

Mass Intentions May 22 - 28, 2017

Monday, May 22

6:50am Joseph Ofcharsky by Paul, Anne Carachilo & family

Tuesday, May 23

6:50 am Sarah Gillott by Tony & Marge Freda

Wednesday, May 24

6:50 am Rena Romitelli by son Alfred

2:30 pm Mass at Lackawanna Health Care

5:30 pm Vigil of the Ascension, Mass for all our intentions

Thursday, May 25 ~ Ascension of Our Lord (Holy Day)

6:50 am Mass for all our intentions

9:30 am LaSalle School Mass at St. Michael's in Jessup

12:00 pm Mass for all our intentions

Friday, May 26

6:50 am Mary Zlotnicki-Dobrydney by Helen Selenick

Saturday, May 27

4:00 pm Romaine DeAngelis by husband & family

Sunday, May 28

8:00 am Richard Collarini by M/M Richard Alimenti

10:00 am Mother's Day Intentions

Remember in Your Prayers

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the sick, the suffering, the bereaved, and the recently deceased: Dorothy Kane, Father Joseph Orloski, and Jerry Kuzmick.

Collection for Last Weekend: May 14, 2017

354 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$6,180.00

We offer many thanks to all who are supporting Sacred Heart Parish by the consistent use of their offertory envelopes.

Summer Cash Raffle News

Mailings for our Summer Cash Raffle were mailed out this week. Our challenge this year is to boost profits by selling all 500 tickets. So far this year, no one has come forward to chair the annual Summer Flea Fest. Last year the Flea Fest cleared \$16,000. Our best hope for making up some of that loss would be by selling all the tickets. To that end, we are offering a **\$10 incentive for each ticket sold outside the parish membership list by ticket sellers who want to help.** If you would like to be a seller, please call the parish office.

Sixth Sunday of Easter



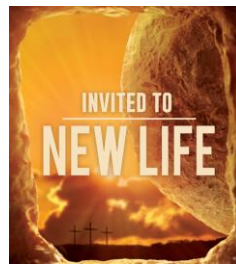
"If you love me you will keep my commandments." It's really as simple as that. We are only paying lip service to the Lord if we externally declare ourselves to be Christians but don't follow through on a life that confirms it.

In our modern culture, we often think of love as a feeling or a kind of devotion. It is thus all too common to separate love from appropriate action. Perhaps we reassure ourselves that we love Jesus because we believe that he is the Son of God and our personal Savior. But these thoughts--or even any grateful or pleasant feelings that come along with them--are not the fullest manifestation of real love. Rather, as Jesus

tells us directly in today's Gospel, "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me."

Now, for those of us who may be asking what exactly these commandments are, it's helpful to remember Jesus' response when he was questioned on the subject. "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37-39). These fundamental principles embrace everything that Jesus calls us to do. If we put God first and foremost in our lives, and if we treat our neighbors as we would wish to be treated, then all the rest falls into place. The Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and any other fundamental Christian codes of behavior are all summed up here. Indeed, if we truly seek to know Jesus and experience his love, we will naturally come to love Him all the more in return. Putting him first & following his ways won't feel like a burden but rather like a joyful blessing.

Parish Evening of Reflection



This past Monday Bernadette Rudolph gave a wonderful presentation, helping us to reflect more deeply upon the call and Pope Francis' invitation to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ each day. She reminded us that God is all about relationships and through personal reflection invited us

to identify the times in our lives when we have encountered God in a deeply personal way. Within the context of the paschal mystery, she invited us to look closer at how each of us experiences in our own lives times of suffering, death and resurrection. Once we learn to recognize the presence of God in the circumstances and encounters with others in our everyday lives and take the risk of allowing ourselves to experience intimacy with Jesus, we become liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. Filled with hope in the resurrection, consoled and strengthened by His love and grace, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we find that we cannot keep this love to ourselves. As the love begins to overflow in us we cannot help but want to "Go Forth and Spread the Good News" to those around us.

