

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 8, 2022

“For so the Lord has commanded us: ‘I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth’.”



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30
Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday–	May 7	4:00 PM	Joe Scarfalloto (Marion Hanjaras)
Sunday –	May 8	9:00 AM	Don Imler (Marion Hanjaras)
Monday –	May 9	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	May 10	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday –	May 11	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Thursday –	May 12	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	May 13	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday –	May 14	4:00 PM	John G. and Kathleen McGrath- Anniversary (John & Sally McGrath)
Sunday –	May 15	9:00 AM	Candy Wells (Marion Hanjaras)

1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul’s general approach when entering a new town was to attend Sabbath at the local synagogue. For Paul, and all of the apostles at this time, worship meant attending a synagogue because they were Jews; they thought of themselves as Jews who followed Jesus, and certainly not as Christians. The mission to Pisidian Antioch was part of Paul’s first missionary journey, and is chronicled here by Luke as one more example of how the Jewish leadership rejected Paul’s teachings, while the gentiles seemed receptive. Perhaps of more spiritual importance is the tireless evangelism of Paul to everyone he encountered. The light of the Spirit wouldn’t be extinguished.

2nd Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John is envisioning the Church triumphant having survived the persecutions of Nero and Domitian. He includes Paschal themes (‘the Lamb’ and ‘the blood of the Lamb’), probably intending to evoke images of the martyrs connecting with Christ’s own death at the hands of the Romans. The book of Revelation was written in the mid-90s, thirty years after Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles. It is interesting to note how (and why) the villains changed.

Gospel Reading: John 10:27-30

John’s gospel, unlike the three earlier versions, tends to have a Greek flavor. John’s themes are less historic sounding and more philosophic; he deals with the complexities of belief rather than simple formulas. But in this case, John has Jesus delivering a simple message that, in its direct way, states the Good Shepherd’s mission: ‘*My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.*’ This message is so fundamental, and so critical (especially during the Roman persecutions when written), that it needs to be stated as clearly as possible. Note that John tacks a bit of theology on the end: ‘*The Father and I are one.*’ Was this a reference to the Father and Son being of one mind in the matter, or the two being ‘One’?.



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 Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Ellen Burns, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, Jo-Anne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Manny DeBonis, Jeanne Falk, 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, Barry Markow, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Rocchia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sergeant, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Wayne Vandermark, 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 5/1/2022

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,823.60

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!!

2022 Catholic Women's Conference

Over the past four years, more 2,000 women from the Diocese of Scranton have deepened their faith by attending the "Refresh Your Faith" Catholic Women's Conference. I am happy to announce that the conference will return this year on June 11, 2022, with another outstanding line-up of speakers and music. The theme will be: "Full of Grace." The day-long conference will be generously hosted by Marywood University for the second consecutive year.

The keynote speaker will be Colleen Carroll Campbell, author of numerous books, including *My Sisters the Saints*. The spiritual speaker is Father Jeffrey Kirby who is currently serving in South Carolina. Another speaker is Deb Hadley, who despite terrible tragedies, has found a life full of grace. Molly McManus will lead the spiritual music.

More detailed information and registration is available at www.cwcnepa.com.



Sunday, May 8th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, May 15th – 9:00AM

Isaiah Torres

Sunday, May 22nd – 9:00AM

Bernadetta and Albert Paolucci

Sunday, May 29th – 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.

2022 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE "BE A CATHOLIC MAN"

The 7th annual Catholic Men's Conference, sponsored by "Be A Catholic Man", is planned for Saturday, October 08, 2022, at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. The theme, "Be Not Afraid" is under the patronage of Saint Joseph. This event (from 8 am to 3 pm) will be blessed with nationally known Catholic Speakers to be announced. Men are challenged to live virtuous lives in this secular world, --- whether single, married, or clergy, -- all are encouraged to set this date aside and attend. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacramental Confession, and lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera. Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer, Conference Chairman, at 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.



