

AN EASTER REFLECTION – *Our Flesh and Bones*



Last week in the Gospel, St. John went out of his way to point out that Jesus, the Risen One, still possessed his humanity. He said, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side." This Sunday, St. Luke, a little less graphically, has the Risen Jesus invite his disciples to "Look at my hands and feet." Then to reinforce that Jesus is not a ghost, Luke, who loved to tell the stories of Jesus at meals, has Jesus ask for something to eat. "They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them."

So why did the gospel writers worry about the raised Jesus retaining all the characteristics of a human being? Is it that important that we see Jesus' wounds and that we see Jesus eat a snack? Maybe it was about

not wanting people to embrace all of this only as supernatural phenomenon with little connection with the "stuff" of our human condition, and not wanting us to easily "write-off" the resurrection story as being simply a ghost story.

The ones who remained as disciples, who carried on the message, were women and men who still possessed every aspect of being human. Many would be martyred, sadly in very violently human ways. They would still face hunger and famine, still encounter people with very human needs and concerns, and still need to help people find some hope, peace or reconciliation in some very human situations of grief, sadness, fear, or anger.

The Church in its glory was never meant to be devoid of the humanity that Jesus so absolutely embraced. He grasped ahold of all our human pain and anguish, whether it takes place in the streets of Jerusalem or the streets of Richmond or Minneapolis. As St. Peter said in Acts, God announced through the prophets, "that his Christ would suffer," just as we suffer.

St. John says that we have an Advocate, but not simply an advocate to lead us to higher matters. This Advocate knows our personal sins and the sins of the whole world. This Advocate sees our sinful actions and words committed toward our own brothers and sisters. The humanity of others is our humanity. So when we harm another because of color of skin, sexual identity, lifestyle choice, age or experience, physical capabilities, political preferences, families of origin, and even ways of defining God, we harm ourselves. Yet, despite all this lack of civility and an unwillingness to move toward repentance, Jesus continually offers us the opportunity for mercy, so that the love of God might become truly perfected in us.

Jesus tries repeatedly to open our minds to understand how the divine Word preached to us has the primary purpose of raising up our human condition. He is leading us away from acting out of ignorance, to examining our human hearts and wiping away our sins. He calls us to join with the witnesses before us and around us, to share with all the nations, not a ghostly presence of the love of God, but a presence that has flesh and bones, *our* flesh and bones glorified in our servant Jesus.

*Fr. Michael*

# WORSHIP

## SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

### Nativity of Our Lord Church

633 Orchard Street, Scranton PA 18505

### Holy Name of Jesus Church

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Office Email: [office@stjnparish.org](mailto:office@stjnparish.org)  
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Parish Website: [stjnparish.org](http://stjnparish.org)

#### Parish Office Hours:

Monday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Thursday CLOSED  
Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## WELCOME

Your presence is an encouragement to our parish community, as you join us online or in our church. It is our hope that you have experienced the joy of our Eucharistic Celebration no matter how you celebrate with us. We hope you feel welcome with a desire to join us again. If you are new to the community and wish to join our parish, please call the parish office.

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. John Neumann Parish see the Eucharist as source and summit of our joyful faith. Our united purpose is building a deeper spirituality through loving our neighbor and witnessing the Gospel to the world.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>Mon</b>	<b>4/19</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Tue</b>	<b>4/20</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Nativity</b>	<b>English</b>
			Robert Windish by Patricia Musso	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>4/21</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>English</b>
			Martin Zelsnack, Sr. by Jay & Tim Wolfe	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>4/22</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Nativity</b>	<b>Spanish</b>
			John & Jule Igoe by Sean Igoe	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>4/23</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>English</b>
			Robert Haas by Ellen Eiden	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4/24</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Nativity</b>	<b>English</b>
			Ann Needham by The Family	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4/24</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Nativity</b>	<b>Spanish</b>
			Adonis Mera by His Family	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4/25</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Nativity</b>	<b>English</b>
			Joseph & Marie Wren by The Family	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4/25</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Nativity</b>	<b>Spanish</b>
			The People of the Parish	



### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

will be burning in reverence and petition  
this week in loving memory of

### WILLIAM & DOLORES HINES

*Requested by their sons, Bill & Joe Hines*

## NOTICE TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON:

The Fraternité Notre Dame Community, since its acquisition of the former Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish complex in South Scranton, Pennsylvania in 2020, has generously provided support to the poor, particularly during the course of the current health crisis. The Community, however, describes itself as a Traditional Catholic Religious Order that is not in union with the Pope. As such, it is not a legitimate religious order of the Catholic Church.

