



WE REMEMBER. AND WE PRAY.



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*And it is right that it should not pass from our memory.
But today and in this prayer, along with our remembrance of profound loss,
it also seems right that we give voice to our deep longing for peace, and
with this prayer, commit ourselves to those actions that will draw us closer
to our most ancient and most holy desire,
peace among all God's children.*

*Saint Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception
Our Lady of Fatima Parish
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 50:4-9
JAMES 2:14-18
MARK 8:27-35



NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE

WISDOM 2:12, 17-20
JAMES 3:16-4:3
MARK 9:30-37

LORD JESUS CHRIST,
GRANT US TO PROFESS
OUR FAITH IN YOU,

(gospel reading)

NOT WITH WORDS ALONE,
BUT IN ALL THAT WE SAY
AND DO.

(second reading)

FREE OUR FEET
FROM STUMBLING

(responsorial psalm)

AS WE FOLLOW YOU
FAITHFULLY,
KNOWING THAT YOU ARE
EVER WITH AND WITHIN US,
SAVIOUR FOREVER
AND EVER. AMEN.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 12, 2021 ————— 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

NOT CATHOLIC?
WANNA BE?
WANT TO RECEIVE YOUR SACRAMENTS?



The Rite of Christian Initiation or R.C.I.A. is for:

- ◆ Those who were baptized in other faith traditions, but now feel called to become Catholic.
- ◆ Those who have never been baptized or do not belong to a faith tradition, but now feel called to become Catholic.
- ◆ Those who were baptized, but never received Confirmation and First Holy Communion.
- ◆ Those who have received both Baptism and First Holy Communion, but were never Confirmed.

*Interested? Call or text Deacon Joe Sudano at 917-692-2640 or email faithformation@stnicholasrc.org.
He'd love to hear from you!*

**The weekly Mass Schedule:
ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

Monday thru Friday 12:10PM at St. Mary's Church in the St. Therese Chapel (entered by the pathway between the Church and the Rectory).

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

Monday thru Friday 6:30AM
Thursday and Friday 8AM

The weekend Mass Schedule for both parishes will remain the same (at least for the time being):

Saturday 4PM at St. Mary's
5PM at St. Nicholas

Sunday 10AM, 12:10PM and 7PM at St. Mary's
8AM, 10AM, and Noon (in Spanish at St. Nicholas)

We'll maintain this schedule for a while and see how things go while the linkage takes root.

Visit St. Nicholas Website at: stnicholasrc.com
E-mail: stnicholas@stnicholasrc.com

BISHOP BAMBERA STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT ALL PARISHIONERS WEAR A MASK WHILE ATTENDING MASS REGARDLESS OF THEIR VACCINATION STATUS. NO ONE WILL BE TURNED AWAY IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO WEAR A MASK. EVERYONES SAFETY IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN. MASK ARE AVAILABLE IN THE TABLES AS YOU ENTER CHURCH.



PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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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.

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.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

"BE A CATHOLIC MAN" EVENT

A Catholic Men's Conference is planned for *Saturday, October 30, 2021, at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre.* This will be the sixth such Event. The theme is "*Called to Fatherhood*" under the patronage of Saint Joseph and is sponsored by Be a Catholic Man. This event (from 8AM to 3PM) will be blessed with nationally known Catholic Speakers who will challenge all men --- single, married, and clergy, to live virtuous lives in this very secular world. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and Sacramental Confession --- a lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera. Interested men, please contact Michael Kilmer 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INCREASED OFFERINGS

The weekly collection for September 5th will be posted to next Sunday's Bulletin.

Masses For The Week

MONDAY— SEPTEMBER 13

(ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM)

St. Nicholas 6:30AM *Justin Steele*
St. Mary's 12:10PM *Ruth Mokychic*

TUESDAY— 14 (THE EXALTATION

OF THE HOLY CROSS)

St. Nicholas 6:30AM *Dorothy Walters*
St. Mary's 12:10PM *Edward P. Hourigan*

WEDNESDAY— 15 (OUR LADY OF SORROWS)

St. Nicholas 6:30AM *Janet Hendrick*
St. Mary's 12:10PM *Deceased Members
Of the Dalessandro Family*

THURSDAY— 16 (STS. CORNELIUS and CYPRIAN)

St. Nicholas 6:30AM *Florence Kachurak*
St. Nicholas 8:00AM *Patrick Gagilardi, Sr.*
St. Mary's 12:10PM *Thomas Hoban*

FRIDAY— 17 (ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE)

St. Nicholas 6:30AM *William Elko*
St. Nicholas 8:00AM *Rita Nagorski*
St. Mary's 12:10PM *Alexander Kwak*

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

SATURDAY— SEPTEMBER 18

St. Mary's 1:30PM *Nolan/Kerrigan Wedding*
St. Mary's 4:00PM *St. Mary's Class of 1971*
St. Nicholas 5:00PM *Lenore Lloyd*

SUNDAY— SEPTEMBER 19

St. Nicholas 8:00AM *Msgr. Joseph G. Rauscher*
St. Mary's 10:00AM *Mass*
St. Nicholas 10:00AM *Bud Holmgren*
St. Nicholas 12Noon *Spanish Mass—Living
and Deceased of the Parish*

St. Mary's 12:10PM *Mass*
St. Mary's 7:00PM *Mass*

REST IN PEACE

This past week our Parish Community celebrated two funerals

Elearnore Kashuba

Marion Horny

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to their family.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

At St. Nicholas Church—Mondays: 5PM—6PM.

**For Confessions in Spanish,
please call Father Fidel at 570-823-7736.**

ST. NICHOLAS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Remember that we are still in need of a volunteer to help with our Credit Committee. On this committee, you are responsible to review and analyze the paperwork required to complete a loan. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please let us know: 570-825-2540.

POOR BOXES IN THE VESTIBULE

Our deepest thanks to all who give to the poor via our parish poor boxes. God bless you for your Christian generosity.

APPEAL FOR NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Our parish is seeking new liturgical ministers—ACOLYTES (altar servers), LECTORS (Junior and Senior), HOSPITALITY MINISTERS. Please help if you can. Training and orientation will be provided and a family-friendly schedule will accommodate your customary time for Sunday Mass. Please fill-in and tear-off the information form below and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the rectory office.

Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

I am interested in serving as a _____

Please drop Form into the offertory basket or mail to the Parish Office:

134 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

As we try to return to a somewhat normal schedule, we need to ask for your cooperation. If you are scheduled for a liturgy, please check in the sacristy and alert Ruth Yaple the Sacristan, and check your name on the schedule that will be on the bulletin board. This will alert the presider of your presence. It is also important that you arrive at least 10 minutes prior to Mass. If you are not able to attend your scheduled Mass, please arrange for a replacement.

Please be sure to check your email or the bulletin for any updates from Amanda. As in the past if you are not able to attend your assigned Mass, please try to find a replacement. All are welcome to return to their ministry. If you have any questions, please notify Amanda at 570-823-4168 ext 106. Acolytes will be scheduled in the near future.



REGISTRATION FOR FFC (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION) CONTINUES THIS WEEK:

in the Community Room at St. Nicholas (the church's lower level).

The times for SEPTEMBER 11/12 are:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11,
10AM—3PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:

After all the Masses
(except the 7 pm mass at St. Mary's)



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