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# *The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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## **PENTECOST**

by Duccio di Buoninsegna 1308-11

### PARISH STAFF

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### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Closed 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekdays:** Monday - Friday 7:30 am  
**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 pm  
**Sunday:** 8:00 & 10:30 am  
**Holy Days:** See bulletin

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Kindergarten (optional), 1st to 8th grade (required) Sundays from 9:00 am to 10:15 am September to May. Catholic School students are required to register to receive the sacraments of First Communion, Penance, and Confirmation in 2nd and 8th grade.

### NEW MEMBERS/CHANGE OF ADDRESS

New members are most welcome!

Call the Parish office at 570-489-2091 or go to [www.vbvm.org](http://www.vbvm.org) to register.

Parishioners are asked to notify the office of change of address or when moving from the parish.

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 8:30 a.m., and other times by request.

**Baptism:** Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Registered parishioners may call the parish office to make arrangements.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance by registered parishioners.

**Monthly Visitation of the Sick/Homebound:** Call the parish office to be placed on the list.

**Care of the Sick:** Please notify us at any time of the seriously ill, hospitalized or those needing anointing.

*We, the parish community of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in union with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the leadership of our bishop and our pastor are called through Baptism to live the gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the sacramental life of the Church, especially the Eucharist, we are strengthened to live as a community committed to share the Word with all those in need with love and compassion, and to celebrate the fullness of life in Christ.*

## PENTECOST SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Weekly Mass Schedule



<b>Monday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>May 20</b> Deceased members of the Tomko Family offered by family
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>May 21</b> Ronald Yagelski, Cindy Halloran, Paul & Sadie Yagelski, and Lynne Yagelski offered by Mrs. Joyce Frattali
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>May 22</b> Alfred Borusiewicz, Sr., Genevieve Lukasik Borusiewicz (21st Anniv.), Francis Xavier Borusiewicz, Sr., & Eugenia Borusiewicz Mellow offered by Alfred Borusiewicz & family
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>May 23</b> Mother's Day Intentions
<b>Friday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>May 24</b> Cecelia Buckland Yashinski, Merlin Corey Buckland & Elizabeth Moore offered by family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 PM	<b>May 25</b> Ann Sheruda (Anniv.) offered by family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>May 26</b> Wanda Lucas, Ann & Henry Jaskulski offered by Michael & Carol Jaskulski, Alicia, Frank & Joseph Acker
10:30 AM	Living and deceased members of our parish

## May - The Month of Mary

### Hail Mary



*Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*



## IN MEMORIAM

### Sanctuary Candle

James Nole  
and the deceased members of the Nole Family  
offered by granddaughter Karen Wallo

### Altar Candles

Vincent & Caroline Regis, Ignatz & Frances Szczepanski  
offered by granddaughter Mary Ann Ziomek

### Bread & Wine

Frank & Gert Bartkovsky  
offered by son and family

### Steeple Lights

Bielinski & Graziul Families  
offered by Dave & Melanie Lewis

## Confirmation Class

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of our Confirmation class students and their families. Pray for them as they continue their journey of faith.

Cole *Gabriel* Bilinski  
Nathan *Michael* Boyarski  
Tyler *Sebastian* Cali  
Zoey *Cecilia* Carey  
Brady *John* Chrzan  
Jessica *Cecilia* Jurkiewicz  
Blaise *Ignatius* Kobierecki

Gynneth *Therese* Mazur  
Robert *Michael* Moore  
Ariana *Teresa* Nemetz  
Stephen *Peter* Syrylo  
Madison *Rose* Tully  
Jason *Michael* Zelno

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### DATE:

### EVENT:

June 1	Troop 21 Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM
June 4	Spark Planning Meeting 6:00 PM
June 5	Support Group Meeting 6:30 PM
June 24	Vacation Bible School

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 24 THROUGH 28 9:00 AM TO 12 NOON

REGISTRATION DUE BY MAY 26TH  
CHILDREN AGES 4 THROUGH 10 ARE WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JILL LENNON AT  
dobrenieck@aol.com  
or call/text 570-209-2480

Registration forms are available in the  
Parish Office and the church vestibule.



## 50-50 DRAWING

to be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024  
and can be seen on our Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/vbvmc](http://www.facebook.com/vbvmc)

following the drawing

FOUR CASH PRIZES  
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*For tickets call or stop in the parish office.*

## PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US!

Our parish rosary group prays Monday through Friday after the 7:30 AM Mass. On Thursdays the special intention is for vocations for men and women to generously say "Yes" to the priesthood and consecrated life. Please join us in praying the rosary.



If you need a rosary you can get a free one at the parish office. If you don't know how to, or haven't prayed the rosary in a while, don't worry. It's very easy to follow along.



## ST. MARY'S MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Doors open at 5:00 pm  
Early Bird begins at 6:30 pm  
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2nd Wednesday of every month  
at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria level of our  
school. Use the Scott Road entrance.