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton should not attend Masses nor receive the sacraments provided by the Fraternité Notre Dame Community when Masses are available in nearby Churches of the Diocese. Particularly regarding the sacraments of Confirmation and Marriage, these celebrations would not only be illicit, but also invalid.

## RETURNING TO MASS "IN PERSON"

It is *WONDERFUL* to see so many of you returning to Mass in person. We are sure you agree that it is good to be "home" in our church as a parish community. We look forward each week to see who is walking through the door to join us. It truly is special to be back together in person. Does the church look different? We all enter through the same door (S.Webster Ave.), continue to keep social distanced, we wear our masks and hand sanitize upon arrival and again before communion and best of all, you don't need a reservation. Our seating capacity is 135 so we are spaced out, but all of that doesn't matter when you see each other! The important thing is that we are in person. We hope that we will continue to see more and more of you joining us in person and know that you are very welcome... welcome home! All weekend Masses are at Nativity Church for now.

Saturday: 4:30p.m. (English), 6:30p.m. (Spanish)  
Sunday: 9:30a.m. (English), 1:00p.m. (Spanish)

## VIRTUAL MASSES

Our live streaming of Masses has changed. We are now live streaming our Saturday Evening Masses (4:30pm English and 6:30pm Spanish) on Facebook. The masses will stay on our Facebook page and you may view them at a time that works for you on Saturday evening or Sunday *if you are unable to watch it live*. Once again we are having difficulty posting our Masses to our YouTube page but we will continue to work on that. AND of course, we invite you to join us **in person** at one of our weekend masses. If you are having trouble locating our masses virtually, call the parish office and we will be happy to assist you.

## LECTOR SCHEDULES

Schedules for April have been sent out. If you would like to be added as a lector for the months of May and June, contact Sr. Suzie at [sarmbrusterihm@gmail.com](mailto:sarmbrusterihm@gmail.com). THANK YOU to all those who lectored throughout our many Holy Week and Easter Services. Many people watching live-streamed commented on how clearly you proclaimed the Word.

# WORD

## FAITH FORMATION - *Ready, Set, Grow!*

### CLASSES ARE "IN-PERSON"

4/18	EP1, EP2, RCIC2, RCIT, Grs. 3-6	11:15-12:30pm
	CP2	5:00-6:30pm
4/25	EP1, EP2, RCIC2, RCIT	11:15-12:30pm
	CP1	5:00-6:30pm
5/02	<u>FIRST EUCHARIST</u> EP2, RCIC2	9:30 Parish Liturgy
	No EP1 Class	
	CP2	5:00-6:30pm
5/09	NO FAITH FORMATION — Happy Mother's Day!	
5/16	EP1, EP2, RCIC2, RCIT, Grs. 3-6	11:15-12:30pm
	CP2	5:00-6:30pm
5/23	EP1, EP2, RCIC2	11:15-12:30pm
	CP1	5:00-6:30pm

## SACRAMENTS

**First Communion will be Sunday, May 2** at our 9:30 parish liturgy. We will be welcoming 26 eager children to our Eucharistic Feast! **Confirmation will be Saturday, May 22** at our 4:30 parish liturgy. Confirmation will include students from our CP2 and RCIT classes as well as members of our RCIA program. Please keep all our candidates for both sacraments in your prayers. We look forward to celebrating these special moments as a parish community.

## MASS ATTENDANCE

How do we grow in our discipleship? How can we serve like Jesus? When we are fed at the Eucharistic Table we grow in our discipleship. In addition to attending class, there is the requirement for students to attend and participate in weekly Sunday Mass. Students are required to attend the **9:30am Sunday** mass. Students in **EP2, RCIC2, RCIT** and **CP2**, there is a sign-in book located on the table inside the church. We ask **each student** to sign the book upon arriving for Mass.

