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**Masses:** Daily, M-T-W-F 7:00am Thursday 6:30pm • Saturday (Vigil)- 4:00 pm • Sunday- 8 & 11am, & 7pm

**Confession:** Daily, M-T-W-F~6:40-6:55am; Thur. – 6:10-6:25pm • Sat. 3:15-3:45pm, & anytime upon request.



## ❖ THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ❖ MAY 18, 2025 ❖

*An Easter Reflection –*

### *The Good News We all Want To Hear*

There is much happening in the Church right now, both universally and locally. Speculation runs high, as the media goes bonkers on trying to figure out who Pope Leo XIV “really” is and how he will govern and lead the Catholic Church and become a “voice” to the world. Not only the press though are curious about what lies ahead for the “new” church led by Pope Leo. We too in a world and nation torn by much division wonder if Pope Leo will have an impact on making “all things new.” He speaks eloquently of the need for peace and unity, and we long for these to be restored to our planet, countries and churches.

These last few weeks of the Easter season are also when parishes gather children around their altars to receive their first taste of the Eucharist – the Body and Blood of Christ. Many parishes acknowledge how the gifts of the Holy Spirit fill the lives of the many young teens receiving Confirmation in our diocese. Finally, now that Lent has passed, parishes welcome many adults into the Church at the Easter Vigil and throughout our Eastertime many babies are also bathed in the life-giving waters of Baptism.



We are quite aware that the nurturing of the faith of these many new disciples of Jesus, does not lie solely in the hands of anyone who ascends the throne of St. Peter. We all have essential roles in how God’s name and spirit finds a home in every person. The Acts of the Apostles this Sunday points out many ways this nurturing took place then in the early Church through Paul, Barnabas and many other disciples. How they witnessed to their faith is a model to how we must also open the door to faith to others.

St. Luke tells us in Acts that we must proclaim the good news to the cities around us if we want to make “a considerable number of disciples.” Without ignoring others’ struggles, we must emphasize God’s joy. This comes through the recognition that God dwells with the whole human race.

It was important that the early disciples “strengthened the spirits” of the people and “exhorted them to persevere.” Challenging as this may be today, we too are called to this same task. As disciples we do this not for our own glory, but to enable a more hopeful community to endure.

These initial bringers of the good news did this by “appointing elders for them in the church” and helping them to encounter Christ “with prayer and fasting.” Their gatherings with one another in a shared prayer helped them to hear the needs that so many longed for in a closeness to God. Their willingness to sacrifice for the poor around them helped them to let go of what held them back from service to their neighbors. These same patterns of communal prayer and sacrifice are what enable us to respond to the needs of those around us.

These early Chrisitan communities did all of this not to draw attention to themselves, but to lead each city they traveled to hear what “God had done for them” and all that was accomplished through an openness to the grace of God. It is by identifying with genuine sincerity that through our love of one another the Son of God is glorified, not ourselves.

Jesus invites us to allow “the old order to pass away” and to create in our interactions with one another “a new heaven and a new earth.” This doesn’t create a new commandment about loving one another, that vocation has always been there for everyone to live. What is new is that through our loving of one another, a deeper awareness grows in us, around us and through us that we are God’s people. And isn’t that the good news that all of us need to hear?

*-Fr. Michael*

Questions for reflection based on this Sunday’s readings:

- ▶ **Acts 14: 21-27 ~ The Missionaries Paul and Barnabas complete their journey.**
- ▶ **Revelation 21:1-5a ~ Like bride and groom, God pledges everlasting love.**
- ▶ **John 13:31-33a,34-35 ~ Jesus’ followers live by a new commandment: love one another.**

**Who is entrusted to me in love? What have I done to reinforce and strengthen that bond between us?**

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR, DEVOTIONS, AND INTENTIONS

MAY 19-25TH, 2025

Mon	19	Easter Weekday	7:00 am	Beverly Rogalski (by Julie & Bob Palma)
Tue	20	St. Bernadine of Sierra, Priest	7:00am	Betty Vilchok (by Pat & Valerie Weller)
Wed	21	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companion & Martyr	7:00am	Kathy Cawley (by Sherry Starzec)
Thu	22	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious	6:30pm	<b>Parish Mass in Thanksgiving for the election of Pope Leo XIV</b>
Fri	23	Easter Weekday	7:00am	Catherine & Louis Cremard (by Karen & Dutch)
Sat	24	Easter Weekday	4:00pm	Jacqueline Ezdebski (by Joseph & Sylvia Lukasiewicz)
Sun	25	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Zavrotny & Kupcho families (by Carol Zavrotny) Arnold Thompson (by children) The Intentions of the Parishioners