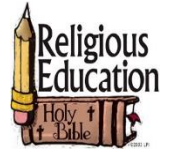
RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND FOR COUPLES

August 19 - 21, 2022: at the Towneplace Suites, Moosic

Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, as can the challenges you face in marriage.

If the distance between you seems wide, if you are looking for a better way, even if you are already separated, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, rebuild intimacy, and heal - just as the team couples have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. For more information, contact our team @ 631-338-5413 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Classes are being held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass will remain at 9:00 AM. Masks are currently recommended to be worn indoors for Susquehanna County as per the CDC guidelines. If you would like to register your child, registration forms will be available at the rectory of the church. You may register for classes at any time.

May 8th – No Classes- Happy Mother's Day!
May 15th – Regular Classes



2022 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 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 26. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception.

The registration deadline for this event is May 29, 2022. To register, please go to www.dioceseofscranton.org or contact Jen Housel (570-207-2213 x 1104 or jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org). Those celebrating couples who speak Spanish may contact Jose Flores (570-207-2213 x 1130 or jflores@dioceseofscranton.org).

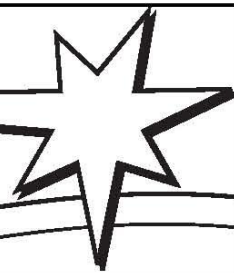


Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.

HAPPY AND BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY!!

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Thoughtful Moments

Talk about God

Children are naturally curious about God. Discuss your child's concept of Him. Does he see God as a loving parent or a harsh police officer, for example. Children are more likely to want to spend time with someone who is kind. Remind them that Jesus wants us to know God as our Father who loves and accepts each of us unconditionally.

A family novena

Introduce your children to the power of the novena. Together choose an intention and spend the next nine days praying about it. You can pray the Rosary for nine days, recite the Divine Mercy chaplet, or even write a novena service of your own. Even better, find out if your parish has a novena service you can attend as a family.

"And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart"
(Luke 2:51).



Help children love the Mass

At each Catholic Mass, Jesus Christ becomes sacramentally present among us, feeding us with the fullness of love. Helping children know and love the Mass will help them experience His love throughout their lives.

Prioritize. A busy family can have competing activities throughout a weekend. Yet, going to church together sends a strong message to children that Mass is more important than any of them. Don't miss Mass on Sunday or Holy Days. If you know you'll be traveling for vacation, research nearby Catholic churches and Mass times beforehand.

Prepare. Discuss the Gospel before Mass and read Scripture together often. Help children perform a daily

examination of conscience and go to Confession regularly to ensure everyone eligible can receive Communion.

Pray. Praying as a family is one of the ways to activate the graces we receive through the Sacraments. Start with

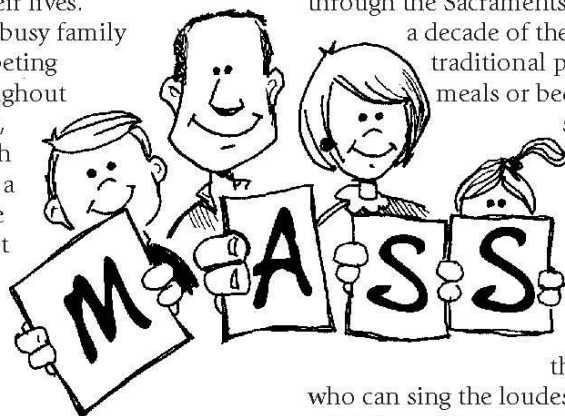
a decade of the Rosary or traditional prayers before meals or bedtime. Our

sacramental life sanctifies our everyday life.

Sing. Children (of all ages) can connect with the celebration of Mass through the hymns. See

who can sing the loudest.

Celebrate! The Sacraments are channels of God's life, love, and grace. Write a special family prayer you can pray together to thank God for His many gifts after Mass. Afterwards, celebrate with a special dessert or fun family activity.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

The world's religions bear witness to the truth that God's children yearn for the One who created us. In turn, He draws us to the mysterious encounter known as prayer.

Prayer is the raising of our minds and hearts to God, or the petition of good things

Why do Christians pray?



