

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's gospel, Jesus prayed, saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their words, so that they all will be one, as you, Father, are in me and I, in you". Our society is familiar with the last will. Whenever we go to a doctor's office or to the hospital/Nursing Home, we always get asked about the last will. For His last will, Jesus asked His followers to be one (unity). He certainly knew what He was talking about. The past and the present of our Church tell us something about the spirit of unity, of love, of peace, and the undeniable power of the Devil, the Divider. There are more than 45,000 Christian denominations in the world, and our nation alone has more than 200. But one thing is sure, Jesus NEVER said to Peter, "you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build 200 Churches, or 45,000 Churches." Jesus NEVER said also that each of the Churches will have a parcel of truth, a tiny truth. He said: "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH". Not Churches in plural, but one Church. The scandal of division in Christianity is from of old. The root of it all is SELFISHNESS, and personal interpretation of the Scriptures, instead of a "SUPREME COURT" body to interpret the Scriptures, the Magisterium (the teaching authority of the Roman Catholic Church). However, the multiplicity of Churches could be seen as UNIFORMITY whereas UNITY could be seen and lived in what we believe in. The Catholic Church works hard in that domain, that means she says: CAN WE AT LEAST AGREE ON JESUS' TEACHING? (Even if our practice is different). The understanding of the Bread Of Life is a beginning, because "the Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist".

**CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA
HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA**

A PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV

Lord Jesus,
You said to the Apostle Peter: "You are Peter and upon this rock, I will build my Church." Bless the new successor of St. Peter, our new Pope, Leo XIV. With the Intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael the Archangel, and St. Augustine may he fight today's "devil machine". Help and protect him that his only concern be to proclaim You and to proclaim You alone. Amen,

**SML BASKET RAFFLE MEETING
JUNE 10 AT 6:30PM**

There will be a planning meeting in the SML Hall at 6:30pm on June 10. This year the Wyoming County Fair runs from August 27 to September 1. We need many volunteers to make this a success. Please come to this meeting with your best ideas.

CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

The clothes closet is open on Wednesdays from 5 to 7pm. There are lots of clothes. On June 6th & 7th from 10am to 3pm, there will be a Clothes Closet yard sale. Donations of clothing, shoes, linens, misc. can be left on the lower level of the hall. Please consider being a volunteer. For bigger donations or to volunteer call Jane Decker 570-942-6078.

**CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CONFERENCE
HEART TO HEART PRAYER**

All women of the diocese are called to deepen their faith by attending the Women's Conference on Saturday June 7 at Marywood University. This year's inspirational speakers are Sr. Maria Kateri, Sisters of Life, Kara Kardell and Sarah Hart. Breakfast and lunch will be included in the ticket price of \$55. Information and registration are available at www.cwcnepa.com. There are fliers to take home at all churches.

ST. PATRICK BINGO BEGINNING SOON

Bingo will begin on Thursday June 12 doors open at 5pm, bingo at 6pm. As always, help will be needed in the kitchen & with bingo. Come out & share the fun & good food. If you can help in any way or have any questions, please call Rita at 570-575-9874.

SML BAKE SALE NEWS

Thank you to all who supported the Altar and Rosary bake sale last Sunday. Through your generosity, \$373.00 was made for our society. Dee Pasko

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Matthew & Janine Hayner on the baptism of their daughter Eloise last Sunday at St. Patrick's Church. Please pray for Eloise and her family.

FATIMA ROSARY

To parishioners of all our 3 churches, please consider joining us for the next Fatima Rosary lead by Ernie Pappa on Monday June 9th at SML church starting at 6pm.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

June 7 & 8

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Andrea Walsh
9:00am (SML) Sean Pieretti
11 am (SP) Chris Stutzman

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay
9:00am (SML) Danny Williams
11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Kathy Tumavitch
9:00am (SML) Lisa Janoski
11 am (SP) Liz Dempsey

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Kevin & Margaret Jones
11am (SP) Corinne Flynn
Shadow – Nolan Matulevich

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

June 4 – SP Clothes Closet, open 5 to 7pm
June 5 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm
June 6 & 7 - Clothes Closet yard sale SP 10am-3pm
June 9 – Fatima Rosary at SML, 6pm
June 10 – SML Basket Raffle Meeting, 6:30pm
June 12 – Bingo at SP, doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm

FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Father's Day envelopes may be found in your offertory pack. You may place them in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office. Father's Day is on June 15. All returned envelopes will be placed on the Altar throughout the month of June.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Bambera is inviting all parishioners to join him on a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. on Wednesday October 1, 2025, in celebration of the ongoing Jubilee Year of HOPE. This Pilgrimage will be a visible sign that hope is alive in our hearts and in the Church of Scranton. All our parishioners are encouraged to participate in this journey to this holy place. For more info go to dioceseofscranton.org and search Jubilee pilgrimage 2025.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (NCYC)

This 3-day conference that gathers students from across America will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana for a life changing encounter with Christ. The theme of the conference is I AM, the revelation of God's Name to Moses. The diocese is preparing to send a group of high school age students traveling as a group by bus from Wednesday Nov.19 to Sunday Nov.23. For more info go to dioceseofscranton.org, and search ncyc 2025.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (June 3) St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 am (OLA) Health & Healing for Isabelle Franko
By Anonymous

Wednesday (June 4) Easter Weekday

8:00 am (SP) Health & Blessings for Msgr. John Esseff
By A Friend

Thursday (June 5) St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 am (SML) Fred Litteri
By Don & Carol Ames

Saturday (June 7) The Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

4:00 pm (OLA) Beatrice MacPherson
By The Cupillari Family

Sunday (June 8) Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am (SML) Vince & Adele Sylvester & Jeff Richardson
By Sandy Richardson
11:00 am (SP) Linda Mordent
By Friends

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,620.00 Loose \$ 63.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,742.00 Loose \$ 106.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,806.00 Loose \$ 98.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

REGINA COELI PRAYER

During the Easter Season, instead of the Prayer Angelus, the Church says the Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven). Just as the Angelus, it's said at 6 am, Noon, and 6 pm, preferably.

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia For Christ, your Son and Son of God, has risen as He said, alleluia Pray to God for us, alleluia. V/. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. R/. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia. Let us pray. God of life, you have given joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of His mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Saint Thomas Aquinas (who else) after a dispute and division among theologians, was asked to settle the matter. After he prayed and offered to Jesus his research, Jesus appeared to him, and a voice was heard in the chapel saying: "Thomas you wrote well about the Sacrament of My Body". After that, Thomas passed into an ecstasy and was lifted in the air. Long enough for everyone in the monastery to come and see him in the air (this is the phenomenon of Levitation). (St. Thomas Aquinas weighed about 300 pounds)