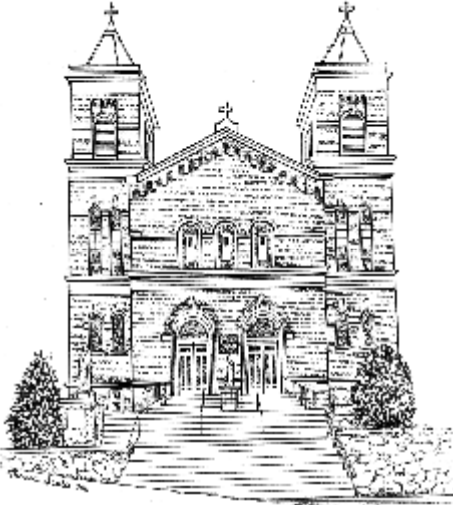


HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



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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Email:.....hsparish@pa.metrocast.net
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.
Mocanaqua, Pa. 18655

Office hours: Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Phone.....570-542-4157
Emergency.....570-542-4158
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Monday & Wednesday Mass 8:30 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

August 8, 2021

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Monday, August 9	8:30 AM	St. Mary	Stanley Kaminski & Julia Nour, by Family
Tuesday, August 10	8:30 AM	St. Martha	For the People
Wednesday, August 11	8:30 AM	St. Mary	Catherine Monchak, by Judy & Len Ganis
Thursday, August 12	8:30 AM	St. Mary	No Mass
Friday, August 13	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	Loretta Sudik, by Kim Litchkofski & Jeremy Enanko
Saturday, August 14	4:15 PM	St. Mary	Andrew Gurzynski, by The Joseph Matusek Family
Sunday, August 15	8:00 AM	St. Adalbert	Austin Walton, by Terence Walton
	9:45 AM	St. Martha	Regina Angeli, by Gerald & Regina Magaleski

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 **August 17th**, 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 Mary: In Loving Memory of Edmund & Fran Elczyna, by Family

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July 18, 2021

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ST. ADALBERT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Religious Education teachers are needed for the upcoming year of mid-September 2021 through mid-May of 2022. COVID 19 regulations will be in place and the method of instruction will be determined by the ratio of teachers to students. Please call JoAnne Thomas at 570-814-5271 for further information.

PICNIC NEWS

St. Mary:

- **BASKET BOOTH:** We are presently collecting monetary donations for the Basket Booth. If you can, please drop a few dollars in an envelope, mark it "Baskets" and place it in the collection basket on Sunday. You can also give donations to Donna Walters after weekend Mass. Money will be used to purchase items for baskets to be auctioned off at the picnic. You may also make a basket and donate it if you wish. **All items must be new.** We will not be accepting any used items due to COVID. You can drop off finished baskets on the back porch of the rectory in Mocanagua or call Donna at 570-704-9197 for pick-up. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.
- **PIGGIES:** Prep work—Monday, August 16th, Start time; 8:00 a.m.—Making piggies—Tuesday, August 17th, Start time; 8:00 a.m.

St. Martha:

- **PIGGIES:** August 10th beginning at 2:00 p.m. All are Welcome to help.
- **COUNTRY STORE:** Items for the Country Store can now be brought to the hall. Clean items only, please. The deadline for items is August 15th. **We are not accepting TV's, clothes, shoes.**
- **DIME PITCH:** We are asking for donations of glassware, mugs, shot glasses, etc. tfor our Dime Pitch game. Please put your donations in a box and label it "dime pitch". You can drop them off in the church hall. Thank you
- **THEME BASKETS** are in the Church Hall, suggested Themes are in the baskets.

ASSUMPTION DAY BRUNCH: A light brunch will be served after the 9:45 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 15 at St. Martha's Church. Everyone is welcome to join us for food and fellowship in celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you would like to help with the preparations, please call Raphael Micca at 570-301-9253 or email rdmic-ca@aol.com.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP: Meetings are held the First Monday of each month unless noted. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 6th, 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 Yacuboski 570-542-7447 and the Prayer Group Leader is Paulette Monchak

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

He got up, ate, and drank;
then strengthened by that food,
he walked forty days and forty nights
to the mountain of God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)



PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)



SECOND READING

So be imitators of God, as beloved children,
and live in love,
as Christ loved us and handed
himself over for us
as a sacrificial offering to God
for a fragrant aroma. (Eph 5:1-2)



GOSPEL

"No one can come to me unless the Father
who sent me draw him,
and I will raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:44)

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Seeing Through the Lens of Faith

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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