"GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS." —MT 28:19

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Saint Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception
Our Lady of Fatima Parish
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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
MAY 30, 2021

THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE
DEUTERONOMY 4:32-3, 39-40
ROMANS 8:14-17
MATTHEW 28:16-20

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE
EXODUS 24:3-8
HEBREWS 9:11-15
MARK 14:12-16, 22, 26

GLORY IN HEAVEN ABOVE
AND ON EARTH BELOW;
(first reading)
TO THE FATHER
BY WHOSE WORD
ALL THINGS WERE MADE;
(responsorial psalm)
TO THE SON
WHO IS WITH US ALWAYS;
(gospel reading)
THE HOLY SPIRIT
WHO GUIDES US
TO THIS TRUTH;
(second reading)
THERE IS ONE GOD,
FATHER, SON AND SPIRIT,
TO WHOM BE GLORY
FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 30, 2021 ——– The Most Holy Trinity

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

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TOTAL	**$**	**5,294.00**

Mass Count
4PM– 68 10AM - 73
12:10PM— 70 7PM— 70
Weekend Total—281

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — We are currently taking names of those who would like to help distribute Holy Communion, Lector or be a Hospitality Minister at weekend Masses. If you are able please call Amanda Curcio at 570-823-4168 ext 106 so that you can be scheduled.

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

St. Al's Summer Food Fest

Corner of Barney & Division Streets, Saturday, June 12th 12-6pm, Drive up to pick up. **Take out only, Pre-order pre-pay preferred**. Potato pancakes, hot/sweet Italian sausage hoagies, halushki, wimpies. For more info- to order check out our Face-book page or call 570-823-3791 ext 2.

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.

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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 31
(THE VISITATION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)
MEMORIAL DAY
10:00AM ***ST. MARY'S CEMETERY MASS***
TUESDAY– JUNE 1 (WEEKDAY/ST. JUSTIN)
*****NO MASS*****
WEDNESDAY– 2 (WEEKDAY/
STS. MARCELLINUS and PETER)
*****NO MASS*****
THURSDAY– 3 (ST. CHARLES LWANGA)
*****NO MASS*****
FRIDAY— 4 (WEEKDAY)
12:10PM ***Richard Bosher***

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

SATURDAY– JUNE 5
4:00PM ***MASS***
SUNDAY– JUNE 6
10:00AM ***MASS***
12:10PM ***MASS***
7:00PM ***MASS***

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -

God Doesn't Take a Break

An acquaintance who works in church ministry once told me a story about one of the students she had in Faith Formation. This student informed my friend that his family doesn't come to Mass in summer. "God takes a break in summer, and so do we," he said.

There's a lot to unpack here. First, it's tragic to think of anyone voluntarily missing out on the Eucharist for so long. It's also a real problem in the church today that a lot of our folks don't understand the beauty of the Sunday obligation. But if I had to dissect this situation and pinpoint the thing I find most troubling, it's the idea of God taking a break.

I hope it's starting to look like summer where you are. We've still got a few weeks left before it's official, but the school year should be winding up for most kids, the birds should be chirping a little louder, and hopefully your lawn is starting to green up nicely. You're probably daydreaming about the annual cabin getaway weekend or waterskiing on the Fourth of July.

All in all, summer is going to be a nice break, even if — like typical Americans — our break is full of productive work.

Thank God — literally — that He doesn't take a break, even if we do. Can we try to remember that, even in the midst of our many wonderful distractions? Let's enjoy this summer. Let's live it to the full. But let's see it for the gift that it is — and remember the thanks we owe the Giver.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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.

NEPA GIVES JUNE 4

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Diocese of Scranton is participating in the second annual #NEPAGives event, a one-day online community giving rally for nonprofits, on Friday, June 4.

Your gift of any size will represent your "vote" for our Diocesan Catholic Schools, Catholic Social Services, the Catholic Youth Center and several other Diocesan ministries, all of which can receive bonus cash awards from our area's charitable foundations for most donors, most dollars raised and more.

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Diocese of Scranton

To make a gift on June 4, visit: nepagives.org or follow links from Diocesan social media platforms

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