

Mass Intentions May 8 - 14, 2017

Monday, May 8

6:50am Joseph Neri by William Gershy

Tuesday, May 9

6:50 am Lena Machelli by Naz, Mary Lou & Norina

Wednesday, May 10

6:50 am Robert Mangan by Tony & Mariclare Berardelli

2:30 pm Mass at Lacka H+R

Thursday, May 11

6:50 am Eleanor & Tony Mellow by daughters

Friday, May 12

6:50 am Amelia Galantini by Corinne Ardoni & family

Saturday, May 13 ~ Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

4:00 pm Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day

8:00 am Mother's Day Intentions

10:00 am Mother's Day Intentions

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved, and the recently deceased Fr. Dan Olszewski, Al Brocavich and Ann Pinto.

Collection for Last Weekend: April 30, 2017

296 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$4,885.50

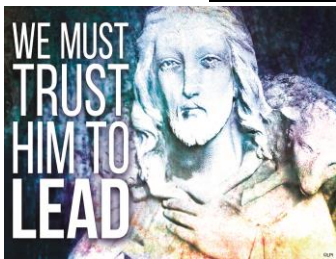
Home Missions Appeal Total \$742.50

We sincerely thank all who contribute to the support of our Parish by the consistent use of their offertory envelopes.

Catholic Home Missions ~ Thank you!

Thank you for responding so generously to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal last weekend. Over 40% of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal will help to ease the struggle of these dioceses.

Fourth Sunday of Easter



"Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." Jesus uses the image of a gate today to help us understand how we are to relate to him. He is our path to "pasture," in other words, to

the peace and prosperity that we long for. He shows us the way to find all that we need right there before us.

Some people, however, may think that it's better to avoid the trouble of finding the gate and thus choose to enter another way instead. But Jesus says, "Whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate, but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber." Although this is all cast in the gentle terms of an analogy about sheep, the message is actually rather stern. Jesus is telling us that if we don't follow him, we are taking the wrong course of action. He is not suggesting a kind of relativistic principle that says,

"Following me is one of many good options." No. He is telling us that in order to "have life and have it more abundantly," we must be willing to follow his way. This isn't always the easiest path to follow. It might mean taking the long way around a situation instead of a shortcut. It might mean waiting a little while to get to that pasture instead of hopping the fence and finding it on our own terms. Insisting on using the gate may also make us look like fools to those around us. But to be truly faithful followers of Jesus, we need to trust that his way is the best way. We need to trust that, by letting him lead, we will ultimately end up in the best possible pasture.

In our culture, it is becoming less and less popular to believe in one true religion, but as Christians we know that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. This we believe and profess.



100 years ago, Our Lady of Fatima requested:

“PRAY THE ROSARY.”

As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.

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Next Saturday, May 13th, is the Feast of our Lady of Fatima. The closeness of Our Lady to us and her call to return to the Gospel through prayer, sacrifice, and conversion are as important for us today as they were in 1917. America Needs Fatima, an organization dedicated to promulgating the message of our Lady at Fatima has spearheaded a national rosary rally effort and invited the faithful to hold public rosary rallies on May 13th for the 100th Anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. To date, over 4,000 rosary rallies will be held at 12 noon with the goal of gathering the faithful to prayer to usher in the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are invited to attend a local rally to pay honor to Mary on this momentous Centennial year. The itinerary for the rally includes Marian hymns and prayers: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Archbald, at the statue of Our Lady of Vilna. St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale, at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto (rosary balloon release immediately following). We pray that these rallies, plus thousands of others across the nation, will bring public awareness of our need for God in America and the role of Our Lady as intercessor and mother of mankind.

“The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...of the life of peoples and nations that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.”

~ Sister Maria Lucía of Fatima (Visionary)

“The Month of May, Dedicated to Mary, is a Fitting Time to Begin to Recite the Rosary Daily.” ~ Pope Francis

First Holy Communion

This Sunday, May 7th, thirteen boys and girls of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish are making their First Communion. Pray for these boys and girls and for their parents and families. Let us all do our best to inspire them by the way we participate in divine worship and live the Christian life by the gospel. Luke Benke, Ariana Caprari, Avery Carden, Allison Fuller, Sara Gavin, Sophia Horn, Layla Marino, Sophia Milani, Michael Muto, Hailey Pinto, Aurianna Solomon, Alexa Sweeney, and Gino Wascura.



