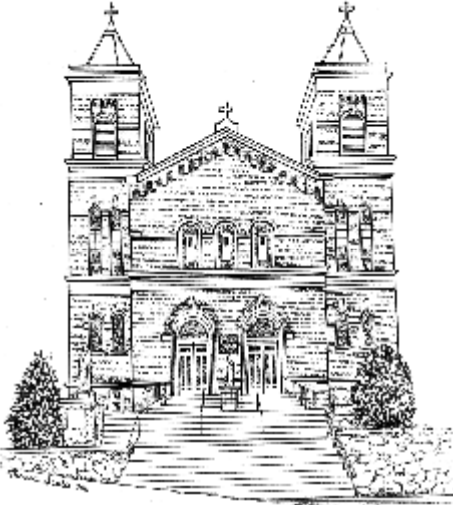


HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



The Church of St. Adalbert
Office: 31 S. Market St.
Glen Lyon, Pa. 18617

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Phone:.....570-736-6372
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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.
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 29, 2021

The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Monday, August 30	8:30 AM	St. Mary	Mary A. Walker, by A Friend
Tuesday, August 31	8:30 AM	St. Martha	For the People
Wednesday, September 1	8:30 AM	St. Mary	Paul C. Heffner, by Barbara Gurzynski
Thursday, September 2	8:30 AM	St. Mary	No Mass
Friday, September 3	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	Steven Andrew Monchak, Daughters
Saturday, September 4	4:15 PM	St. Mary	For All Picnic Workers
Sunday, September 5	8:00 AM	St. Adalbert	For All Picnic Workers
	9:45 AM	St. Martha	Gertrude Deluca, by Mary Jo Resavy

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 **September 14th**, 9 - 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to

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 Joseph Patrick Lapinski, by A Friend

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August 8, 2021

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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 screened in porch of the rectory in Mocanaqua or call Donna at 570-704-9197 for pick-up. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.
- **PAPER PRODUCTS NEEDED:** 6" **paper** plates (no larger than 6", Please, no Styrofoam plates). Thank you for your donation.
- **FLOWER/PLANT STAND:** 90 Plants/flowers are needed. Its time to get planting. Grow and save your flower/plant until the picnic for the Plant Stand. Pot/planter, potting soil donations can be left in St. Mary basement before Mass on Saturdays. Pots can be plastic, pottery or glass (no clear glass). If you have nothing to donate, a monetary donation will be welcomed so that items can be purchased. For more information please call Carol at 570-542-7179. Thanks for your support.
- **CAKE or COOKIE** donations are needed!!! Please drop of your cakes or cookies on Saturday, September 4th at the Picnic Grove before Noon.
- **BOOKS, BOOKS and more BOOKS:** We are in need of new or gently used books for our booth at the picnic. If you have a book to donate please leave it in the Church basement.
- **DONATION NEEDED:** We are in need of glass dishes, bowls, or cups for our Dime Pitch booth. Donations can be dropped off in the basement of the church before or after Mass.
- **GROVE & KITCHEN CLEANUP:** Help is needed in the picnic grounds kitchen on Monday August 30th & Tuesday August 31st, beginning at 8:00 AM. Everyone's help is needed and welcomed.
- **St. Mary's Thank You Picnic Dinner:** For all workers and their spouses, Sunday, September 12th, 12:00 noon, St. Mary Picnic Grounds. Please bring a covered dish or dessert, all meats and beverages will be provided.

St. Martha:

- **POSTERS** are at the entrances & extra **RAFFLE TICKETS** are in the Sacristy
- **DIME PITCH:** We are asking for donations of glassware, mugs, shot glasses, etc. for 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.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP: Meetings are held the First Monday of each month unless noted. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 13th, 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 570-542-7242.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARTHA: Registration and orientation for the 2021-2022 term will take place on **September 12th** after Holy Mass. Forms will be made available August 29th onward. **Classes will start on Sunday, September 19th** beginning at **9:45 AM** with Holy Mass and **ending at noon**. For more information, please contact Rebecca Micca (570)256-7329.



FIRST READING

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)



PSALM

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)



SECOND READING

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)



GOSPEL

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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