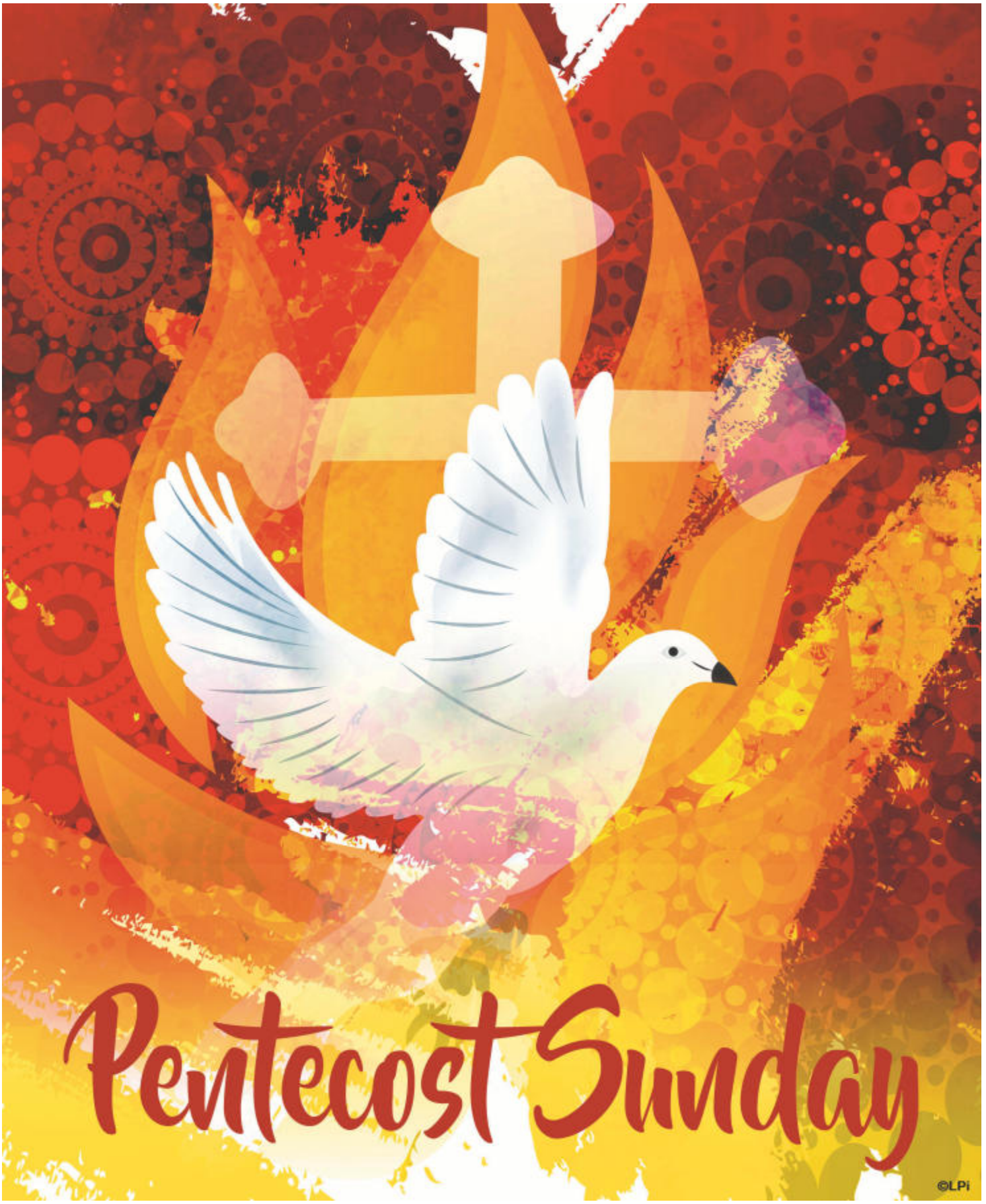


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# PENTECOST SUNDAY
# MAY 23, 2021

**THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE**
**ACTS 2:1-11**
**1 JOHN 4:11-16**
**JOHN 17:11b-19**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE**
**DEUTERONOMY 4:32-34, 39-40**
**ROMANS 8:14-17**
**MATTHEW 28:16-20**