Many Thanks to Faith Formation Staff



This weekend we recognize and commend the members of our Parish Faith Formation Team, who have labored tirelessly for another school year. These are the faithful ones who work each Sunday to help our youngest parishioners and their families grow in the ways of the spiritual living. We have an outstanding and effective Faith Formation Program in place at Sacred Heart for grades one thru eight. Our sincere thanks to this year's catechists: Elise Gilroy, Kim Laboranti, Andrea Kempa, Emily Kempa, Mr. Jack Gilroy, Christine Griffin, Maria Kishel, Jack Ehnot, Donna Fazio, Wendy Rought; under the capable leadership of Gayle Castellani assisted by Betsy Kondrat.

Parish Evening of Reflection & Formation



Bernadette Rudolph from the Office of Parish Life will be coming to our parish to offer an evening of reflection and formation for all parishioners on **Monday,**

May 15th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Bernadette will help us to reflect more deeply upon our God-given call to servant leadership, what it means to walk in intentional discipleship, and how that discipleship concretely manifests in how we serve one another in our parish community and beyond. A breakout session will provide an opportunity for discussion with other participants. Light refreshments will be available with an opportunity for fellowship following. We especially encourage all those currently participating in ministries to attend as well as those interested in serving in some capacity in the foreseeable future. It will be a special evening for all.

Evening of Reflection Series for Liturgical Ministers

Evening of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and those involved in Music Ministry. David Baloga, Director for Worship, will lead the evening and will help liturgical ministers enter more deeply into the spirituality of their ministry through prayer, song and reflection. All sessions take place on Tuesday at 6:30pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. There is no cost to participate. To register for one (or more) of these evenings, please contact the parish office no later than the Monday morning before the Evening of Reflection. *Dates are as follows: 5/9: EM's ; 5/16: Lectors ; 5/23: Music Ministers*

Mother's Day Respect for Life Carnation Sale



Pennsylvanians for Human Life will conduct its annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale after all the Masses next weekend. This fundraiser is intended to honor Mothers and to promote the value and dignity of human life. It also helps to raise funds to continue the chapter's pro-life work, including the operation of its Pro-Life Center. Please support this important pro-life fundraiser.

Mother's Day Adoption Mass



The annual Mother's Day Adoption Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 14, at 10am at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. This liturgy recognizes all mothers, with a special emphasis on adoptive and foster mothers.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant. Planning for the Mass is coordinated by Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton, the Diocesan Office for Parish Life, and St. Joseph's Center in Scranton. All are welcome to attend. CTV will broadcast the Mass live.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next Prayer Shawl ministry gathering will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at 6pm. New location: New Pastoral Center at the Old St. James Church. For more information, please call Livia Clark at 489-6596.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive



The annual "Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive" will be held on Saturday, May 13th throughout the nation, including Lackawanna & Luzerne Counties. You can place your non-perishable donation in a bag by your mailbox & the post office will deliver them to a Local Food Bank.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

The Diocesan Annual Appeal has surpassed its \$5 million goal! They have recorded \$5,056,000 in gifts and pledges! Thank you for your support! We are successful each year because of your outstanding commitment to the mission of the Diocese of Scranton. Sacred Heart Parish Statistics: 29% (320 out of 1,090 households) gave/pledged towards the goal of \$44,000. Total Raised: \$44,500.25 with \$40,126.25 paid up so far. Current balance due on pledges is \$4,374.00.

Catholic Charismatic Formation Day

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Scranton continues its celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the worldwide Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement by hosting a CCR Formation Day on Saturday, May 20 from 9am to 5pm at the Holy Family Center in Nanticoke. Registration and breakfast: 8am-9am. Guest presenter Father Timothy Cremeens, Ph.D., pastor of Holy Resurrection Cathedral (Orthodox), Wilkes-Barre. The theme for the day is "Pentecost and Beyond: The Flow of the River of the Holy Spirit." Registration: \$25/person, includes three meals. For more info & registration details, including overnight accommodations, contact Bob Valiante by phone (570) 344-2214; or email: ccrenewal@comcast.net.