

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

Mass Intentions

April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter

DAY	TIME	PLACE	INTENTION
Monday, April 26	8:30 AM	St. Mary	Catherine Monchak, by Barbara Baluta & Dave Foster
Tuesday, April 27	8:30 AM	St. Martha	For the People
Wednesday, April 28	8:30 AM	St. Mary	Angeline Matusek, by Family
Thursday, April 29	8:30 AM	St. Mary	No Mass
Friday, April 30	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	Elizabeth Matikewicz, by Heidi Jarecki
Saturday, May 1	4:15 PM	St. Mary	Daniel Samonek, by Harry & Janice Howell
Sunday, May 2	8:00 AM	St. Adalbert	Joseph Rambus, by Maggie Forgach
	9:45 AM	St. Martha	Clementine Everett, by John & Mary Everett

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 **May 8th**, 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.

CANDLES/FLOWER REMEMBRANCE

St. Adalbert Candle for Joseph: In Loving Memory of Frank & Jessie Olshefski, by Family
St. Mary BVM Candle: In Loving Memory of Angeline Matusek, by Children & Grandchildren
St. Mary Sacred Heart Candle: In Loving Memory of Mary Matusek, by Jane Rutkoski & Family
St. Martha's Flowers: In Loving Memory of Ed & Bertha Baluta, by Stan & Joann Ftorkowski

HOLY SPIRIT OFFERTORY— April 11, 2021 \$ 2,492.00

SOUP & MEATBALL SALE: St. Mary Church will be selling Piggie Soup for \$6.00 a qt, & Sauce with 4 meatballs for \$7.00 a qt. Please call Sandy at 57- 542-7730 or Marion at 570-864-3058. Pick up will be in the Church Hall on Saturday, May 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and after the 4:15 Mass,, and Sunday, May 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to Noon .

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 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. Couples for whom their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary has occurred or will occur in 2021, should register directly for the celebration by going to: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/> . Or by calling Jen Housel, Director for Community and Family Development. (jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, 570-207-2213 x 1104)

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP: Meetings are held the First Monday of each month unless noted. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 3rd, 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.

We need your help: We are looking for someone within our Parish who could fix a 3' x 3' area of sheetrock in the ceiling of St. Mary's Rectory. Please call the parish Office if you can help.

REGISTRATION and active participation in the Parish are the only means of identifying and certifying members of our parish. Registration and participation are important for the baptism of children, determination of status for tuition rates, testimonial letters regarding sponsorship for the Sacraments, records of donations, recommendations, etc. Attendance at Mass or having been baptized in this parish does not necessarily mean you are a registered member of the parish. If you are an adult 18 years of age or older, you need to be registered in your own right, even if you are living in your parents' home. Please call the parish office during regular business hours to register or to verify your parishioner sta-

LOTTERY WINNERS:

DATE	#	NAME	AMT.	DATE	#	NAME	AMT.
04/12/2021	584	David Pauska	50.00	04/13/2021	305	Diane Hillan	50.00
04/14/2021	071	George Kubasik	50.00	04/15/2021	404	Diane Pelczar	50.00
04/16/2021	337	Felicia Domilevicz	50.00	04/17/2021	779	No Winner	50.00
04/18/2021	640	Nancy Zawodniak	100.00				

CONFIDENCE IN PRINCES

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — "I've got this."

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

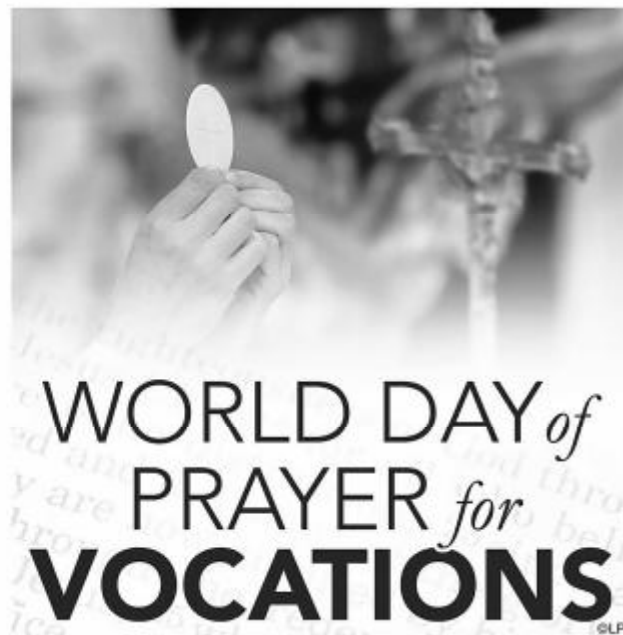
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR?

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office liturgy and worship.



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