with love, based in love, and out of true love, you will be in harmony with God's will.

A good friend

When we see someone doing good, we are inspired to do good, too. The opposite is also true. Children whose consciences are still being formed can be easily led into sin by the bad examples of their friends. Be watchful about the company children keep and encourage friendships with those who do good.

Thou shall not kill

One way to model the 5th Commandment is to avoid watching television shows or movies about killing and to refuse to allow violent video games.

For fathers

"In word and deed honor your father that his blessing may come upon you; For a father's blessing gives a family firm roots" (Sirach 3:7-9).



Teach children to love being Catholic

Catholic parents aim to help children ultimately return to God in Heaven. Their best opportunity for doing so is to grow up surrounded by adults who authentically

practice their Faith and to remain active and practicing Catholics throughout their lives.
Try these

Try these tips to help children love being Catholic:

Encourage awe and wonder. What happens between God and his children is stunning. Give youngsters opportunities to experience the awe and wonder of a personal relationship with God through liturgy, sacraments, devotions, acknowledging answered prayer, encountering creation, and more.

Answer questions. Asking questions

is a normal part of growing up. Encourage questions and answer all you can. Keep a copy of the *Catechism* of the *Catholic Church* handy or refer to

it online at www.usccb.org. The glossary makes it easy to find topics. If you get stumped, ask your priest for help.

Share what you love.

Children imitate what they see and hear at home. When

you treat Mass as an encounter with Christ, children will, too. When you worship and pray together, children absorb your love.

Don't force it. The surest way to turn children off is to try to force a child to love being Catholic. Instead, show all that is loveable, open the Church door, and invite her in. Let the Holy Spirit do the rest.



Why do Catholics have hope?

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Romans 15:13). Hope is a theological virtue that comes from God and

inspires us to await eternal life. It inspires us to place our trust in Christ's promises. This virtue teaches us to rely on the help of the Holy Spirit to merit salvation and to persevere to the end of our earthly life.

The best father on Earth

Scripture doesn't tell us that St. Joseph was born with special graces, yet he was chosen to raise God's Son. The Bible doesn't say that he had a gift of prophecy, yet Joseph never doubted God's word. He was an ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life.

Ever faithful. It would have been hard for any man to believe his fiancé was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. As a faithful Jew, though, Joseph knew what was written about the birth of the Savior. His devotion to God's Word helped him recognize God's will.

Steady protector. At a moment's notice, Joseph left everything behind to whisk his family to safety (Matthew 2:13-15). Joseph's hard work and skill helped keep his family safe in a foreign land.

Good man. Scripture calls St. Joseph, a "righteous man," meaning he lived a virtuous life (Matthew 1:19). For example, he was compassionate by his treatment of Mary. Who better to raise the Son of God and care for his Mother than the best father on Earth?

Scripture LESSON

help him, and he was

rewarded for his faith.

Mark 5:21-43, Rewards of faith.

Jairus had a daughter who was critically ill. As the leader of the local synagogue, he knew it was dangerous to have anything to do with Jesus, let alone acknowledge his power as the Son of God. Still, Jairus risked everything to approach Jesus and beg for his daughter's cure. He believed that Jesus could and would

There was also a woman suffering from a serious hemorrhage. According to Jewish law, her constant bleeding would have made her unclean, and most people would have nothing to do with her.

She was afraid Jesus wouldn't want to touch her either, but she knew he had the power to cure her. So great was her faith that she was convinced she could just touch his garment to be ured.

What can a parent do? Tell your children of these two

faith-filled people and how their faith was rewarded. Remind them that they can turn to Jesus and trust him to help in any situation. Great things are possible when we believe.



This month we honor the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The unquenchable flame of the Sacred Heart symbolizes Christ's unending love for us. Mary's pure mother's heart goes out to everyone loved by Her Son who loves Him back.

June 1 – St. Justin (165). When ordered by a pagan judge to renounce his faith or die, St. Justin responded, "Nobody in his senses would give up truth for falsehood." He was beheaded as a result.

June 3 – St. Charles Lwanga and his companions (1886). While serving Ugandan King Mwanga, St. Charles and 21 of his friends were executed for refusing the evil king's immoral demands. They were all baptized before they died.

June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1591). St. Aloysius prayed vigorously and fasted from age 7. Upon joining the Society of Jesus, he was told to ease up in order to study and spend time with the other students. He died while nursing the sick.

Parent TALK

It has become challenging to get help around the house. I agree that chores are boring, but our home will only work well when we pull together.



I decided to implement some new rules.

First, each bed has to be made, clothes in the hamper, and bedrooms tidied before a screen

gets turned on. This way, children learn that responsibilities have to be met before enjoying free time.

Next, I assigned each child a set of household chores and a timeframe in which it has to completed. If someone beats that time, the minutes saved will be added to their screen time.

Finally, each person will take a turn as Inspector Clutter. The Inspector roams the home looking for stray possessions and "jails" them in a basket. To bail them out, the owner must perform an extra chore.

Motivation and humor will surely be more effective than nagging!

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