## VOTIVE CANDLES OFFERINGS

Sacred Heart of Jesus	For Blessings on Pope Leo XIV
Blessed Virgin Mary	Dolores Lampman (by Lampman family)
Saint Joseph	For the Living and Deceased Sisters of the Bernardine Franciscan Order

## Upcoming May Events...

## 20 Tuesday

-Piggie Prep: core, clean, steam @9am  
-Soup and Spirituality 5:30-7pm

## 21 Wednesday

-roll and bake piggies 9am  
-HRS Easter Play, 6:30pm in Church

## 22-Thursday

- roll and bake piggies 9am  
-HRS Gift Certificates, 8:00-10:00  
-Picnic Meeting, 7:00pm (After Mass)

**26- Monday - Memorial Day- Office closed**

## 28-Wednesday

-Vigil Mass, 7pm

## 29 Thursday -- the ASCENSION

-9:00am and 6:30pm Masses

## June

## 3 Tuesday

- Soup and Spirituality 5:30-7pm

## 5 Thursday

-Daily Mass, 7:00am **Please Note Change**  
- Holy Rosary School 8<sup>th</sup> Graduation @ 5:30pm-

## FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK: SUNDAY TOTAL \$6,821.00;

Sunday \$4,856.00 (\$1,072.00 OL); Other Envelopes \$1,026.00 (\$80.00 OL); Loose \$148.00;

Maintenance: \$791.00 (\$220.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection, \$25.00 OL)

Pennsylvanians for Human Life Carnation Sale on Mothers' Day : \$458.00

**Thank You, and may God bless your wonderful generosity!**

## 🔊 PICNIC ITEMS 🎵

- **NEXT MEETING** – Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm, following Mass for Pope Leo XIV. Everyone is welcome and invited. New to the Parish? Recently retired? Just want to be involved? Join us in the Parish Hall – no experience necessary.
- **THE FLEA MARKET IS COMING!!!!** – But, **please**, hold all treasures until after June 12<sup>th</sup>. Drop-offs to the school auditorium will be scheduled following the end of the school year. Volunteers are welcome to help organize the many treasures.
- **PICNIC STAND GIVING** Please check out some of the tags Next Weekend on the doors of the vestibule for needed picnic items. Items can be returned at your earliest convenience. We are currently looking for **new** items to fill the following stands:
  - Variety Stand – Small appliances, household items, kitchen gadgets, things to make life easier.
  - Kid's Buckets – Organized by the Women's Society
  - Gift Cards Galore – Any gift cards are welcome. \$25.00 value requested.
  - Sports and Games –puzzles, pool games, lawn games, sports equipment, online game gift cards, board games
  - Yard and Garden – LED Garden Lights, plants, Seeds, furniture, etc.
  - (Any prizes ordered online can be delivered directly to the rectory if that is convenient for you: 127 Stephenson Street, Duryea. Please let us know if we should be expecting a package.)
- **BEAUTIFUL BASKETS** Consider donation of a theme basket to fill out our Beautiful Basket Stand – perhaps a backyard bar-b-que basket, a bike, Yankee Candles, who knows!?!)



**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES – May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Please follow local newspapers and social media for a listing of Memorial Day services conducted in Duryea Cemeteries by our local Veteran's Associations.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will take place at Holy Rosary and St. Joseph's Cemeteries, here in Duryea, weather permitting: **HRC 9:00 am and SJC 10:00 am. In the event of rain, there will be ONE MASS held at 9:00am in church**

**CEMETERY NOTES** Thank you to all who care for those buried in Holy Rosary and St. Joseph's Cemeteries, both staff and the Family members of those resting from life's labors. Please be reminded - Unsettled new graves, or tilted stones can cause harm to visitors. Please work to have your family stones cared for by a professional. This is the obligation of the living members of those persons/families buried in our cemeteries. The American flags at the graves of our military are placed at the head of the grave, in line with the headstones – NOT the footstones or military markers. The same is true of flower plantings. Artificial flowers not in safe metal or stone containers become a safety issue, as do statues or other items placed that are not part of an actual permanent monument - they simply are not allowed. As always, visit only during daylight hours. Do not visit before dawn or at/after dusk. Finally, please do not dump refuse, weeds, etc. at St. Joseph's Cemetery or by Holy Rosary, out of respect for the dead. Again, thank you for your cooperation and beautiful work caring for loved ones buried in our cemeteries!