## CLASS ACCOUNTABILITY

Students are required to attend class "in-person" unless specific arrangements have been made with Sister Suzie. If your child is sick, contact Sister through **REMIND** by **9:30am** on Sunday morning. A work packet will be prepared for your child to complete and return. Packets will be available for pick-up on Tuesday afternoon and completed work is required to be returned by Thursday afternoon of the same week.

## 2021 GRADUATES

June is right around the corner and NOW is the time for us to plan how we will celebrate you, our young parishioners as you graduate from High School. If you are graduating or if you have a son or daughter graduating this Spring please email us the following information: date of Graduation, School and plans for the Fall 2021. All information can be emailed to [sarmbrusterihm@gmail.com](mailto:sarmbrusterihm@gmail.com) or sent to Sister Suzie through regular mail or dropped off through the mail slot at the rectory. We look forward to celebrating your class at a parish celebration.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY

Safety is extremely important for ALL our students and we need EVERYONE following the same traffic pattern for arrival and dismissal. **ARRIVAL:** ALL cars are to **enter** the court from **Orchard Street**. PLEASE pull up to rectory driveway to drop your child off. **Parents, you DO NOT need to get out of your car.** The children are very familiar with where their class is located and we have plenty of adults to help them as well. If for some reason you do need to get out of your car, please **PARK your car in parking lot** so not to stop the traffic flow of cars. When **exiting** the property, continue through the court and exit on **Hemlock St**. Following these rules will help prevent car accidents and keep everyone safe.

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS

These bulletins are specifically age appropriate for children ages 3-5, 7-9 and are filled with great activities to help your child understand the weekly Sunday Gospel. The bulletins correspond with our Faith Formation program. Moms and Dads, take time to share these fun bulletins with your children. Gospel readings can be downloaded at [www.pflaumweeklies.com](http://www.pflaumweeklies.com).

## COMMUNION VISITS

Recognizing that many of our homebound seniors have now received the necessary Covid-19 vaccines, we are ready to resume limited communion visits to individual homes. If you would like to be put on the homebound communion list, please call the parish office: 570-344-6159. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, have received your vaccines and would like to do communion visits, please call Sister Suzie. We hope everyone continues to be safe and we look forward to worshipping together in person or resume bringing Eucharist to you. In addition, if you are aware of someone in need of being anointed, please call the parish office: 570-344-6159 and we will arrange for a priest to visit.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2021 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 6** at the Cathedral of St. Peter. The Mass will begin at 2:30, and attendance will require advance reservation.

To register for the celebration, follow this link:

[www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/)

For questions or concerns, or if there are issues registering online, please reach out to Jen Housel, Director for Community & Family Development [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org), or call Jen at 570-207-2213 x 1104.

**Please be sure to call the Parish Office as well, at 570-344-6159, to let us know if you plan to attend.**

# COMMUNITY

## GENEROSITY IS AWESOME

Boxes of food and other such items continue to arrive and helps us in our outreach ministries. We continue to be in awe of what arrives either through Amazon or Wal-Mart or by you dropping items off in person on the rectory porch. It delights our hearts to open boxes knowing that you are thinking of others as many continue to struggle during these trying times. Your outreach is such a blessing and a real testament to your being "church" in our community. STJN parishioners and friends, you rock in recognizing and responding to the needs of others.

## FOOD PANTRY HOURS

**Catholic Social Services** STJN 640 Hemlock Street

Tuesdays - 1:00-4:00 p.m.

### **Friends of the Poor**

Jackson Terrace, 148 Meredian Avenue

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Valley View Terrace, BLDG #9, 950 Pear Street

Monday thru Friday , 9:30a.m.—12:30 p.m.

## WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

We have been navigating this pandemic a full year and it has invaded all our lives. Each of us have been affected in different ways. There are many senior adults who are our neighbors and live alone. Many have not had any contact with family or others in over a year. We invite you to: **Take the Senior Challenge:** Reach out through a phone call, a happy card, a goodie bag or a colored picture that can brighten their day. Let us know how you are reaching out! Reach out and touch someone...show them you care. Another suggestion is to ask a neighbor if they need help scheduling an appointment to get the vaccination and help them secure one. MANY do not know how to navigate the internet and would welcome the help. Neighbor helping neighbor will brighten their day and yours.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

*What is a Birthday without a cake??* To a child or anyone wanting to celebrate, a cake is so important in making an event special. For the months of April and May, we are collecting "**Birthdays and Celebration**" kits to be given to moms through the **McCauley Center**. A kit contains a boxed cake mix, can of frosting, small bottle of oil, candles and a disposable baking pan with cover. All items can be put in the baking pan and covered with the lid or saran wrap the kit together for easy distribution. Don't worry about the eggs, we will provide them. Kits can be dropped off at the rectory marked "Birthday kits". Our goal is to collect 50-60 kits. If you have any questions, please call Sister Suzie 570-344-6159 ext.161.

## AN ACT of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

# STJN SERVICE

## BROWN BAG MINISTRY

Brown Bag Ministry meets immediately following the 9:30am mass, typically on the first Sunday of the month. "Brown Bag" lunches are made and delivered to area shelters and the homeless in our area. While making lunches we keep social distanced, wear our masks and gloves. Our next date is **Sunday, May 2**. A "tid-bit" to share is that May 2<sup>nd</sup> is First Eucharist for our parish children. Our children will be nourished at our Eucharistic table, and others will be nourished through our brown bag lunches! THANK YOU to everyone donating food items to this ministry. To volunteer, contact Trish Kmiec: 570-961-1555. It is a great way to do service and enjoy fellowship all at the same time. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure helps keep this ministry in action. We are in need of small bottles of drinking water and loaves of bread for our May lunch.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY FOOD SUNDAY Thank you!

We continue to be in awe at the generosity of YOU, our parishioners. Your donations of food ensures that the food pantry here at STJN continues to be a viable ministry in feeding those in need. We continue 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday food collection at our weekend masses however food donations can be dropped off during the week on the side rectory porch as well. The food pantry is an outreach of Catholic Social Services. AGAIN, thank you for helping to feed those in need. Our next date is **Sunday, May 9**.

## C.I.C "STEP UP TO THE PLATE"

The 3<sup>rd</sup> **Saturday** of every Month the parishioners provide and send a cooked meal to the Community Intervention Center (C.I.C) which is a local day shelter for men and women who are homeless. They are so grateful for the meal items we send. Every dish is genuinely appreciated and amazingly it all comes together with many different items. We ask that food be put in disposable containers as we have no way of retrieving personal containers. Please call Ann Talerico (570-614-3633) or Teri Millard (570-430-1690), our parish coordinator, to help with this meal. Our next date is **Saturday, May 15**.

## "HANDS OF HOPE" MINISTRY

We have had many requests for prayer shawls during the past two months. Many are experiencing anxiety, isolation, depression due to Covid, Winter, dark days, illness or loss of a loved one. The shawls come in many colors and are sure to bring hope to a loved one, neighbor or acquaintance. There is no cost, we just ask that you say a prayer for the person who made the shawl. To request a prayer shawl, contact Sister Suzie at 570-344-6159 ext. 161.

We are looking for additional folks who knit or crochet to help make prayer shawls and lap blankets. If you crochet or knit, we hope you will consider helping with this ministry. We have plenty of yarn waiting to be crafted. Call 344-6159 ext.161 to arrange pick up. THANK YOU to those who dropped off beautiful shawls and lap blankets this week! Your gift brings much warmth and comfort to others.

# LEADERSHIP

## MINISTRY TEAM

**Rev. Michael Bryant, Pastor**

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**Deacon Al Giacometti, Pastoral Associate**

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# STEWARDSHIP

## MANAGING GOD'S GIFTS TO US

	04/04/2021	04/05/2020
Tithe	\$ 4,576.00	\$ 2,793.00
Easter	\$ 4,371.04	\$ .00
Loose	\$ 739.00	\$ .00
Other	\$11,446.00*	\$ 8,114.14**
Total	\$21,132.04	\$10,907.14



\*includes 2 months of SSD Rent. \*\* includes SSD Utilities.  
 WeShare donations: 02-12-21 \$5,021.51 and 03-05-21 \$4,169.30  
 March 29–April 4 Expenses paid from general account \$27,482.11

We would like to thank **DUPLI CRAFT PRINTING** for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin.

