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Jacob Philipp Hackert, 1784

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation (of the world)."

Matthew 13:34-35

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Eucharist

Monday—Friday 8:00am
Saturday 4:00pm (vigil)
Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am &
5:30pm

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Worship

Intention

Requested by

Monday, July 24

8:00am James Dougalas

Wife & Family

Tuesday, July 25

8:00am Baloga & Mesaros Families

Family

Wednesday, July 26

8:00am Dolores Berda

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Thursday, July 27

8:00am Joseph P. Ackourey Jr.

M/M Robert Stefanides & Family

Friday, July 28

8:00am Health & Blessings for Eleanor Hudak

Sr. Mary Beth

Saturday, July 29

4:00pm John & Cheryl Yaskoweak

Joe & Terri Burgess

Sunday, July 30

8:30am **Pro Populo**

11:00am Joseph Olejnik

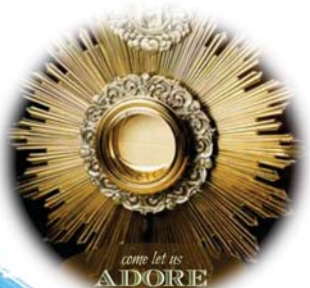
Son, Joseph

5:30pm Josephine Wozniak

Nieces & Nephews

Prayer

Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is held each Thursday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Evening Prayer and Benediction conclude the night. All are welcome to come, even just for a quick visit on Thursday evenings here in church to spend a little time in prayer before Our Sacramental Lord.



Special Intentions



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

~~In Memory of **John Ludwikowski** offered by Mark & Jane

~~In Memory of **Lou Michaels** offered by Michaels Family



Flower Intentions this week:

~~In Memory of **John Ludwikowski** offered by Mark & Jane

Recently Departed

~**Harry Yekel**~ May he rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Staff

Rev. Joseph J Pisaneschi x105

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Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler

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Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30am to 3:00pm

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment.

Save the Date!

On Sunday, August 27th Father Joe will celebrate his "Amen Celebration" with our parish community. There will be a special Eucharist at 11:00am, and then a little picnic after mass to celebrate with a social. **Next weekend**, sign-up sheets will be on the tables at the entrance of the church to help us get a count of how much food we will need. More details will follow.

FOOD SALES AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND

We have extra food from the festival, and we will be selling after masses **this weekend** in the school cafeteria, **while supplies last**. We have a dozen of frozen pirohy for \$12, and unbaked pizza for \$12/tray.

ETHNIC PLATTER SALE COMING IN AUGUST

We will be having an ETHNIC PLATTER SALE in August. More information to follow.



Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident.

The Mass is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming, Scranton**. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. The mass will be televised on CTV.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or on the Diocese of Scranton's website, www.dioceseofscranton.org

CONGRATULATIONS GFT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Since it's inception four years ago, the GFT Awards Program has granted over \$100,000 in scholarships to rising and deserving Parish seniors to assist with college finances. Because this year's award winners were basically tied in their qualifications, we've decided to award two GOLD SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Awardees are **Amelia Hoffman** and **Noah St. Clair**. Each will receive a \$5000 scholarship or \$20,000 total over four years. We congratulate both for their Community, Family, and Scholastic Achievements and wish them the very best in their future endeavors.

CASH BINGO IN ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH HALL

42 Redwood Drive, Laflin, PA Saturday, August 19, 2023. Doors open at 11:00am.

BINGO FROM 1PM TO 4PM. Tickets \$30--includes 20 games of BINGO and \$5 food voucher

Regular Game Prizes of \$100 Specials (\$5 each) \$200- \$500+ (extra games may be purchase)

Basket Raffle, Bake Sale, 50/50 drawing For tickets contact parish office at 570-655-8956, Mon-Fri 9am to 2pm. Facilities are handicap accessible. Ample & Free Parking

MASS IN POLISH LANGUAGE

There will be a Mass in Polish at **St. Ann's Basilica in Scranton**, PA, on Wednesday, July 26th, at 1:30pm in celebration of the Feast Day of Ss. Joachim and Ann (grandparents of Jesus) and the concluding day of the Solemn Annual Novena, held at the Basilica & Passionist Monastery grounds.

This year's Polish language Mass is being coordinated with the help of the Polish community of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Pocono Pines. The main celebrant will be Fr. Marek Sobczak, C.M., a Vincentian provincial from Connecticut.