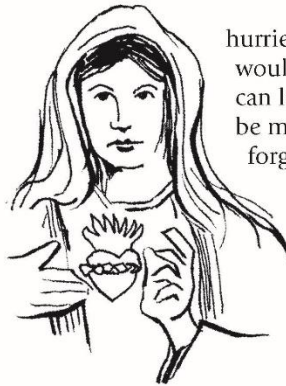
from Him that are in harmony with His will. Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father, with His Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit. It's how we stay connected with the One who loves us most.

Encourage children to embrace Mary's virtues

May is a month in which we honor our Blessed Mother in gratitude for leading us to her Son. She shows us how to follow Him by sharing the practice of virtues, such as:

Humility. Even when Mary learned she would be the mother of the Savior, she still considered herself a "lowly handmaid" (Luke 1:48). She surrendered to God's will. Children can practice humility by doing what they're asked willingly and quickly, and by waiting their turns patiently.

Generosity. After the Annunciation, Mary



hurried to Elizabeth's house knowing that her cousin would need help when St. John was born. Children can look for ways to help at home. They can also be merciful by letting go of grudges and choosing forgiveness instead.

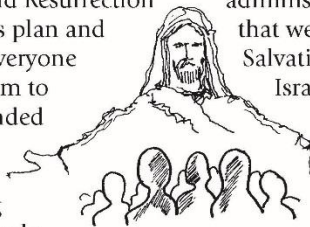
Gratitude. Mary's Magnificat is a prayer of praise, joy, and thanksgiving to God for blessing her and fulfilling His promises. Tell children to say "thank you" when someone does something nice for them. Encourage them to look for ways to share their gifts with others in need.

Scripture LESSON

Luke 24:46-53, Know Him, love like Him

The disciples' heads had to have been spinning. Jesus reminded them that His suffering, death and Resurrection had been part of God's plan and that they should tell everyone about it and invite them to repent. Then, He ascended and was taken from their sight.

As they stood staring at the heavens, two angels appeared to clarify matters for them. Jesus was enthroned in Heaven, but He had left them with a mission. They had to build up and maintain the Church and tell everyone the Good News. The blessings of



the New Covenant come through the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments that were entrusted to the Church. Salvation now extends beyond Israel to encompass all nations. Then other generations after them would encounter Christ and believe in Him.

What can a parent do?

Tell children about Jesus and how He wants us to live. Tell them His story, spend time with Him in prayer, and receive the Sacraments regularly. Then people will know we belong to Christ if we treat them like He did.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker (1st century). Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a humble carpenter who was dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima (1917). The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children near Fatima, Portugal, and asked that they pray the Rosary for peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners and for the conversion of Russia.

May 19 – St. Celestine V (1296). Born in Italy, Peter di Morrone was a

monk and hermit who founded the order of the Celestines as a branch of the Benedictine order. He was elected pope and accepted because the papacy had been vacant for two years. He resigned to return to his humble, pre-papal life but was imprisoned by his successor and died in prison.

May 30 – St. Joan of Arc (1431). Patron of France, St. Joan was inspired by God in a vision to lead the French to victory during the Hundred Year's War against England. She was captured and falsely accused of sorcery. She was canonized in 1920.



Parent TALK

It is important to me that we eat together as a family but every night I had to call Tobin three or four times for dinner. The food would get cold and my temper hot while we waited for him to join us. Finally, I decided to try something new.

The next night I announced that I would ring a bell at 6:00pm each night when dinner was ready. Whoever wanted to eat was welcome. An hour later, dinner would be over and the kitchen would close until breakfast the next day.

The next night I rang the bell and everyone came ... except Tobin. We said grace and enjoyed a nice, hot meal.

An hour later, Tobin came down looking for supper, puzzled that I didn't call him again. I reminded him that dinner was at 6:00pm and he missed it. "But I'm hungry," he said. "Then you'll really enjoy breakfast. We're having pancakes," I replied calmly and walked away. He was never late again.



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