## FAITH QUESTION OF THE WEEK



**Adults:** What questions about Jesus still arise in the midst of your faith?

**Kids:** What question would you like to ask someone about Jesus' appearance to the Apostles?

## CONFESSION & FIRST COMMUNION

### QUESTION:

Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

### ANSWER:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation—especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church. ©LPI

## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Home mission diocese are those Catholic diocese in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions. Please support CHMA and strengthen the Church at Home. The collection is next weekend: April 24/25.

## POT OF GOLD CLUB!

**Our new club started on April 1, 2021**

Since the Pot of Gold Club has already started, you may now pick a sealed envelope for your number. Call for details 570-344-6159.



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE...GET YOUR TICKET TODAY!**

## REMEMBRANCES

When making your will and final testament, please be sure to remember your parish in particular. Acts of charity follow us beyond this life in to eternity. Inform your lawyer and your family of our intentions so that they will be mentioned in a clear and forthright manner. Parishioners may designate that their bequests be made to St. John Neumann Parish. You may specify that you wish it to be applied to our parish projects, maintenance needs or parish expenses. You may also wish to donate to the church in memory of a loved one or you can donate in honor of someone who is celebrating a birthday or anniversary. We wish to thank all of our parishioners for your continued generous support of our parish.

### EASTER FLOWERS



Mary Kay McCann

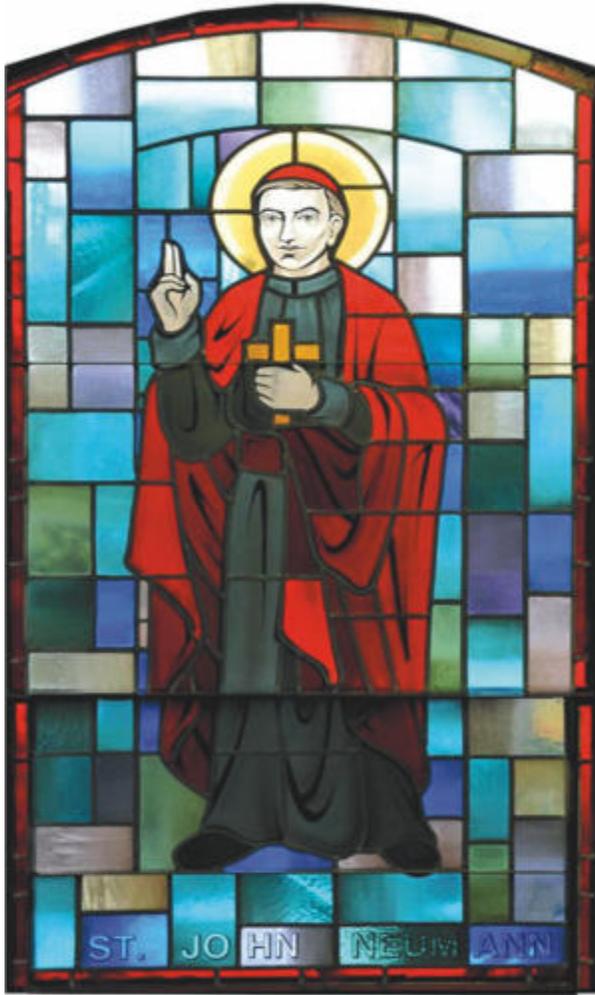
M/M John Daffaro

Bill & Joe Hines  
 Maria Sy  
 Daniel Donahue, Jr.  
 Rosemary Boland  
 M/M John Nealon

### IN MEMORY OF:

McCann, Reuther, Burke,  
 Wagstaff, Rogan & Jackson  
 Families  
 Arline Daffaro, Luigi Daffaro,  
 Santa Daffaro  
 William & Dolores Hines  
 Petra Sy, Marciano Sy  
 The Daniel Donahue Family  
 Edgar & Robert F. Boland