In getting to know ourselves and the areas in our lives where we cannot help but love, we begin to find God's call in our lives and our place in the body of Christ. We look to Jesus for clear examples of servant leadership. Power and leadership begin to be redefined in actions of service and compassion. The call to conversion becomes central to the life of the Christian. From self-absorption and the desire to acquire power, possessions, and wealth, to our baptismal call to strive after holiness, we seek to do the will of God. Finally, Bernadette left us to ponder and then share in our small groups how we can incorporate these basic Christian principles in our homes, work places, and ministries to make a difference and build up the kingdom of God. We thank her for coming to our parish and hope we continue to build upon on all that she shared with us... reaping the benefits in our

day to day lives as well as in the life of our parish in the weeks and months ahead.

Mary, Patroness of Our Nation

This weekend, our parish joins with other U.S. parishes to participate in a national collection for finishing the Trinity dome in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in our nation's capital. Begun in 1918, we soon celebrate the centenary year of this magnificent shrine with its final completion of the Trinity dome. As we participate in this project by this one time collection, let us participate also in the honor of Mary that so magnificent an edifice has clearly announced for a hundred years. More info at: www.trinitydome.org.

Ascension Thursday ~ Holy Day of Obligation



Scranton Mental Health Ministry Spiritual Support

Spiritual Support Group: The Scranton Mental Health Ministry hosted by the Cathedral in Scranton is providing a safe, supportive space for individuals who are experiencing mental illness. The next group will meet on May 27th at 10am, and every second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the Cathedral Rectory, 315 Wyoming Ave. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes; refreshments provided. For more info, contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-344-7231.

Bereavement Ministry

A Bereavement Support Group will work through a series of topics to help understand the grief process and to find healing. The group will meet for five weeks starting Wednesday, May 17th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton. If you would like to attend, please call the Cathedral Parish office at 570-344-7231.

Gathering the Voices of the Young Church



The Diocese of Scranton has spear headed an initiative called "Partnering with Francis", offering listening sessions to the young church (16-35) and those who work with them in preparation for the upcoming Synod of Bishops in

October 2018 on the topic of *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. All Dioceses are to conduct some sort of survey and submit the results, which will be utilized in drafting the *Instrumentum laboris* -- the working paper for the Synod participants. Both those who identify as Catholic and those who do not are encouraged to participate in order

to get a better understanding of life as a young person today. Discussion will include the blessings/challenges young people face today, what can the Church do to help in discerning life's major choices, the gifts and talents young people have to offer the Church, and more. There are many ways to get involved. To see the diocesan listening sessions scheduled for certain age groups through the Diocese check out www.partnerwithfrancis.org. This site includes more information about the Synod and an online survey for those not able to attend a Gathering the Voices of the Young Church in the Diocese of Scranton listening session. The hope is to have many individuals from throughout the Diocese participate in this initiative. The important insights will be shared with Pope Francis in preparation for the Synod, but will also help shape programming for the young church here in the Diocese of Scranton. All who participate are encouraged to post on social media using the hashtag #partnerwithfrancis to help spread the word. For more information about this initiative and/ or to register for a listening session, please contact Dominick Costantino, program coordinator at 570-780-2996.

La Salle Academy

La Salle Academy in Jessup is currently accepting new registrations for the 2017-2018 school year for students in Pre-school 3 through 8th grade. Please visit our school and explore all La Salle Academy has to offer. Learn more by calling 570-489-2010 or visit www.lsaelementary.org.

Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage, Spain, and Portugal



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera invites the faithful to join him on a special pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal in honor of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's appearance to three young shepherd children in 1917. The pilgrimage will take place September 18-26, 2017 and will include Masses celebrated by the Bishop and visits to many sacred and historic sites, including nearly two days in Fatima where the Marian apparitions occurred. All arrangements and reservations are to be made through TRAVELWORLD. For more info call Travel World at 800-828-6029 or visit their website at www.askstravelworld.com.

Weekend Mass Schedule Change in Jessup

On June 3-4, Queen of Angels Parish in Jessup will begin their new weekend mass schedule: Sat 4pm, Sun 10:30am and 5:30pm. All Masses are held at the St. Michael's Church in Jessup. Parking is adjacent to the church using the one way entrance next to the Grunick Center, at LaSalle Academy parking lot and on First Ave. Please be reminded that First Ave is a one way to Hand Street during mass times. Jessup police monitor this on the weekends.



Memorial Day Services, Monday May 29th

St. Michael's Cemetery, Jessup: 8am Word Service. St. Mary's Cemetery, Scott Twp.: 8am Word Service. Queen of Angels Parish, Jessup: 9am Mass. All are welcome