***TODAY'S FEAST BOTH MARKS A CULMINATION AND ANTICIPATES A BEGINNING. IT IS THE CULMINATION OF THE EASTER SEASON FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FIFTY DAYS OF CELEBRATING THE LORD'S RESURRECTION. LITURGICAL ORDINARY TIME BEGINS, OR BETTER, RESUMES TOMORROW. AS WE TURN OUR THOUGHTS TO THE RISEN LORD'S GIFT OF THE SPIRIT, WE ARE MINDFUL THAT WE ARE "SENT" INTO ORDINARY TIME AND ORDINARY PLACES WITH THE POWER OF A MOST EXTRAORDINARY GIFT.***

***THE EASTER GIFT OF GOD'S SPIRIT BROUGHT NEW LIFE TO THE COMMUNITIES OF THE EARLIEST DISCIPLES. THE CONTINUING GIFT OF GOD'S SPIRIT BRINGS NEW LIFE TO THE COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES IN OUR OWN TIME. TODAY'S READINGS ARE A POWERFUL REMINDER OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GIFT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN. THE TIME HAS BEEN FULFILLED; THE GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN. LET US RECEIVE GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT.***

## Mass Schedule

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE —IN CHURCH**
**Saturday, 4PM ——- Sunday, 10AM, 12:10PM and 7PM**

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE—ST. THERESE CHAPEL**
Monday, and Friday 12:10PM

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ANYONE WHO IS NOT FULLY-VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19 MUST STILL WEAR A FACE MASK.**
**IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS, PLEASE DO NOT ENTER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### *May 23, 2021—- Pentecost Sunday*

***Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.***

***It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run- of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.***

***We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.***

## ✝ Sacrificial Giving

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH
**God's Plan For Giving**

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR INCREASED OFFERINGS***

**MAY 9, 2021**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Sunday Offering** | **$** | **3,217.00** |
| **Sunday Loose** | **$** | **196.00** |
| **12:10 Masses** | **$** | **28.00** |
| **Parish Membership** | **$** | **1,016.00** |
| **Diocesan Charity** | **$** | **212.00** |
| **Easter** | **$** | **160.00** |
| **Parish Maintenance** | **$** | **94.00** |
| **UnBazaar** | **$** | **30.00** |
| **Diocesan Priest Health** | **$** | **84.00** |
| **Home Missions** | **$** | **10.00** |
| **Human Services** | **$** | **17.00** |
| **Ascension** | **$** | **118.00** |
| **Religious Education** | **$** | **8.00** |
| **Catholic Communications** | **$** | **10.00** |
| **Mother's Day** | **$** | **770.00** |
| **Father's Day** | **$** | **10.00** |
| **Peter's Pence** | **$** | **15.00** |
| **Insurance** | **$** | **38.00** |
| **Catholic Schools** | **$** | **59.00** |
| **TOTAL** | **$** | **6,092.00** |

***Mass Count***
***4PM– 86 10AM - 75***
***12:10PM— 89 7PM— 63***
**Weekend Total—313**

## 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 2:30PM, and attendance will require advance reservation. To register for the celebration you may go to the following website:**

**https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/ .**

**For questions or concerns, or if there are issues registering online, please reach out to Jen Housel, Director for Community and Family Development. (jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, 570-207-2213 x 1104)**

**SAINT MARY'S CEMETERY**
**Hanover Township, Pa.**
**MEMORIAL DAY**
**Monday - May 31, 2021**
**Outdoor Mass at 10:00 A.M.**

The celebration of the EUCHARIST in memory of all who rest in St. Mary's Cemetery will take place at 10AM outside.

Masks and Social Distancing will be observed.

Please bring your own chair.

In case of inclement weather (rain), Mass will not be celebrated.

## ✝ Sacrificial Giving

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH
**God's Plan For Giving**

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR INCREASED OFFERINGS***

**MAY 16, 2021**

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|---|---|---|
| **Sunday Offering** | **$** | **2,865.00** |
| **Sunday Loose** | **$** | **101.00** |
| **12:10 Masses** | **$** | **17.00** |
| **Parish Membership** | **$** | **484.00** |
| **Diocesan Charity** | **$** | **59.00** |
| **Ascension** | **$** | **418.00** |
| **Ascension—Loose** | **$** | **30.00** |
| **Father's Day** | **$** | **50.00** |
| **UnBazaar** | **$** | **81.00** |
| **Parish Maintenance** | **$** | **45.00** |
| **Peter's Pence** | **$** | **5.00** |
| **Catholic Communications** | **$** | **179.00** |
| **Diocesan Priest Health** | **$** | **5.00** |
| **Parish Priest Health** | **$** | **10.00** |
| **Human Services** | **$** | **110.00** |
| **Insurance** | **$** | **138.00** |
| **Catholic Schools** | **$** | **28.00** |
| **TOTAL** | **$** | **4,625.00** |

