

+MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK+

MONDAY - October 21

8:00 A.M. - Thomas Wayne Davis - Judith Thompson

TUESDAY - October 22

8:00 A.M - Bebe Romano - The Family

WEDNESDAY - October 23

8:00 A.M. - Communion Service

THURSDAY - October 24

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

FRIDAY - October 25

8:00 A.M. - Ronald Simpson - The Family

SATURDAY - October 26

8:00 A.M. - Pat Landy - Gus Ebeling

5:00 P.M. - Francine Rizzo Matheis - Parents

SUNDAY - October 27

8:30 A.M. - Adamo Saccheri - Carmela, a friend

10:30 A.M. - Phyllis Riley - Our Lady's Guild

MESSAGE FROM FATHER RICH: In President Kennedy's inaugural address, he said: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." These words hit a nerve because they resonate with something deep within us.



Being of service defines one of the highest qualities of a human being. When we think of service on a day-to-day basis, however, today's society seems primarily concerned not with how we can

be of service, but with how our own needs are being met by others. Here is where we come in conflict with our Christian calling. Jesus said at the end of today's Gospel: "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many." We are not encouraged to abandon our dreams or responsibilities to ourselves, but the Lord does expect that we abandon a mindset that life and other people owe us a living. What we need is to adopt a policy of serving others as our way of life.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY: October is the month of the Rosary. Every Friday this month we will gather at the Rosary Garden to recite the Rosary. All are welcome to join us in this half hour prayer as we offer this devotion to our Blessed Mother, and pray for peace and for the protection of life.



HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Today	Youth Group,	Noon
Monday	Adoration & Confessions,	5:30 P.M.
	Liturgy Committee,	7:00 P.M.
	Quilter's Club,	7:00 P.M.
	Compassionate Friends,	7:00 P.M.
Tuesday	Confirmation Parents,	7:00 P.M.
Thursday	1 st Holy Comm. Parents,	7:00 P.M.
	Bible Study,	7:00 P.M.
Friday	Rosary at the Shrine,	6:00 P.M.
	Video & Discussion,	6:30 P.M.
Saturday	Trivia Committee,	10:00 A.M.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH

- October 27 ... Halloween Party
- October 29 ... Parish Finance Committee
- October 31 ... Eve Mass for Holy Day
- Nov..... 3 ... Daylight Savings Time
- Nov..... 5 ... Election Day
- Nov..... 10 ... Veteran's Memorial Services
- Nov..... 11 ... Pierogi Making

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

- Sunday Collection - \$ 5,350.00
- Second Collection - \$ 1,332.00
- Special Envelopes - \$ 103.00
- Online Giving - \$ 1,625.00
- Total Collection (10-13-2024) - \$ 8,410.00
- Envelopes used - 190

Thank you for Your Support & Generosity!

PRAYER REQUEST

THE DECEASED: BEATRICE CUCCOVIA and all the Faithful Departed. Lord, grant them eternal rest.

THE SICK: Lynn John, Charlie Martinelli, Clara Kittle, Michael Franks, Melanie Reynoso, Evelyn Sheehay, Carmen Neuwirth, Giavanna Sciabicca, Tracy Pelonero, Janusz Kasperek, Bob Young, Nora Musto, Robert Geffers, Larry and Gae Oliveri, Frank Cabrera, Mike Merola, Rose Alfano, Dominick Andriola, Anthony Andriola, Hayley Rogers, Carmella Calderone, and Lorna Anderson. **LORD, HELP THEM IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.**

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: “Our Call To Serve”.

Our parish goal for this year’s Appeal is \$52,345. Would you prayerfully consider making a donation or pledge and so helping us make our goal and do our part in supporting the many fine programs, activities, and people who benefit from the Appeal. So far we have



received pledges and donations from 70 donors totally \$16,080.00. So we’re at 30% of goal. Remember your Appeal donation supports our children and their Catholic education in Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education classes. Through the media, it brings religious programs to the homebound. It provides food and shelter for the hungry and homeless, including our veterans. It supports seminarian education and retired priests. So you can see that your donations goes a long way. Please, prayerfully consider making your pledge or donation today. Extra forms are on the table in the Narthex. You can mail in your donation or drop it in the Sunday collection basket. Thank You and God Bless you for your generosity and support.

CHURCH TRIVIA: The story of Our Lady of Victory. Aka Our Lady of the Rosary, dates to a naval battle between Christians and Ottoman Turks at Lepanto on October 7, 1521. Pope Pius V asked Christians to pray the rosary from dusk to dawn during the battle;



Christian force prevailed. The victory was attributed to the rosary prayers of the dedicated Christians. The Pope declared Mary the Lady of Victory. For the second part of our question, OLV began as part of the Pocono Mission Church, under the auspices of St. Mary of the Mount Church in Mt. Pocono in 1947. It later became know as Our Lady of Victory Chapel. In 1968, OLV became its own parish under the care of Fr. Henry Zapotocki. Once the Route 611 church became too small, plans began for a new church on Cherry Lane Road, which was dedicated on June 30, 2002.

