

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



The Church of St. Adalbert
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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Friday Mass.....8:30 AM
Sunday Morning Mass.....8:00 AM
Holy Day Vigil Mass7:00 PM
Confessions.....upon request



The Church of St. Martha
Church Address: 260 Bonneville Rd.
Stillwater, Pa.

Tuesday Mass.....8:30 AM
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration
.....9 AM to 9 PM
Sunday Morning Mass.....9:45 AM
Holy Day Mass.....6:00 PM
Confessions.....upon request



The Church of St. Mary
Office: 150 Main St.
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Monday & Wednesday Mass 7:30 AM
Saturday Vigil Mass.....4:15 PM
Holy Day Mass.....7:30 AM
Confessions.....Sat.3:00 PM
or upon request

MISSION STATEMENT: We the Eucharistic Community of Holy Spirit Parish, in union with the teachings of our One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and a people rich in tradition, commit ourselves to the formation and sustenance of Sacramental Christian family life. Through ongoing education, supported by prayer —especially celebration of the Eucharist, we practice a life of faith, hope, and charity based in humility before God, while courageously giving witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in support of a culture of life, justice and peace.

Rev. Louis T. Kaminski, Pastor

Bulletin Deadline: Bulletin announcements must be to the Parish Office by Friday if they are to be printed in the following weeks bulletin.

****Monthly Calendar:** If you have any events to be placed on the Parish monthly calendar that is inserted into the bulletin each month, please have these dates to Marion (phone: 570-864-3058 or e-mail: hidlay670@epix.net) before the 15th of the prior month.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the official five-stage process the Catholic Church uses to bring adult members into the Catholic Faith. Anyone interested in becoming Catholic and joining the RCIA Program is asked to call the Parish Office.

Website: www.holyspiritparishnepa.org

Religious Education Classes are held each Sunday Morning during the academic year.
Glen Lyon: 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Stillwater: 10:45 a.m. to 12 noon

Parish Registration: New members are always welcome. Any parishioners entering, leaving, or moving within the parish should contact the Parish Office.

Baptisms: In order to understand and better appreciate this special sacrament, parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal meeting. Parents should contact the Parish Office well in advance to make arrangements.

Marriages: Couples contemplating marriage should notify us at least one year before the date on which they wish to marry. This should be done before any other arrangements are made.

Mass Intentions

January 17, 2021

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Monday, January 18	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	Dorothy Yarasavage, by Bernice Buchkowski
Tuesday, January 19	8:30 AM	St. Martha	For the People
Wednesday, January 20	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	Verna Kropiewnicki, by A Friend
Thursday, January 21	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	NO MASS
Friday, January 22	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	Mary J. Domzalski, by Lottie Dido
Saturday, January 23	4:15 PM	St. Mary	Henrietta Evina, by Frankie
Sunday, January 24	8:00 AM	St. Adalbert	Chester Smocharski, by Ed & Connie Kashnicki
	9:45 AM	St. Martha	Regina Angeli, by Dorothy Barchik & Family

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: At St. Martha every Tuesday after the 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass until 9:00 p.m. Assigned Eucharistic adorers and substitutes are needed for all hours. Please contact Rebecca at 570-256-7329 to sign up for a specific hour or to be a substitute. **HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS** on **January 19th**, 9 - 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to participate in this prayer ministry for the sanctity of priests and for an increase of holy vocations.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP: Meetings are held the First Monday of each month unless noted. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 1st**, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Please submit names of those suffering from serious illness who are homebound, in hospitals or in nursing homes to Gloria Handzelek 570-542-5694, Ann McElligott 570-864-2331 or Mary Lou Zaleski 570-736-6336. All members of Holy Spirit Parish are encouraged to pray for those whose names are on our Prayer List, to pray for Pope Francis and the healing of Holy Mother Church, and to attend our prayer meetings. The Scribe is Barbara Yacoboski 570-542-7447 and the Prayer Group Leader is Paulette Monchak 570-542-7242. Social distancing guidelines will be enforced.

CANDLES/FLOWER REMEMBRANCE

St. Adalbert Candle for Mary: In Loving Memory of Diane Yudisky, by Family

St. Adalbert Candle for Joseph: In Loving Memory of Clem Olshefski, by Family

St. Mary BVM Candle: In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Matusek, by Family

St. Mary Sacred Heart Candle: In Loving Memory of Henrietta Evina, by Frankie

HOLY SPIRIT OFFERTORY— **January 3, 2021** **\$ 4,594.00**

Thank you to everyone who continues to send in their offertory weekly/monthly.

HAPPENINGS

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, There are still Lottery Calendars remaining to sell. Please consider purchasing another calendar for yourself. Each calendar is \$20.00 and good for 4 months, beginning January 2021.

SMMA SCHOLARSHIP: The SMMA 2020 "Memorial Scholarship Award" is available for eligible St. Martha students. Our Scholarship Selection Committee will accept applications (available in the Sacristy) from current year eligible students until January 31, 2021. The Committee will decide the winner(s) before our February meeting. The decision of the Committee is final. The scholarship checks for \$500.00 will be awarded no later than the graduation of the student(s). If you have any questions please see any member of the Selection Committee. Thank you to everyone who supports our SMMA fundraisers. Without your help we couldn't help these deserving young people of our Parish. If you would like to donate money to increase the scholarships, please see President Jim Howanitz.

2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES & calendars are available in all 3 Worship Sites. If you see envelopes for someone you know can not make it to church, please be kind and deliver them for us. Please contact the parish office if there are any problems. We would like to thank The Mayo & George Strish Funeral Homes for donating the 2021 calendars.

WEEKEND MASSES: There are **Sunday** Masses available for 2021. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one on the weekend, (even if you already scheduled masses for 2021) please call the Parish Office. These masses will be on a first come first serve basis. Thank you!

END OF THE YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS will be available after January 15, 2021. If you would like your statement for 2020, please call the parish office.

Every donation counts!! If you have not yet pledged, please... Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal! (28,000.00) OUR PARISH IS AT \$11,605.00 (\$16,395.00) We are grateful to the 101 parishioners who supported the 2020 Annual Appeal to date. If you have not yet given your support, please: 1) Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card. 2) Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or give online at DioceseofScranton.org. **Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.**

CHRIST IS ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing

John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO PARISHES HAVE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN A SEPARATE ROOM?

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is "integrally connected with the church" which can foster "reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer." This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic

adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the "source and summit" of the life of the Church.



As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider

the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

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