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is hosting an Annual Scholarship Open on Sunday, August 20th at Four Seasons Golf Club, Exeter PA. The format is captain and crew with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Cost is \$85/golfer. Complete team payment by August 7th and receive the registration discount: pay \$80 per golfer. Cost includes green fees, cart, dinner, prizes and refreshments. There will be a longest drive hole and 50-50 hole. Proceeds will benefit the annual Youth Academic Scholarships. Scholarship Hole sponsors welcome, Platinum \$150, Gold \$100, Silver \$75.

For information or to register your foursome call Gene at 570-704-7196, email: GKBreznay@comcast.net or swoyk1951@comcast.net.

Deadline to register is August 14. Check out Swoyersville Kiwanis on Facebook & Instagram



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Summer time is like New Year's Day. We make resolutions about things we will do, places we will go, books we will read and chores we will finally get done. And almost as quickly as we make them, summer has flown by and we've accomplished few of our lofty goals. One goal that can still be met is the one about spiritual renewal. This is the perfect time to do something as a family to understand more fully and practice more deeply the values, goals and habits of faith.

Without some attention and work, faith can languish. A special project, a class, weekday Mass or family prayers can do a lot to revive and renew your faith. Like the small seed planted in the spring that now is full grown and bearing fruit, faith requires nourishment and care. We can always call upon the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us in times of growth and change. Paul tells the Romans that the Spirit helps us in our weakness, even praying for us when we do not know how to pray. God's love is so pervasive that nothing stands between Him and us. Nourish your faith now so that in your time of need, you will receive the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

Saint Martha

1ST CENTURY
FEAST DAY: JULY 29

Martha and her siblings, Mary and Lazarus, are Jesus' friends in Bethany. In Luke 10:38-42, while Mary sits at Jesus' feet, Martha is busy serving. When she complains to Jesus, he says: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. ... Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Just before Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44), Martha confesses: "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God." She is the patron of cooks and servers.



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FAITH FACTS

THE APOSTLES: JOHN
Saint John was "the disciple whom Jesus loved" in the gospels. He wrote the Gospel According to John.

The picture is from a medieval copy of the gospels. It shows an eagle; the symbol of Saint John.

It seems that all of the apostles stayed in the Holy Land for about twelve years after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. After that, they spread the gospel in foreign lands.

John was the only one of the apostles who was not put to death. He died peacefully in Ephesus (in what is now Turkey) around the year 100 A.D.



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*But You, LORD,
are a merciful
and gracious
GOD,
slow to anger,
most loving
and true.*

psalm 86:15

Saints Joachim and Anne

1ST CENTURY
FEAST DAY: JULY 26

Not mentioned in the Bible, Joachim and Anne are first named as the parents of Mary in the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James, which may date from the second century. In this story, they are old and childless, like the Old Testament Hannah, mother of Samuel, when angels deliver the news that Anne will conceive a child. Anne was an especially popular saint in medieval England, and her feast was celebrated in the West by 1350; Joachim's feast was authorized or suppressed by various popes, but was joined with Anne's in 1969. They are the patrons of married couples; Anne is also the patron of childless women, expectant mothers, and miners.



“Mary grew up in the home of Joachim and Anne; she was surrounded by their love and faith: in their home she learned to listen to the Lord and to follow his will. Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life, down to Mary, who received the Son of God in her womb and who gave him to the world, to us. How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!”

—Pope Francis, Angelus, July 26, 2013



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Weekend of July 8/9, 2023

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DIOCESAN: Peter's Pence: \$196.00

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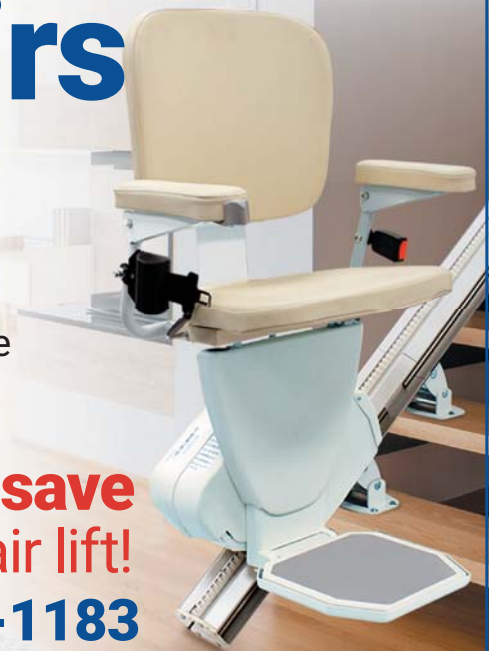
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