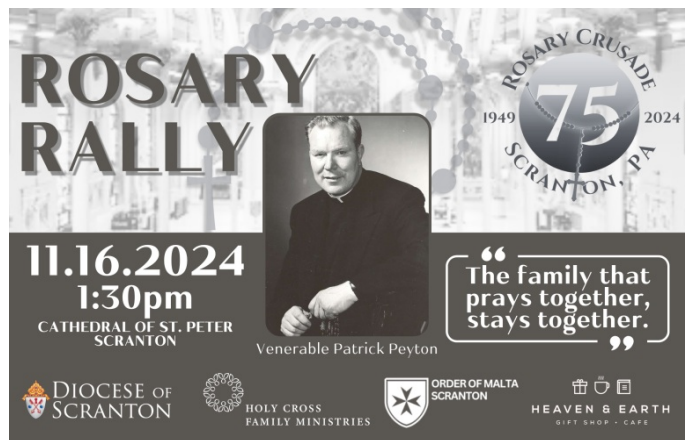
NEW TRIVIA QUESTION: What are the four categories of Mysteries of the Rosary?

ALL SAINTS DAY is Friday, November 1st. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and as Catholics we are obliged to attend Mass on this day. Masses are Thursday evening at 7:00 P.M. and Friday at 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

ALL SOULS DAY is Saturday, November 2nd. It is a day we remember all our faithful departed and pray for them. Masses for this day are 8:00 A.M. and a special Mass at Noon remembering those from our parish who died this past year. Eternal Rest!

CATHOLIC COOKIES & CONVERSATION:

Our new faith-based video discussion program for October concludes with an insightful dialogue that is appropriate as we approach All Saints Day and All Souls Day. At 6:30 pm this Friday, we will encounter the topic of signs from the dead and if we should believe in them as messages from a cherished person who has passed. Yes, you miss your loved ones. You see cardinals and translate it as a message. But should you? You smell aftershave or perfume as you take care of that loved one’s estate. Is he or she communicating with you? Please join us for a short video and discussion that will explore our need to know our loved ones are with God.



In the fall of 1949, the first Rosary Rally in the United States was held in Scranton, PA. Organized by “the rosary priest” Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., the Rosary Rally was an effort to re-ignite the untold benefits of devotion to the rosary and prayer to our Blessed Mother. Nearly 50,000 people gathered to pray the rosary on this special day.

Father Patrick Peyton devoted his priestly life to spreading devotion to Mary and encouraging family prayer, especially the rosary. He used radio, television, and film, and 540 Rosary Rallies worldwide to accomplish his mission.

Today, Father Peyton’s messages that “The Family That Prays Together Stays Together” and “A World at Prayer is a World at Peace” are still well known around the world. His Cause for Sainthood was officially opened in 2001 and he is currently named Venerable.

75 years after the first rally, the Diocese of Scranton commemorates the ministry and mission of Fr. Peyton by holding a Rosary Crusade, beginning in October, the month of the rosary and culminating on November 16th at St. Peter’s Cathedral in Scranton. .

CONFIRMATION PARENT’S MEETING is set for this Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 P.M. in the Hall. We will update the day and time of Confirmation as well as share information about your child’s requirements, as to classes, Mass attendance and service projects.. No make-up meeting. Each student should be represented at this meeting.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT’S MEETING is scheduled for this Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. Dates and times of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be given as well as requirements to receive the sacraments.

HALLOWEEN PARTY is being sponsored by our parish Youth Group next Sunday, October 27th from 1:00 to 2:30 P.M. in the Church Hall. Children from the parish up to the 5th grade are invited in costume to this party. There will be a costume parade with prizes, various games, and pizza and beverage and a goodie bag of candy to take home.



NOTRE DAME JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL is hosting an **OPEN HOUSE** on Saturday, November 2nd from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the school at 60 Spangenburg Ave. East Stroudsburg. You will find Notre Dame (grades 7-12) to be a safe, welcoming, and inclusive community that prides itself on fostering a strong commitment to family values; teaching the Gospel and moral development; and modeling service to others. You will also find our students are challenged with a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum and expected to uphold high standards of student conduct.



LIVING WATER TRAIL: The Living Water Trail is being sponsored again by the Stroudsburg Deanery of Churches this weekend, October 19/20th. Stop by any of the Catholic Churches in Monroe County for a moment of prayer, devotion, or entertaining experiences. The schedule for each Church is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Begin this mini-pilgrimage at any parish and then travel from site to site as your own pace. You are welcome to visit as few or as many churches as you come and go as you please. You are invited to worship, observe, learn, eat, share, chat, etc. according to the parish schedules. During this Year of Prayer, there is a welcome station at each Church where you can get and complete your unique passport and prayer journal. See the churches, say a prayer, experience the faith being lived in each location.

WORD OF LIFE: “I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed.But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope.. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.” .. Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*

COLLECTION FOR VALOR FOUNDATION: Our Social Concerns Committee is taking up a collection for homeless veterans as part of the Valor Foundation. Containers will be in the Narthex next weekend for your donations. They are asking for white socks (preferably over the calf), white tee shirts for men (sizes M - 2XL) and for women sizes (M-XL). Thank You.

VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held on Sunday, November 10th at 1:00 P.M. at the Veterans’ Memorial in the upper parking lot. We gather to remember our Veterans who sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we now live. Any Boy or Girl Scout Troops of individuals are invited to participate.

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: New schedules are being made out for November and December. Please see the dates and schedules at the information desk to let us know if there are dates good or not good for you or to sign up for certain dates.