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The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday:
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 7:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Holy Days: See bulletin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Kindergarten (optional), 1st to 8th grade (required) Sundays from 9:00 am to 10:15 am September to May. Catholic School students are required to register to receive the sacraments of First Communion, Penance, and Confirmation in 2nd and 8th grade.

NEW MEMBERS/CHANGE OF ADDRESS

New members are most welcome!

Call the Parish office at 570-489-2091 or go to www.vbvm.org to register.

Parishioners are asked to notify the office of change of address or when moving from the parish.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday 8:30 a.m., and other times by request.

Baptism: Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Registered parishioners may call the parish office to make arrangements.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance by registered parishioners.

Monthly Visitation of the Sick/Homebound: Call the parish office to be placed on the list.

Care of the Sick: Please notify us at any time of the seriously ill, hospitalized or those needing anointing.

We, the parish community of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in union with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the leadership of our bishop and our pastor are called through Baptism to live the gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the sacramental life of the Church, especially the Eucharist, we are strengthened to live as a community committed to share the Word with all those in need with love and compassion, and to celebrate the fullness of life in Christ.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday 7:30 AM	May 27 Mother's Day Intentions
Tuesday 7:30 AM	May 28 Mother's Day Intentions
Wednesday 7:30 AM	May 29 Mother's Day Intentions
Thursday 7:30 AM	May 30 Mother's Day Intentions
Friday 7:30 AM	May 31 Our deceased Pastors: Rev. Bronislaus Iwanowski, Rev. Joseph Dudkiewicz, Msgr. Stanislaus Szpotanski, Rev. Francis Dominiak, Msgr. Peter Niebrzydowski, Msgr. Clarence Sikorski and Msgr. Stanley Piorkowski
Saturday 4:00 PM	June 1 George Kaszuba (Anniv.) offered by Wife & children
Sunday 8:00 AM	June 2 Living and deceased members of our parish
10:30 AM	Marie (31st Anniv.) & Stanley Michalik offered by daughter Karen Wallo and family

IN MEMORIAM

Sanctuary Candle

Borusiewicz & Lukasik Families
offered by Alfred Borusiewicz

Altar Candles

Borusiewicz & Lukasik Families
offered by Alfred Borusiewicz

Bread & Wine

Borusiewicz & Lukasik Families
offered by Alfred Borusiewicz

Steeple Lights

Borusiewicz & Lukasik Families
offered by Alfred Borusiewicz

May - The Month of Mary



Hail Mary

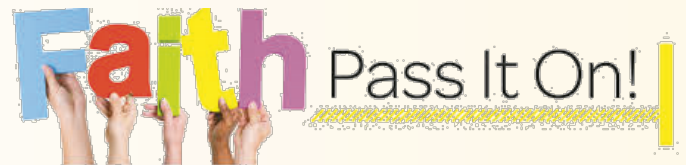
Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



All children entering 3rd grade and up are encouraged to join our Altar Server Ministry. If you would like your child to serve at the table of the Lord, please call 570-489-2091 or email vbvm@comcast.net. Training sessions will be held over the summer.



Our Religious Education Ministry is in need of volunteers to help as CCD teachers and substitutes. All program materials are provided. Teaching experience is not required. Classes are held Sundays from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. September through the first Sunday of May. Holidays off. Call 570-489-2091 or email vbvm@comcast.net for more information or to join this ministry.

MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS In Memoriam



School

Deceased members of the Tomko Family
offered by Barbara Brown

Cemetery

Stanley Michalik
offered by daughter Karen Wallo and family

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DATE:

EVENT:

June 1	Troop 21 Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM
June 4	Spark Planning Meeting 6:00 PM
June 5	Support Group Meeting 6:30 PM
June 24	Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 24 THROUGH 28 9:00 AM TO 12 NOON

REGISTRATION DUE BY MAY 26TH
CHILDREN AGES 4 THROUGH 10 ARE WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JILL LENNON AT
dobrenieck@aol.com
or call/text 570-209-2480

Registration forms are available in the
Parish Office and the church vestibule.



50-50 DRAWING

to be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024
and can be seen on our Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/vbvmc
following the drawing

FOUR CASH PRIZES
BASED ON THE NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD

For tickets call or stop in the parish office.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US!

Our parish rosary group prays Monday through Friday after the 7:30 AM Mass. On Thursdays the special intention is for vocations for men and women to generously say "Yes" to the priesthood and consecrated life. Please join us in praying the rosary.