**Attention Retired Parishioners! The Ignatian Volunteer Corps of NEPA invites you to join our service corps**

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps ("IVC") provides women and men, age 50 and above, opportunities to share life skills and wisdom with our community. IVC desires to make a difference in the lives of those needing service, those doing service, and those with whom we serve.

IVC members commit to serve at social service organizations, schools, and non-profits **1 to 2 days per week from September through June**. Members also meet monthly with like-minded individuals to prayer-fully reflect on their service experiences. Our service feeds our prayer and our prayer fuels our service. To learn more about the IVC of Northeastern Pennsylvania, we invite you to visit our website at [www.ivcusa.org/nepa](http://www.ivcusa.org/nepa), email or call IVC NEPA Director, Teddy Michel at [jmichel@ivcusa.org](mailto:jmichel@ivcusa.org) or (570) 941-4264.

**CEO FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER SESSION:** our next food pantry volunteer session is **Wednesday May 21st, 5-7PM**, at the CEO Food pantry, 185 Research Drive, Pittston. Please call the rectory at 570-457-3502 for further information or to volunteer.

## IN THE COMMUNITY:

**CATHOLIC CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERTS:** Friday evening, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Mary, Mother of God Parish at Holy Rosary Church at 316 William Street in Scranton featuring the Mary, Mother of God Adult Choir and on Sunday evening, May 18 at 7:00 PM at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola at 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, PA featuring the Good Shepherd Academy Middle School Choir. Tickets: Adults \$12.00 – Seniors and students \$8.00 – Singers and ages 12 and under free.

**AT PRINCE OF PEACE OLD FORGE ● TAKE-OUT PASTA DINNER SUNDAY JUNE 1st 2025** 11am-3pm. Arcaro & Genell's Take-Away Counter. Old Forge \$15 Includes Penne Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Roll & Dessert. Tickets may be purchased by calling the rectory 570-457-5900. Also they will be sold before and after all week-end Masses at the Main Entrance to the Church. Walk ins are welcome.

**AT QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES PARISH, AVOCA ● SALE OF "Father Phil's Favorites"** Cookbooks @\$10 each to raise money for Father Phil's Retirement Gala which will be held on Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 3:00pm in their Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to stop down and wish him well on his retirement. Anyone interested or in need of more information, Please call the Parish Office or Paul Franceschelli 570-430-9015.

**AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ● FLEA MARKET Thursday, May 29 and Friday, May 30 from 5:00-8:00 PM and Saturday, May 31 from 9:00 AM-12 Noon (Bag Sale).** ● **ORPHEUS CHORAL SOCIETY TO PERFORM** On Sunday, June 1 at 3:00 PM A free-will offering will be accepted at the concert. ● **CASH BINGO on Sunday, June 29 from 1:00-4:00 PM** in the Pastoral Center auditorium. Tickets will be available in the parish office Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM and will also be available through Venmo (@StJohnsPittston) and PayPal.me/StJohnsPittston.

**AT HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL, DUNMORE ● Crusader Classic 5K @ Holy Cross High School, Dunmore.** Date: Sat. June 7, 2025. Registration is 7:30am- 8:15am. Cost \$ 25, every runner receives a medal and Crusader Classic T-shirt. Your participation allows for the purchase of much needed equipment and uniforms for the Track & Field and Cross-Country programs. Register online at <https://runsignup.com/crusaderclassic5k> or in person that day. *Please Note: Our parish has had many young parishioners participate in these programs over the years who have gone on to place at district and state competitions.*



## Catholic Charismatic Renewal Diocese of Scranton

**Pentecost Celebration**

**Saturday, May 31, 2025**

**St. Maria Goretti Parish  
42 Redwood Dr, Laffin, PA  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**You must register in advance for lunch.**

**For registration and selection go to:**

**<https://ccrscranton.org/httpsccrscrantonorgpentecost-celebration>**  
or scan this QR code:

**(Or call 570-344-2214 and leave a message)**



**We will be taking a collection of socks and personal care items to donate to the shelter(s) in the area. Bring something to help those in need.**





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