***Mass Count***
***4PM– 80 10AM - 70***
***12:10PM— 75 7PM— 85***
**Weekend Total—310**

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Name**_____

**Address** _____

**Phone No.**_____

**Please check one:**

**____I am new in the parish & wish to register**
**____Change of Address**
**____Moving out of Parish**

**Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to the Parish Office: 134 S. Washington Street, Wilkes*Barre, PA 18701.**

**ST. NICHOLAS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

Membership to SNFCU requires a minimum of $25.00 in your Savings account. You just received your quarterly statement—take a look and make sure you have MORE THAN $25.00 in there. Remember that you need to perform one transaction within a 12 month period to stay active. If most of your mail ends up in a 'circular' file, call us to check on your balance; 570·825·2640.

## MISSION STATEMENT

***WE, THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, ARE CALLED TO A FOUR*FOLD MISSION:***

- ***TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION REVEALED IN JESUS CHRIST;***
- ***TO WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH;***
- ***TO BE TRANSFORMED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE;***
- ***TO BRING GOD'S JUSTICE AND PEACE TO OTHERS THROUGH SERVICE.***

# Masses For The Week

**MONDAY– MAY 24**
**(THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH)**
**12:10PM** ***Marguerite Corrigan***
**TUESDAY– 25 (WEEKDAY)**
*****NO MASS*****
**WEDNESDAY– 26 (ST. PHILIP NERI)**
*****NO MASS*****
**THURSDAY– 27 (WEEKDAY/ ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY)**
*****NO MASS*****
**FRIDAY— 28 (WEEKDAY)**
**12:10PM** ***Eileen Templeton***

## WEEKEND SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY– MAY 29**
**4:00PM** ***MASS***
**SUNDAY– MAY 30**
**10:00AM** ***MASS***
**12:10PM** ***MASS***
**7:00PM** ***MASS***

### REST IN PEACE

This past week our Parish Community celebrated two funerals. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

**Betty Bielecki**
**Lois Finn**

Please remember them and all the faithful departed in your prayers.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -**

**You Don't Have What It Takes — but You Will**

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

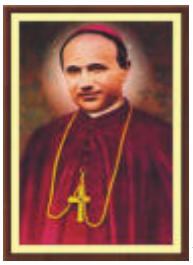
However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Triduum and Feast of Saint Joseph Marello**



The ***Oblates of St. Joseph will celebrate the Feast Day of their founder, St. Joseph Marello,*** with a Annual Three-Day Triduum at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, 1880 Route 315, Laflin. The Triduum (three days of prayers) ***will begin on Wednesday, May 26th through Friday, May 28th with Mass at 12 Noon and 7PM followed by devotional prayers to St. Joseph Marello*** with general blessing of the relic of St. Joseph Marello. The Feast of St. Joseph Marello will be celebrated on Saturday, May 29th with a Masses at 8AM and 12 Noon. All 12 Noon Masses will be broadcast on JMJ Catholic Radio (jmj750.com) and live streamed on the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary Facebook past and available later on the website www.osjseminary.com

**PLEASE HELP**

**St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception**

***OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH***

**CELEBRATE**

**THE SOLEMNITY**
**OF MOST HOLY BODY**
**AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**
**OUR ANNUAL DAY**
**OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
**JUNE 6, 2021**
**St. Mary's Church**
**1:00PM—4:00PM**

***Sunday, June 6, is the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. All parishioners and friends are invited to spend some time in prayer of thanksgiving and/or petition in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament Please plan to spend some time with the Lord in prayer in His Eucharistic presence and join us for the conclusion of the Adoration at 4PM when Evening Prayer (Vespers) will be celebrated.***

***Quo Vadis Days 2021*** will be held June 20-22 at Marywood University, Scranton. This camp is for young Catholic men in High School (who were in 9-12th grade during the 2020/2021 school year) to deepen their faith, learn more about all vocations, and better discern God's call in their lives. The camp will feature dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports, activities, music and more. Participants will have the opportunity to meet Bishop Bambera, priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton. Online registration is now open at vocations.dioceseofscranton.org. For more information, call 570-207-1452

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