If you need a rosary you can get a free one at the parish office. If you don't know how to, or haven't prayed the rosary in a while, don't worry. It's very easy to follow along.



ST. MARY'S MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Doors open at 5:00 PM

NO BINGO MEMORIAL DAY!
Immediately following
\$5,000.00 Jackpot!

Kitchen opens at 5:00 PM
Handicapped accessible from the
Scott Road entrance.

SCOUT NEWS



Troop 21 Pancake Breakfast



June 1st
8:00-11:00am
\$8.00

Dine-In or Take Out
St. Mary's Parish Center
Dickson City



Pancakes, Sausage,
Juice, Coffee/Tea

Diocese of Scranton Payroll and Benefits Administrator

The Payroll and Benefits Administrator is a key member of the Diocesan Human Resources Office team and will be responsible for coordinating all aspects of the payroll process and benefit administration including medical, dental, vision, disability, and retirement plans. The ideal candidate is a detail-oriented, self-motivated team player who thrives in a fast-paced environment and will help the team achieve department goals, while at the same time ensuring excellent service to our clergy and employees in our diocesan administrative offices, parishes, schools, and Catholic Social Services.

Applicants who are interested in this position are encouraged to visit the diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org to review the full job description. Applicants are asked to send a cover letter with salary requirements and a complete resume with a minimum of three (3) references by May 31, 2024 to:

James Burke

Diocesan Secretary for Human Resources
300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pa. 18503
Or email jburke@dioceseofscranton.org

GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 26, 2024

The Most Holy Trinity

Once I was at a meeting with representatives of various religions. On a coffee break, a man from another religion mused to me: "You know, with all our differences, all religions are really about being good people." I lowered my cappuccino and said as warmly as I could, "That's not what mine's about." His quizzical look begged for clarification. "Mine is about plunging into the life of God," I said.

Just before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commands the eleven apostles, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20). The word "baptize" means "to immerse in, to plunge into." It presupposes the use of water. But what does it mean to be immersed in God's name? In the Bible, God's name is identical to God Himself. So, to be baptized into water, using Jesus' formula, is to be plunged into the life of God. Said another way, it is to die with Jesus and rise with him as a member of his body.

The Trinity isn't a doctrine simply to accept and ponder. It's more like an ocean: a mystery into which we are baptized ... inserted, immersed, dunked, plunged. Baptism gives us power to live our lives as beloved children of God, patterned after Jesus himself, who is always with us, until the end of the ages. Hardly the same as being good people. Stranger, but much better.

— *Father John Muir*

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Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th will be held at 7:30 a.m. in the Church. A prayer service will be held at the main altar of the cemetery at 9:30 a.m. In case of inclement weather the service will be held in the mausoleum chapel.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 27th.**

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CALLING ALL GRADUATES!



We are preparing for our salute to our parish graduates. If you or someone in your family has graduated from high school, technical school, college or graduate school, please let us know. Simply call the parish office at 570-489-2091 or e-mail vbvm@comcast.net with the following information:

**Name of Graduate, Name of School,
Degree Earned.**

All information must be received no later than **June 26th** to make the submission deadline.

MINISTRY MASS SCHEDULE for JUNE 1 & 2

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
EM 1	Debbie Smith	Judi Wiktor	Bill Michlowski
EM 2	Jennifer Hegedus		
L	Robert Hegedus	Laura Paulus	Pat Borden
AS 1	Gavin Hegedus		Amanda Cusick
AS 2	Grayson Decker		Bernard Lennon

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Precious Things

I once wrote an article about a school that embraced the Reggio Emilia approach to education. This meant, in practice, a lot of fascinating things, and it was a fun piece to work on. But all these years later, I could not accurately describe the Reggio Emilia style of learning to anyone except to say this: they give the kids glass bowls and china plates.

That's what stuck with me, and that's what sticks out in my memory amidst the hundreds of intervening articles and interviews on other equally fascinating topics. I remember those glass bowls and cups lining the shelves, the fine china dishes, the beautiful shiny cutlery the children used for lunch.

This was a pre-school, and these students were three-year-olds. "If they drop a cup and it shatters, then they learn that glass can break. We clean it up," the teacher said with a shrug. The idea was that a child will never learn to handle a fragile, precious thing — and grow into an adult who can respect and cherish a fragile, precious thing — if they are not sincerely trusted with a precious thing whose fragility they bear personal witness to.