# PARROQUIA DE SAN JUAN NEUMANN



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Jueves Cerrado  
Viernes 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## **HORARIO DE LAS MISAS**

### **El Fin de Semana**

Sábado a las 4:30 PM en Nativity (ingles)

**Sábado a las 6:30 PM en Nativity (español)**

Domingo a las 9:30 AM en Nativity (ingles)

**Domingo a las 1:00 PM en Nativity (español)**

### **Los Días de la Semana**

Martes a las 8:00 AM en Nativity (ingles)

Miércoles a las 9:00 AM en Holy Name(ingles)

**Jueves a las 7:00 PM en Nativity (español)**

Viernes a las 9:00 AM en Holy Name (ingles)

## **COMUNICADO A LOS FIELES CATÓLICOS ROMANOS DE LA DIÓCESIS DE SCRANTON:**

La Comunidad de Fraternité Notre Dame, desde que adquirió el antiguo complejo de la parroquia de Santa María de la Asunción en el Sur de Scranton, Pennsylvania en el año 2020, ha brindado generosamente apoyo a los pobres, particularmente durante el curso de la actual crisis de salud. La Comunidad, sin embargo, se describe a sí misma como una Orden Religiosa Católica Tradicional que no está en unión con el Papa. Como tal, no es una orden religiosa legítima de la Iglesia Católica.

Los fieles de la Diócesis de Scranton no deben asistir a las Misas ni recibir los sacramentos proporcionados por la Comunidad Fraternité Notre Dame cuando las Misas están disponibles en las Iglesias cercanas de la Diócesis. Particularmente en lo que respecta a los sacramentos de la Confirmación y el Matrimonio, estas celebraciones no solo serían ilícitas, sino también inválidas.

### **LA MISA EN LINEA**

Mientras comenzamos a prepararnos para el fin de la pandemia, empezando con el fin de la semana de 11 de abril, pondremos en línea solo una de las misas en cada idioma en nuestras páginas de FaceBook y YouTube, (el 4:30 pm en inglés y el 6:30 pm en español). No habrá algo cambio en el horario de las misas, todavía tendremos las misas en español de jueves a las 7:00 pm, de sábado a las 6:30 pm y domingo a las 1:00 pm. Si todavía no sientes cómodo revolviendo a la misa en persona, esperamos que continúes mirándolo en línea, y esperamos que muy pronto puedas asistir la misa en persona.

## **PREPARACIÓN PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS Y LAS CLASES DEL FORMACIÓN DE LA FE**

4/18	EP1, EP2, RCIC2, RCIT, Grs. 3-6	11:15-12:30pm
	CP2	5:00-6:30pm
4/25	EP1, EP2, RCIC2, RCIT	11:15-12:30pm
	CP1	5:00-6:30pm
5/02	Primera Comunión EP2, RCIC2	La Misa de 9:30
	No Clase de EP1	
	CP2	5:00-6:30pm
5/09	NO HAY CLASES — ¡Feliz día de la madre!	
5/16	EP1, EP2, RCIC2. RCIT, Grs. 3-6	11:15-12:30pm
	CP2	5:00-6:30pm
5/23	EP1, EP2, RCIC2	11:15-12:30pm
	CP1	5:00-6:30pm

## **LOS SACRAMENTOS**

La primera comunión estará domingo, 2 de mayo, en la misa dominical de 9:30. ¡Habrá 26 niños recibiendo la comunión para la primera vez! La confirmación estará 22 de mayo en la misa de 4:30 pm. La confirmación incluiré los estudiantes en CP2 y RCIT, y también los adultos en RICA. Por favor, recuerde nuestros candidatos en sus oraciones.

## LAS VACUNAS DE COVID-19



En 13 de abril, entramos fase 2 de la campaña de la vacuna, y por eso, todas las personas mayores de 16 años podrán hacer una cita para recibir la vacuna. Esperamos que todos ustedes consideren recibir una de las vacunas. Es importante para la salud de nuestra parroquia, comunidad, y nación.

