

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 2, 2021

"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

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	May 1	4:00 PM	Juanita Ernst (The Tometchko Family)
Sunday –	May 2	9:00 AM	Joseph Schneider Sr. (Jack & Holly Rozanski)
Monday –	May 3	12:00 PM	Intention of Donors
Tuesday –	May 4	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Wednesday –	May 5	12:00 PM	Intention of Donors
Thursday –	May 6	12:00 PM	Intention of Donors
Friday –	May 7	12:00 PM	Intention of Donors
Saturday –	May 8	4:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Sunday –	May 9	9:00 AM	Mary Jo Bayer (Pat Gurn)

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### 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Brandy Golden, Brenda Hector, Wayne Hibbard, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Rosemary Kelly, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Barry Markow, Charlene McMahon, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Rocchia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sergent, Caesar Siedlecki, Edith Siedlecki, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Jesse Wells, 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, Michael Pelicci, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

**PARISH FINANCES 4/25/2021**

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3040.11

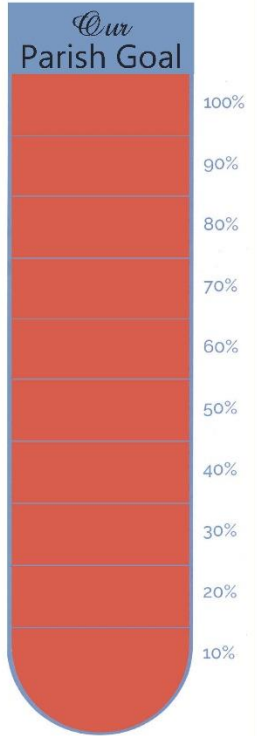
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**Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations. Thank you!!**

**Thank You for your support!**

Thanks to your generous gifts, our 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](http://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.

## PARISH EVENTS

May 1<sup>st</sup> – *May Crowning*; 4PM Mass

### DIocese OF SCRANTON MOTHER'S DAY ADOPTION MASS

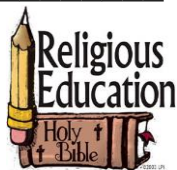
The Diocese of Scranton will celebrate its annual Mother's Day Adoption Mass on Sunday, May 9, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. This liturgy prayerfully recognizes all mothers, with a special emphasis on adoptive and foster mothers. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant.

The Mother's Day Adoption Mass is open to the public. No reservations are required. Attendees will be required to wear properly fitting face coverings and follow physical distancing protocols established by the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast the Mass live. A livestream will also be provided on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and across all Diocesan social media platforms.

Pope Francis has said that humanity is "built on mothers" and that their love is a cure for a world, which is so often divided and filled with bitterness. On May 9, please join us for the Mother's Day Adoption Mass as we pray for mothers, near and far, including Mary, Mother of the Church.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Thank you to all the families who picked up their Unit 4 Gospel Weekly materials. We appreciate your continued support and participation in the Religious Education program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.



### Please consider donating flowers for our altar for 2021!

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.

**This does not have to be an expensive endeavor!** Consider purchasing inexpensive bouquets from the grocery store. We will be happy to arrange them for you! You can even simply place an envelope with your intention and a monetary donation in the collection basket labeled "Flower Donation".

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!

### DIocese OF SCRANTON WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2021 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 6 at the Cathedral of St. Peter. The Mass will begin at 2:30, and attendance will require advance reservation.

To register for the celebration click [here](https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/) or follow this link: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/>. For questions or concerns, or if there are issues registering online, please reach out to Jen Housel, Director for Community and Family Development, ([jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org), 570-207-2213 x 1104).



Catholic Women's Conference  
Saturday, June 19, 2021  
Marywood University\*  
\$40 In person/\$20 Virtual



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Bonopartis



Father  
Chris Alar



Sister  
Virginia Joy



Music  
Taylor Tripodi



Hostess  
Jeannine Lesante

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\_\_\_\_ # Tickets x \$40 Live or \$20 Virtual = \_\_\_\_\_

Make the check out to the Diocese of Scranton. Mail to:  
Stephanie Westington, Treasurer  
Refresh Your Faith Conference  
P.O. Box 202, Dunmore, PA 18512

\*Outdoor tented seating with social distancing protocols in place