The breaking, you see, was part of the education.

The disciples worshiped, but they doubted. And yet, Christ gave them the Great Commission anyway, something fragile and important, something that could be easily dropped and easily broken. Christ knew who they were, what they were. They were mere human beings, deeply imperfect, scared and hesitant, a little slow on the uptake. He knows that's exactly what we are, too. But he gives us the Great Commission just as he gave it to them. Because that is what the Faith is: it is something perfectly beautiful, passed from one flawed person to another, throughout the ages — constantly dropped, constantly broken, and constantly, miraculously, pieced back together again.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."
— Matthew 28:19-20

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

At a parish council meeting, our pastor mentioned the need for deacons. It is something I am considering. How do I know if I have a vocation? What steps should I take next?

Answer:

Any and all gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to the church are for the good of the community. As members of the Body of Christ, what one member does affects all. What the body does also affects each member. A vocation or call to ministry is tested and verified by the church. Through prayer, instruction, and service, a vocation is tested, and then acknowledged by the official call to orders or to service.

If you are considering becoming a deacon, the first step would be to talk to your pastor. He will be able to give you more specific information on the program in your diocese, what is expected of you, and how you apply. You might also begin to see a spiritual director, someone who can help you with your faith journey and vocation discernment. They do so by focusing on prayer, your relationship with God, and spiritual practices. Finally, you'll need to see the diocesan vocation director in charge of deacons to apply. Best wishes!

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Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, June 8, 2024
Marywood University, Scranton, PA

Register at cwcnepa.com



Jackie Angel
Mother of 5
Homeschooler



Women from around the Diocese of Scranton gather on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at Marywood University for the Annual *Refresh Your Faith* Catholic Women's Conference. The day includes Mass with Bishop Bambera, continental breakfast, Catholic Marketplace, 3 Keynote speakers, rosary, Eucharistic adoration, music and lunch. Register for only \$55, students \$20.

CRUSADER CLASSIC 5K

Place: Holy Cross High School

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2024

Registration: 7:30 – 8:15 am

Race Start: 8:30 am

5K Awards: Medals will be awarded to all finishers.

T-Shirts: Each participant will receive a race t-shirt

Course: This race will start and finish at Holy Cross High School and will run through the Swinak development where there is little to no traffic

Fee: \$25

Hosted by our Holy Cross Track & Field and Cross Country Teams. Please consider joining us. This is our only fundraiser.

ANOINTING OF SICK MASS

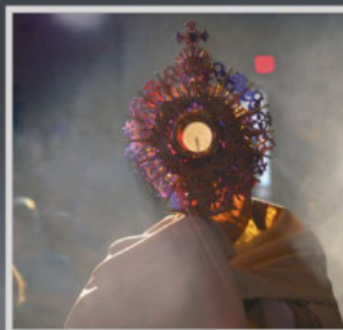
Thursday, June 13 there will be a Mass and anointing of the sick at 6:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Church, 704 Montdale Road, Scott Twp., PA 18447. Anyone suffering physically, spiritually or mentally is welcome to join us as we pray for healing. A few priests will be assisting with the Mass for the laying on of hands and anointing with holy oil.

MEDIA FLEA MARKET BROUGHT BACK!

Come on down to the Media Flea Market at the Dickson City Community Center (824 Main St.) on Sat, June 22nd from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. SHOPPERS - admission is free so mark your calendars! If you have CD's, DVD's, cassette tapes, vinyl, etc. & are interested in being a vendor, you'll find the sign up link on the Dickson City Borough Facebook page. If you have any questions, please call (570) 487-4166.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Vocations Office



**Thursday,
June 6th**

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

**SPEAKER, RECONCILIATION,
AND SOCIAL.**

LIVE MUSIC BY JOEL KANKIEWICZ



The Nadine Cenci Marchegiani Foundation will hold its 3rd annual "Nine and Dine" Golf Tournament and Dinner, **Saturday, June 1st** at the Highlands, 2700 Highland Boulevard, Archbald. Registration- 12:30 pm. Dinner- 4:30 pm. Golf and dinner- \$80.00 per player. Dinner only- \$40.00 per person. Prizes and raffles. Contact information: Linell-570-335-2417; Cheryl- 570-574-9699. All proceeds benefit the NCM Foundation.

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