

+MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK+

MONDAY - April 29

8:00 A.M. - Bernard O’Kane - Wife, Lourdes

TUESDAY - April 30

8:00 A.M - Louis Lucchi - Angela Casturani

WEDNESDAY - May 1

8:00 A.M. - Communion Service

THURSDAY - May 2

8:00 A.M. - Joan Milnamow -
Matthew & Frances Milnamow

FRIDAY - May 3

8:00 A.M. - Fred Culpepper - Marlene & Ken Maula

SATURDAY - May 4

8:00 A.M. - Phyllis Cianella - Jeanne

10:30 A.M. - First Holy Communion

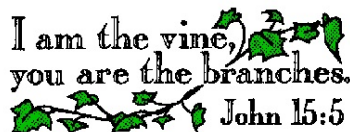
5:00 P.M. - Martin Padden - Pete & Gerry Nish

SUNDAY - May 5

8:30 A.M. - Kathy Stratton - Crazy Quilters

10:30 A.M. - Cecilia LeBron - Blanca LeBron

MESSAGE FROM FATHER RICH: If you ever had to prune branches on a vine, you know it’s no easy task.



They are so intertwined and interconnected that it’s almost impossible to tell where one ends and one starts. In today’s Gospel, Jesus says, “I am the vine and you are the branches.” This is the image of our relationship with Jesus, we are in Him and He is in us. Without Him we wither and die. As the vine to our branches, Jesus tells us that He is present in all areas of our lives: at work, at play, at our worst, at our best, He is ever-present. It’s up to us to draw on Him for support and inspiration. When we do, we will bear much fruit. Think of the times when a quick prayer helped unblock your thoughts, motivated you to finish a project, opened your conscience to make amens to someone you hurt, humbled you to let go of control, awed you to giving thanks to God for a gift received. We experience daily the truth of this Gospel.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH is this Friday. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place after the 8:00 A.M. Mass. The Chapel remains open all morning so that you can pray before the Blessed Sacrament. A Holy Hour starts at 11:00 A.M. and concludes with Benediction. Come spend some personal prayer time with Jesus.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Today	Youth Group,	Noon
	Confirmation Breakfast & Practice	
Monday	Quilters Club,	7:00 P.M.
Tuesday	Parish Finance Committee,	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday .	Our Lady’s Guild	
	Evening of Reflection,	6:00 P.M.
Thursday	Knights of Columbus,	7:00 P.M.
Friday	First Friday of the month	
	Mass & Exposition,	8:00 A.M.
	Holy Hour & Benediction,	11:00 A.M.
	Rosary at Shrine,	6:00 P.M.
Saturday	First Holy Communion,	10:30 A.M.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH

May 5	Confirmation Sponsor Practice
May 5	Parish Breakfast (cancelled)
May 9	Feast of Ascension (Holy Day)
May 10	Bazaar Chairpersons
May 12	Mother’s Day
May 13	Events Committee
May 19	Sacrament of Confirmation
May 20	Liturgy Committee
May 26	Veterans Memorial Services

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection - \$ 5,927.00
 Second Collection - \$ 1,200.00
 Special Envelopes - \$ 415.00
 Online Giving - \$ 2,120.00
 Total Collection (4-21-2024) - \$ 9,662.00
 Envelopes used - 227

Thank you for Your Support & Generosity!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

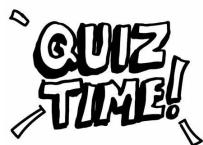
THE DECEASED: GUS EBELING and All the Faithful Departed. Lord, grant them eternal rest.

THE SICK: Mary Gust, Melanie Reynoso, Franklin Edwards, 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.**

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: The stonework that surrounds OLV's Our Lady of Life Shrine is a sturdy semicircle sentry, protecting our Mother and the Infant Jesus. Do you now where those stones came from? Go back in time and envision the original OLV Church on Route 611. Remember the foundation of that Church, and you'll have your answer.

NEW TRIVIA QUESTION: We honor our Blessed Mother during May, which is a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven" (Blessed Pope Paul VI, *Mense Maio*). This is an ideal time to recite the Rosary. According to tradition, which saint founded the Rosary, in what year, and why did this occur? Note: At 6 p.m. on every Friday in May, the Rosary will be prayed at the shrine.



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.



ROSARY AT SHRINE: May is the month we honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus. During this month, in her honor, we will be reciting the Rosary every Friday evening at 6:00 P.M. along the Rosary Path and the Shrine to Our Lady of Life. We begin this Friday. Come join us.



CONGRATULATIONS to the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Saturday, May 4th. Pray for them as they take this next step in their spiritual journey.

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| Matthew Abel | Silas James |
| Avy Ackerman | Nora Kinsley |
| Milania Amhurst | Bruno Kopach |
| Airalynn Bernek | Jayson Laurent |
| Gabrielle Bolden | Ethan Long |
| Christian Brown | Brooklyn Maher |
| Daniel Brown | Karolina Meyer |
| Quinn Clingingsmith | Stephen O'Brien |
| Royson Clingingsmith | Tram Pham |
| Tristan Clingingsmith | Logan Rodriguez |
| Cooper Dugan | Zoe Rodriguez |
| Lucy Farda | Mya Sapone |
| Emilia Florio | Jackson Stokes |
| Alex Gonzalez | August Strand |
| Gabriella Herman | Emily Strand |

May the Lord bless them, keep them holy, and continue to inspire them in faith!

MOTHER'S DAY BABY ITEM COLLECTION: Our Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring a collection on Mother's Day for baby items to be donated to Shepherd's Maternity House in Stroudsburg. Any help you can offer is greatly appreciated. Items requested are: portable changing pads, baby wipes, rattles, teething rings, diaper rash cream. Dr Brown & Avent bottles, size 1 and nipples for the bottles. A container will be in Narthex on Mothers Day for your donations. Thank You!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE is being held on Saturday, June 8th at Marywood University in Dunmore. This year's theme is "Refresh Your Faith" with special speakers, Fr. Justin Cinnante, O.Carm. Jackie Francois Angel and Fr. Giuseppe Siniscalcho, C.F.R. Mass will be offered by Bishop Bambera and confessions will be available. Buffet lunch and a vendor marketplace will be offered. Applications are on the table in the Narthex or you register online at www.cwcnepa.com. Bus Transportation is available.

DID YOU KNOW: Our parish Homecoming Bazaar is Friday & Saturday, August 2nd & 3rd. Mark your calendars and plan to enjoy some delicious foods and play some fun games.

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.

