

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✠

Sat.	5/26	4:00 PM	Alexander Mason by Toni and Family
Sun.	5/27	7:30 AM	Edward and Mary Carter by Their Daughter Anna Marie and Children
		10:30 AM	For the People
Mon.	5/28	10:00 AM	<b>Memorial Day Mass in St. Ann's Cemetery</b> For Our Fallen Veterans
Tue.	5/29	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Balas Family
Wed.	5/30	7:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thur.	5/31	7:00 AM	Andrew M. Breznitsky by the Breznitsky and Belanchik Families
Fri.	6/1	7:00 AM	50th Wedding Anniversary of Mary Grace and Bill Maranki
Sat.	6/2	4:00 PM	Andy and Anna Prokopovich by Jim and Michalene Eisenhart
Sun.	6/3	7:30 AM	Peter and Mayme Sefing by the Turri Family
		10:30 AM	For the People

**Last Weekend:**



Sunday \$3,324.10; Dues \$3,083.84; Care and Education of Priests \$40.07; Catholic Communications \$28.00; Holy Thursday \$3.00; Good Friday \$3.00; Holy Land Sanctuary \$3.00; Feast of the Ascension \$72.00; Poor Box \$163.06

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend is for the Care and Education of Priests.

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Joseph Troell, Sr. by Hazel and Edward Petrusky.



**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE** will meet on Thursday, May 31st, at 7:15 PM in the rectory.



**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.



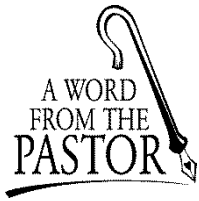
**MEMORIAL DAY MASS** will be celebrated on **Monday, May 28th, at 9:00 AM NOT 10:00 AM** in St. Ann's Cemetery.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHANGE OF TIME!!!** Please bring chairs as the seating is limited. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the church. There is **NO 7:00 PM Mass**.



**PARISH BUS TRIP** to see the play "Nunsense" at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Tuesday, July 10th. Cost is \$80 and includes lunch. Call Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720 for reservations. Money is due with reservation. Only 4 seats remain.





This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity - One God, Three persons. Most of us remember being told that the Trinity is a mystery. I never liked that answer. I wanted an explanation! As I have grown older I understand better the wisdom of the "mystery" answer. Proof is something for the mathematicians and scientists.

What makes our faith so special is that we believe what we do not see and we do not understand. It's called BELIEF! We cannot prove God exists and we cannot fully understand the Trinity. I'm comfortable with the word "mystery." Are you?



### A VIEW FROM THE PEW, MYSTICAL ROSE

The Litany of Mary is a powerful prayer written in the Middle Ages. In it are many names attributed to Mary, one is the "Mystical Rose." Laura Hensley of EpicPew explains "Mary has shown us that the rose is Her favorite flower, through the mysterious roses that Juan Diego picked before giving him Her image on his tilma (cloak)." St. Juan Diego was born in 1474 a native to Mexico. He became the first Roman Catholic indigenous saint from the Americas. Juan and his wife converted to Catholicism and were among the first to be baptized in the region. Juan was known for his devotion to the Blessed Mother, and while on his way to church, she appeared to him requesting that he ask the bishop to build a chapel in her honor. Juan approached the bishop, but he doubted his story. Mary appeared a second time and again he confronted the bishop, this time the bishop requested proof. The Virgin Mary appeared a third time, Juan explained what transpired and the Blessed Mother told him she would provide proof the next day. Unfortunately, Juan's sick uncle required care and he missed the meeting with Mary. Embarrassed, but needing a priest for his uncle, he set out and did not want to face Mary. Mary was persistent and found Juan anyway. Juan explained the situation and Mary asked him "am I not here, I who am your mother?" She cured his uncle and provided proof of the apparition. Mary asked him to climb a hill and collect flowers growing there. He obeyed and found many flowers blooming in December on the rocky land. He collected them in his cloak and presented them to the Blessed Mother who arranged the flowers within the cloak and told him to present it to the bishop. The bishop opened it and found a miraculous imprinted image of the Virgin Mary on the inside of the flower-filled cloak. This cloak from 1531 remains perfectly preserved at the "Basilica of Guadalupe" and has become one of the most visited Catholic shrines. Mary, The Mystical Rose!



Did you ever say to yourself, "I will wait to fix that leaky faucet, it's only a few drops."? Fast forward a year and now that leaky faucet has also damaged the floor so it too has to be replaced. It also costs a lot more money. Just like the leaky faucet, sometimes you just have to take action because it will only get worse, or it has already gotten worse from past avoidance. When we hear capital campaign for the parish, we can't help but wonder what is broken, what needs fixing, or what is the parish buying? Over the next few months the Parish Capital Campaign Committee will spell out the purpose of the capital campaign and how the funds will be used. The key to remember is that all the funds will be used for our parish, now and in the future. We ask that you pray for God's guidance and wisdom as the parish embarks on this journey.

# PARISH HAPPENINGS

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL MISSION APPEAL IMMACULATE CONCEPTION JUNE 2/3

Our church is missionary by nature. Each of us as baptized Catholics are called to share in the work of evangelization. The diocese of Scranton collaborates with mission groups every year to raise funds for their missions through a program called the Missionary Cooperative Plan. The group assigned to our parish this year is the Missionary Society of St. Paul. **Fr. Joseph Ibiwoye, MSP** will be speaking to us from the Missionary Society of St Paul on the weekend of June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a second collection to support them in their work.

The **Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP)** is a congregation of priests founded in Nigeria in 1977. The Society now has 260 priests. They are working in ten countries of Africa, (South Africa, Malawi, Botswana, Cameroon, Liberia, Chad, The Gambia, Nigeria, Kenya and Southern Sudan), Grenada in the West Indies, the United States, England, Sweden and Ireland. They also have about 127 seminarians in their seminary in Nigeria.

Their mission in Malawi provides rehabilitation and support for over 300 orphans who lost their parents due to AIDS. They need our financial assistance to continue this mission. They also need funds to: 1) provide fresh water wells, and education in rural communities of Chad, Malawi, South Sudan, Kenya and Nigeria; 2) sponsor seminarians, our future priests; 3) support priests in the founding/building of new churches. Your support to this worthy cause will be an immense encouragement to the Missionary Society of St. Paul to as they continue to take the good news to those desperately in need of it. May God bless you! Find out more about them on [www.mspfathers.org](http://www.mspfathers.org)



**OUR ANNUAL OLD-FASHIONED SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHURCH PICNIC** will be held on **Sunday, June 10th**, in the public park. Mass begins at **12:00 PM** and the picnic begins immediately after. **Please let us know what you are bringing and how many are coming. Please call the parish office or drop your forms into the collection basket.**

### THESE ARE THE DONATIONS WE HAVE SO FAR:

6 dozen deviled eggs	Lemon Supreme Cake	Spinach Dip	Cucumber Salad
2 lb. Tri-Colored Pasta	Devil's Food Cake	Pierogis	Broccoli Salad
Macaroni Salad	Choc. P/B Fudge	Sheet Cake	Fruit Salad
Halushki	Peanut Butter Fudge	Potatoes w/Bacon, Butter, & Onions	
P/B Tandy Cakes	Calico Beans	Italian Cannolis	3 Bean Casserole
Tortellini Salad	2 Swedish Nut Cakes	Large Antipasto	Paper Products
6 lb. chicken fingers	5*lb. potato salad	Meat & Cheese Tray	
Jello Roll-ups & Squares	Veggie Pasta Salad	Mini Cherry and Blueberry Cheesecakes	