¿Son las vacunas seguras? El Departamento de Salud de Pennsylvania responde que "Sí, las vacunas contra el COVID-19 son seguras. Cada ensayo de una vacuna pasa por un riguroso proceso de aprobación antes de que se la pueda distribuir. Entendemos que algunas personas puedan estar preocupadas por la vacunación. Si bien estas vacunas están siendo desarrolladas lo más rápido posible, los procesos y procedimientos de rutina han permanecido vigentes con el fin de garantizar la seguridad de cualquier vacuna que esté autorizada o que sea aprobada para su uso. La seguridad es una prioridad absoluta y existen muchas razones para vacunarse. Entre ellas se incluye protegerse a sí mismo, a sus seres queridos y a su comunidad."

¿Es moral recibir las vacunas? Algunas de las vacunas han sido un poco controversiales debido a cuyas conexiones con el uso de tejidos de fetos abortados. El Obispo Joseph Bambera ha hablado de esto. Aquí está su declaración en apoyo a recibir las vacunas: "La pandemia de covid-19 ha causado un tremendo dolor y temor en nuestro país y en el mundo en el último año, dejando más de 500.000 muertos solo en los Estados Unidos.

"Quiero ser claro y conciso en mi guía pastoral con respecto a las vacunas COVID-19. Debido al grave peligro que representa este virus, es moralmente aceptable recibir cualquiera de las vacunas COVID-19 actuales que se ha determinado que son clínicamente seguras y eficaces. Esta posición cuenta con el apoyo de la Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe.

"La gente no debe retrasar la obtención de una vacuna. Recibir una vacuna no sólo protege la salud de una persona, sino que también sirve al bien común protegiendo a la comunidad, incluidos los débiles y vulnerables.

"Sé que hay cuestiones morales y éticas complejas involucradas en el desarrollo de vacunas, pero debido a que, en este momento, a la mayoría de la gente no se le está dando una opción genuina de qué vacuna reciben, y probablemente no será capaz de tomar una decisión de este tipo sin un largo retraso. Debido a esto, dado ese riesgo para la salud pública, los fieles pueden, en buena conciencia, recibir cualquiera de las vacunas actuales."

## ¡UNA SEGUNDA MISA EN ESPAÑOL!

En las semanas pasadas, más gente han regresado a nuestra comunidad a celebrar la misa en persona. ¡Este es una cosa maravillosa y hermosa! Pero, esto también crea un pequeño problema para nosotros. Por unos meses más, en mínimo, a debido de la pandemia, todavía necesitamos mantener la distancia social en la Iglesia para asegurar que todos estén a salvo. Por lo tanto, ¡decidimos añadir temporalmente una segunda misa en español!

La segunda misa es los sábados a las 6:30 PM en la iglesia Nativity. Por favor, **te pido que consideres asistir a la misa del sábado.** Si la misa del domingo sigue teniendo demasiada gente, entonces tendremos que tomar reservas. Por eso, es mi esperanza que, en mínimo, sobre 70 a 80 más personas eligen a pasar de la misa dominical a la misa en sábado.

Por supuesto, todavía tendremos la misa en domingo a las 1:00, y también la misa los jueves a las 7:00. Y, aunque la obligación a asistir en la misa dominical es suspendida por el Obispo Joseph, quiero señalar que las misas de la noche de los sábados satisfacen la obligación de asistir a misa los domingos.



## MISIONES CATÓLICAS DOMÉSTICAS

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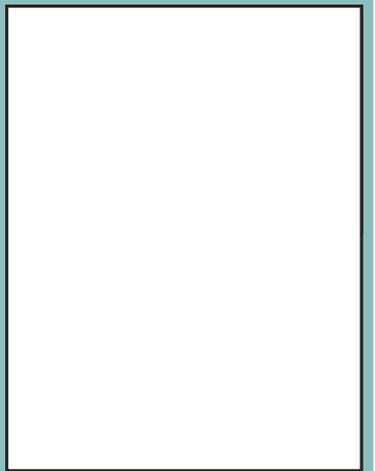
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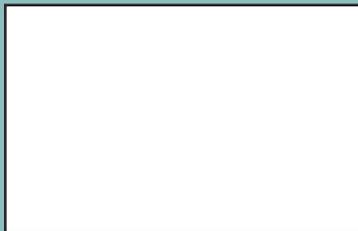
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