

+MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK+

MONDAY - April 22

8:00 A.M. - Marie Page - Tom Manzo

TUESDAY - April 23

8:00 A.M - John H. Wubbel - Family

WEDNESDAY - April 24

8:00 A.M. - Communion Service

THURSDAY - April 25

8:00 A.M. - Barbara Matturo -
Joanne & Frank McPhillips

FRIDAY - April 26

8:00 A.M. - Betty Shank - Gus Ebeling

SATURDAY - April 27

8:00 A.M. - John Staples -Joan & Mark Bornemann
5:00 P.M. - Harry Franks - The Family

SUNDAY - April 28

8:30 A.M. - Alex Konopka - The Foley Family
10:30 A.M. - Nancy DePasquale - Patterson Family

MESSAGE FROM FATHER RICH: We as church ask the same questions from our own membership each year on Good Shepherd Sunday, which is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. From among those gathered here this weekend we must ask: Who will lead the church into the future? Who will preach the gospel to the assembly that gathers tomorrow, and all our tomorrows? Who will be our teachers and prophets and healers, our administrators and music-makers and caregivers? If it takes a village to



raise a child, it takes a small army to run the average parish. We dedicate this one day each year to pray for church leaders: those we already have, and those we need for the future. If you love the church, pray for those who lead her. We all bear the responsibility of growing good leadership. We do it in the home, schools, parishes, and in our communities. People become good leaders based on their experiences, on what life teaches them in good times and in bad. Look into your heart on this Good Shepherd Sunday: Have you gained in wisdom? Do you have a light you've been tending under a bushel? Are you the leader we've been waiting for?

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE will meet this Thursday at 7:00 PM to discuss Father Tom's 50th Anniversary and reception.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Today Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, Noon
Monday Quilters Club, 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday Primary Election Day
Wednesday . Bible Study, 7:00 P.M.
Thursday Parish Council Committee, 6:00 P.M.
Saturday CCD Closing Mass & Social, 5:00 P.M.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH

April 28 Confirmation Breakfast & Practice Youth Group
April 30 Parish Finance Committee
May 1 O.L. Guild Evening of Reflection
May 2 Knights of Columbus
May 4 First Holy Communion
May 5 Parish Breakfast (cancelled)
May 9 Feast of Ascension (Holy Day)
May 12 Mother's Day
May 19 Confirmation

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection - \$ 7,574.00
Second Collection - \$ 1,252.00
Special Envelopes - \$ 402.00
Online Giving - \$ 1,872.00
Total Collection (4-14-2024) - \$ 11,100.00
Envelopes used - 214

Thank you for Your Support & Generosity!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK: Linda Coburn, Chris Jenner, Evelyn Sheehay, Brian Daun, Giavanna Sciabicca, Tracy Pelonero, Janusz Kasperek, Bob Young, John Hamill, Nora Musto, Robert Geffers, Paul Luyet, Larry and Gae Oliveri, Frank Cabrera, Mike Merola, Rose Alfano, Dominick Andriola, Hayley Rogers, Carmella Calderone, and Lorna Anderson. **LORD, HELP THEM IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.**

BIBLE STUDY session are being held on Wednesday evenings starting at 7:00 P.M. in the upper meeting room. You are welcome to join in as we discuss the Book of Revelation and all its rich imagery and symbolism. We will be using the Little Rock Scripture Study to discover the relevance of this book for us today. For more information, call Karen Miller at 972-814-2410.

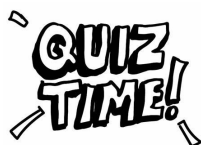
CCD CLOSING MASS & SOCIAL: All CCD students are invited to attend this coming Saturday's 5:00 P.M. Mass as a closing to this year's religious education program. After Mass there will be a party-social for the children, including some games, prizes, ice cream, cotton candy and more. We celebrate the Mass. We celebrate our faith. Let us do so as a parish family gathered together.



YOUR FAMILY – OUR FAMILY – ONE FAMILY

PARISH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES: Our parish is recognized for its abundance of activities. We wish all to feel included. Please consider just helping in one activity a year, in addition to our Annual Homecoming Bazaar. Perhaps you can help with family bowling in January or Knoebel's Park in July! We are planning an Adult-Child Dance in October, Golf Tournament in September and Movies throughout the year. If you would like to help with any of these please, contact Jim Moloughney at jmololaw@gmail.com or come to the next meeting on Monday, May 13th at 7:00 P.M.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER: During the midnight Mass of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 1891, at the Marian Shrine of Finca Betania in Cua, Venezuela, Father Otty Ossa Aristizabel, the Chaplain of the Shrine, noticed that a



red substance had begun to emanate from one of the pieces of the Host that he had divided. At 6 am the next morning, he observed that blood continued to flow from the Host (which he kept in the


sacristy overnight) and later on that the blood had begun to dry. The blood was later determined to be AB positive, like that found in the cloth of the Shroud of Turin and also in the Host of the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano. In 1998, a pilgrim who had come to see the miraculous Host of Betania briefly witnessed - and videotaped - the Host appearing as if in flames with a pulsating heart bleeding in its center.

NEW TRIVIA QUESTION: Our Lady of Life Shrine, which features a stunning, emotion-filled depiction of Mother Mary cradling the infant Jesus, is visited by parishioners and visitors alike. But perhaps there is one thing you might not know or even notice as you step up the brick path and greet her with flowers, candles, and prayers. Take a good look at the stonework that surrounds her. Our question today is simply this: Where did those stones come from?

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Bishop Joseph Bambera and the Office of Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th and 50th wedding anniversary in 2024 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 23rd. The event includes a 2:30 P.M. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton followed by a reception. Registration deadline for this event is May 26th. To register, go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org> or contact Bridget Guarnieri at 570-207-2213x1133.



SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER
TODAY - SUNDAY



NOON - - 5:00 pm

Menu includes

Spaghetti & Meatballs

Full Salad Bar

Fresh Italian Bread

Home-made Desserts & Beverage

(Take-Outs also Available)

Adults: \$12.00 Children (5-12yrs): \$8.00

All Welcome!

WORDS OF LIFE: "Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end"
Reflect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life.

NEED-A-HAND / LEND-A-HAND PROGRAM: Deacon Steve Miller and Laura Durst are coordinating the program and taking calls from people in need of some general services around the house. It includes anything from light maintenance work, gardening, fixing some leaks or paying a social visit to the homebound. If you need some help, please call 570-623-1221.



Dear God: I know that I'm not perfect, I know sometimes I forget to pray. I know I have questioned my faith. I know sometimes I lose my temper. But thank you for loving me unconditionally and giving me another day to start over again.