

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Sat.	5/5	4:00 PM	Beatrice Steward by Gloria
Sun.	5/6	7:30 AM	For the People
		10:30 AM	Albert Repetz by His Wife Dolores and Family
Mon.	5/7	9:00 AM	Televised Mass Joseph Cukauskas by Mary Ann McGeehan
		7:00 PM	Betty and John Kostick by Their Daughters
Tue.	5/8	7:00 AM	George Dinofrio by George and Maureen Dinofrio
Wed.	5/9	7:00 PM	Vigil of the Ascension Gene Miller by John and Sandy Sabo
Thur.	5/10	7:00 AM	Ascension Thursday Mary Ann Reczkowski by Jane, Rick, Justin, and Brianne Pshar
Fri.	5/11	7:00 AM	Steven Yourko by Virginia Chocolas and Daughters
Sat.	5/12	4:00 PM	Thomas Chuckra, Jr. by His Wife Mary Fran
Sun.	5/13	7:30 AM	Terry M. Schiavone, Sr. by His Wife Joyce
		10:30 AM	For the People



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$4,448.75; Dues \$1,027.00; Care and Education of Priests \$19.00; Catholic Home Missions \$825.00; Easter Flowers \$2.00; Easter \$115.00; Holy Thursday \$5.00; Good Friday \$5.00; Holy Land \$2.00; Feast of the Ascension \$5.00; Catholic Communications \$25.00; Poor Box \$180.32.

MEMORIAL DONATION of \$25.00 was made in Memory of Robert "Bob" Hludzik by His Mother, Irene Hludzik.

MEMORIAL DONATION of \$25.00 was made in Memory of Louise Gower by Ann Marie Dellacroce.



SECOND COLLECTION next weekend is for the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). The CCC is a marvelous way to share the gospel message of God's mercy and love. By supporting this collection, you help to spread the Good News to people around the country and around the world. Your gift also makes a local impact because half of your donation stays in your diocese to support local communications projects.

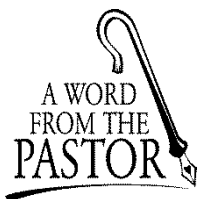


There will be a Youth Teen Meeting **this Sunday** from 12:00 to 1:30 PM in our parish.

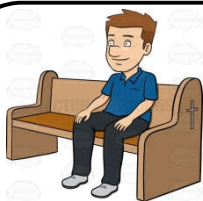


PENTECOST SUNDAY is May 20th. In honor of the Holy Spirit, we are asking everyone to wear red on this day. Let's set our hearts afire in welcome of the Holy Spirit!





I have a memory of an older priest from my childhood. He was a poster child for Grumpy from Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. He wasn't happy about anything! His sermons (and they were sermons) would always remind us, in a condemning voice, of how bad we were and what we had to do to attain everlasting happiness in heaven. One weekend he was no longer there (I heard later that he had died). We were greeted with a newly ordained priest who was the complete opposite. He was kind and joyful. He would smile and tell us how good God was and that God loved us, no matter what we did! We couldn't wait to go to church. God DOES love us unconditionally! This is what Jesus is getting at in this weekend's Gospel. You have a choice: do you complain and condemn the church or do you bask in the joy of God's love? What's your answer?



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, MORE THOUGHTS ON EASTER.

"If man had his way, the plan of redemption would be an endless and bloody conflict. In reality, salvation was brought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him." A.W Tozer



LET'S CRUISE! There will be an informational meeting with representatives from Boscov's Travel on Friday, May 18th at 6:00 PM in the parish hall at Immaculate Conception. This is a great opportunity to get all your questions answered. **ALL ABOARD!** See you at the meeting!



PARISH CEMETARIES - Volunteers for the parish cemeteries ask parishioners to please remove Christmas and Easter decorations as soon as possible from family plots in order to prepare for the upcoming Memorial Day and summer season.



A CHARISMATIC MASS AND HEALING SERVICE will be held, Thursday, May 17th, at 7:00 PM. Fr. John Campoli will preside, and light refreshments will be served afterwards in Room 3. Any questions, please call Arlene at 570-788-3643.



FOOD PANTRY donation for May is coffee. The next distribution will be Tuesday, May 22nd. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck at 1 PM. Packing bags is at 1:30 PM and distribution is 3:30 PM.

REFRESH YOUR FAITH - The First Annual Catholic Women's Conference of the Diocese of Scranton will take place on Saturday, June 23rd, from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Byron Complex at the University of Scranton. For more information or to register for the conference, go to www.diocesofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference.

PARISH HAPPENINGS!

Over the last 4 years, we've done a great deal of work to the church and grounds (new flooring in the church, new sidewalks, a new sound system, and a beautiful new skylight just to name a few). Almost 8 months ago, we polled the parish asking if you wanted a program to increase weekly offerings or a one-time Capital Campaign to help recoup some of the money spent and for future projects.

In an overwhelming majority (4 to 1), you chose the Capital Campaign. The committee was selected over 3 months ago and is hard at work developing a plan for the kick-off of the campaign. This is just a small reminder that we are working on the project, and you will soon be hearing more about it. Please keep the committee in your prayers.



OUR ANNUAL OLD-FASHIONED SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHURCH

will be held **Sunday, June 10th**, in the public park. Mass begins at **12:00 PM** and the picnic begins immediately after. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, two roasted pigs, plus all the wonderful foods you are bringing. Please let us know what you are bringing and how many are coming, please call the parish office at 570-636-3035 or drop your forms into the collection basket.

THESE ARE THE DONATIONS WE HAVE SO FAR:

6 Dozen Deviled Eggs
Tri-Colored Pasta
Macaroni Salad

Fudge
Lemon Supreme Cake
Devil's Food Cake



PARISH CLEAN UP AND SPRUCE UP will take place on **SATURDAY, MAY 19th**, from 10:00 AM till Noon. Please bring your rakes, shovels, gloves, bulldozers, backhoes, and front-end loaders! Thanks in advance for your help!!!



MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION SALE at all the masses on Mother's Day is being sponsored by the Pennsylvanians for Human Life. The cost per carnation will be \$1.00.

PARISH RUMMAGE SALE will take place beginning Friday and Saturday, May 11th and 12th from 9 - noon in the parish center. Items can be dropped off May 1st from 9-12; May 2nd from 9-12; May 3rd from 4-7; May 5th from 9-12; May 7th from 9-12; May 8th from 9-12; and May 10th from 4-7. **WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING CLOTHING, ELECTRONICS, AND APPLIANCES.** This includes TVs, toaster ovens, microwaves, etc.



Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Aviso al Respeto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor de Edad

Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. De conformidad con la Comunidad de los Servicios de Protección Infantil de Pennsylvania Leyes, informes de sospecha de abuso de niños también debe hacerse inmediatamente por teléfono las 24 horas maltrato infantil hotline (ChildLine) al 1-800-932-0313 o electrónicamente en www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas Maria Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551) o a los oficiales diocesanos incluyendo El Vicario General, Monseñor Thomas M. Muldowney, a (570-207-2269).