*New members are welcome !  
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## SCOUT NEWS



## Troop 21 Pancake Breakfast



June 1st  
8:00-11:00am  
\$8.00

Dine-In or Take Out  
St. Mary's Parish Center  
Dickson City



Pancakes, Sausage,  
Juice, Coffee/Tea



## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

## Readings for the week of May 19, 2024

### Sunday:

*Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/

Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

*Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

### Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/

Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

### Tuesday:

Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/ Mk 9:30-37

### Wednesday:

Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/ Mk 9:38-40

### Thursday:

Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

### Friday:

Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/ Mk 10:1-12

### Saturday:

Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/ Mk 10:13-16

### Next Sunday:

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

— Father John Muir

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Spirit to Spirit

Talk to any couple who are devoted to one another. Ask them when they realized they were in love — call-me-in-a-crisis love, face-the-day-to-day-with-me love — and the answer will probably not be “When I realized he was only dating me to win a bet with his boss.”

If you know what movie that references, you and 12-year-old me would have been great friends.

Like any other self-respecting American tween of the early 2000s, I used to watch a lot of romantic comedies. I forget how old I was when I realized that romantic comedies are actually ... really boring. Not because they're about love — true love is *fascinating*. I could watch real-life people talk about who they love for *hours*.

Because when we say we love someone — truly love them — what we mean is we love their spirit. We love what they are. We love the qualities that escape description, the attributes we have to talk around or reduce to cliché in order to define. We cannot love a body alone. We cannot love a name or a reputation. We cannot love a story that we've built around a relationship.

To be in love with someone you need to know their spirit. Intimately. And that knowledge cannot help but change everything about you. It changes your goals, your understanding of the world. It changes the amount of courage you have to face the life ahead of you. It changes your ability to be who God wants you to be.

The disciples lived and ate and walked with Jesus for three whole years before they really knew his spirit. They didn't know it on Good Friday when they scattered and hid and wept. They didn't know it on Easter Sunday, when they couldn't believe what they saw. They thought they loved him, but when push came to shove their love failed.

But by the end of their lives, the disciples knew the kind of love that sustained them even in the face of martyrdom.

What was it that changed? It was the Spirit. They finally knew the Spirit.

*“No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.”  
— 1 Corinthians 12:3*

*- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

How do we know when we receive the Holy Spirit?

### Answer:

My brothers and I discovered something as we got older. There's a little bit of dad in us. Each time we catch ourselves using one of his gestures, expressions, or comments about a meal, we say, “I'm getting more like Dad!” Many laughs and good-natured kidding have come out of it. Mom loves it, and so does Dad, although I doubt he'd admit it!

When we are confirmed, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is no radical change in us that makes us seem suddenly different. Over a period of time, we come to see that there is a little bit of the Spirit in us. We catch ourselves using the gifts, and often end up wondering where a bit of wisdom came from, or why we were so patient, or we feel an intensity in our prayer. Perhaps we felt drawn to deepen our spiritual life or found courage in witnessing to our faith. That's when we know we have received the Holy Spirit. We take on his image. Yes, we grow in age, grace and wisdom, but we also grow in our awareness and understanding of the working of God in our life. We become more godlike, realizing we're getting more and more like God. Our thoughts, words and actions carry that quality and others too, see it in us. You might call it holiness. But be confident! There's a little bit of him in all of us.

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## Catholic Women's Conference

**Saturday, June 8, 2024**  
Marywood University, Scranton, PA

Register at [cwcnepa.com](http://cwcnepa.com)



*Jackie Angel*  
Mother of 5  
Homeschooler

Women from around the Diocese of Scranton gather on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at Marywood University for the Annual *Refresh Your Faith* Catholic Women's Conference. The day includes Mass with Bishop Bambera, continental breakfast, Catholic Marketplace, 3 Keynote speakers, rosary, Eucharistic adoration, music and lunch. Register for only \$55, students \$20.

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FLEA MARKET

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street in Pittston, is holding its annual **Flea Market** in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center (former Seton Catholic auditorium) on **Thursday, May 23** and **Friday, May 24** from 5:00-8:00 PM and **Saturday, May 25** from 9:00 AM-12 Noon (**Bag Sale**). Refreshments will be available for purchase on Thursday and Friday only. Entrance on Church Street in Pittston with parking available nearby!

The Nadine Cenci Marchegiani Foundation will hold its 3rd annual "Nine and Dine" Golf Tournament and Dinner, **Saturday, June 1st** at the Highlands, 2700 Highland Boulevard, Archbald. Registration- 12:30 pm. Dinner- 4:30 pm. Golf and dinner- \$80.00 per player. Dinner only- \$40.00 per person. Prizes and raffles. Contact information: Linell-570-335-2417; Cheryl- 570-574-9699. All proceeds benefit the NCM Foundation.

## 2024 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

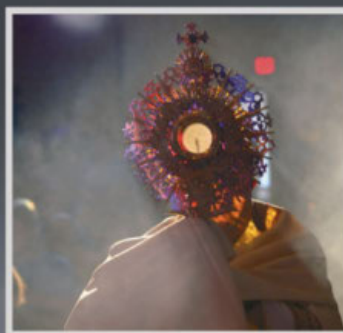
His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2024 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 23rd.

The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a reception. **The registration deadline for this event is May 26, 2024.**

To register, please go to  
<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org>  
or contact Bridget Guarnieri (570-207-2213 x 1133 or [familylife@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofscranton.org))

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Sponsored by the Diocesan Vocations Office*



**Thursday,  
June 6th**

**7:00 PM**

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