



Deacon's Corner: Cataract surgery is apparently an increasingly common thing. A number of our parishioners – including me – have either recently had it or expect it in the near future. I knew it was time for me to consider it when one of my favorite pastimes became VERY difficult: reading. As I count down the days until surgery, I am mentally preparing a reading list for what I will experience post-surgery. All I know is this – it will be great to see clearly again. As summer rapidly approaches I am mentally preparing for what has become an annual **OPPORTUNITY**. If I'm being fully honest, this opportunity started out as an annual **OB-LIGATION**. What am I talking about? My annual retreat. As an ordained person I'm bound to attend an annual retreat. Once upon a time I resented this obligation. "Who do those people in Scranton think they are?" My vision has changed, though – just as I hope my vision will post-surgery. This is an opportunity to disconnect from **WHAT** I do and reconnect with **WHY I DO IT**. I don't have a date yet, but I have a challenge for the parish. I invite you to consider joining me on retreat at **Mount Saviour Monastery in Elmira, NY**. The parish will make all arrangements. If you too would like to see more clearly and to love God more dearly – let me know. If enough want to go, we will have an information session and make plans. Questions? Call me at 570-991-0984. That's my cell.

What I would like you TO KNOW: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples – if you have love for one another." This is it. This is the finale, the final word, the last message that Jesus leaves with us before ascending into heaven. It's simple and straightforward. This isn't a whole lot of room to wonder what he's talking about. Love one another. That's it. That's the endgame. Our job is to love one another. How? **"As I have loved YOU."**

What I would like you TO THINK ABOUT: When we walk into a church to attend Mass, we are taking part in a work that has been going on for more than 2,000 years. While this is impressive, we need to leave some space to marvel at how small it began. The church was not handed to us fully-formed. Paul and Barnabas, guided by the Holy Spirit, are seeing it through its infancy. If you were in Antioch in the first century, how do you think you would have reacted to Paul and Barnabas?

St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen: I'm proud to be a member of the Kitchen Advisory Board, and I'm proud to be parish life coordinator of this incredible parish – especially when they overlap. At our last board meeting, I smiled from ear-to-ear when our board president talked about visiting St. Andrew's and being presented with a generous contribution. Earlier this month, we received a letter from the Kitchen asking for our regular support of the "Sponsor for a Day" campaign. We typically sponsor the meal on the feast of St. Andrew – November 30th. If you would like to

help, please place your contribution in the first collection in an envelope marked KITCHEN. Thank you for your continuing generosity to those in our community (and the world) who are hungry!

Anastasis: One of the significant New Testament words for resurrection is anastasis, which means "standing up." Jesus stood up for the insignificant, dispossessed, and disadvantaged people; he stood up against the lack of love in powerful people and places, both civil and religious, and he died because this is the way he lived. This is why God "stood up" for Jesus by raising him from the dead to the glory of his resurrection. In our parish communities, we may have wonderful liturgies and eager ministers – but if there is also jealousy, possessiveness, status seeking, and more judgment passed than love given by both laity and clergy, if there are subtle policies of exclusion rather than inclusion, shadows fall over us. We become death-dealing individuals rather than life-giving communities.

Jesus IS God: John's gospel is much more than a simple historical account of the life of Jesus of Nazareth. John uses a number of literary forms to help his readers understand the reality of life in Christ. Specifically, John's gospel boasts an understanding of Christ where it is abundantly clear that Jesus really is the Son of God. One of the primary examples of this occurs in today's reading where Jesus gives a new commandment to his disciples. Prior to Jesus, it was only The Father who issued commandments. In giving this new command, it is clear that Jesus is God.

A Good Day: Christ's own example of self-gift shows us how to share our love with others. We love as God loves when we lower our voices to listen to people whose voices might typically be ignored or forgotten. We love as God loves when we recognize our own limitations and need for a community of people to support us. We love as God loves when we share our gifts with others, unafraid of the consequences. A good day is when, at days end, we are happy with how we loved.

100 Years: I was with the Bishop at Confirmation when he asked how our plans were coming together for the Anniversary of our first mass as a parish. It took a while to explain how this could have been a surprise, but he understood the cornerstones were laid in 1929 and the church dedicated in 1930. No one realized that masses were going on BEFORE the church was finished. The Eucharist is at the very heart of who we are as followers of Jesus Christ. It is certainly understandable that we were united as a parish family even before we had a parish church. Now we are looking forward to this amazing anniversary. May the Eucharist continue to unite us as the people of God and the family of Saint Andrew. Please make every effort to attend mass at our parish home on Saturday, June 4th at 4 PM. Remember, we cannot spell CHURCH without U in the center.

Mass Intentions

Saturday - May 14, 2022

4:00 P.M. - Mass - for Christine and Joseph Petyak by their Family

Sunday - May 15, 2022

10:00 A.M. - Mass- for Michael Garbush by Mom, Dad, and Family

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Saturday - May 21, 2022

4:00 P.M. - Mass - for Charlotte Edwards by Josie Kornacki

Sunday - May 22, 2022

10:00 A.M. - Mass- for Delbert Hampton by Don Martin

Sanctuary Candle



Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week for John Kunis and Louis Yanora by Carmella Kunis

Blessed Mother Candle



The Candle on Blessed Mother's Altar burns for John Butler by Nancy Soboleski

Ministers Schedule

Saturday- May 14, 2022

4:00 P.M.- Lector: Kathy Hummel
Altar Server: Frank Hummel

Sunday - May 15, 2022,

10:00 A.M.- Lector : Bonnie Harris
Extraordinary Ministers: Maryellen Sloat, Jean Behm

Altar Server: Gianna Altavilla

Saturday- May 21, 2022

4:00 P.M.- Lector: Karen Grula
Altar Server: Pete Bonczewski

Sunday - May 22, 2022

10:00 A.M. -Lector: Kathy Smith
Extraordinary Ministers: Helene Skopek-Krygier, Ann Papciak
Altar Servers: Elizabeth/ Chris Papciak

Confirmation 2022: Confirmation was held at St. Nicholas Church on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 5:00 PM. Our Confirmation Class will be honored at the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 15, 2022. Congratulations and blessings to our Confirmation Candidates!

CCD: The final classes is on Sunday, May 15th. There will be a get together for the children in the St. Andrew Parish Hall. Classes will resume in September. Have a wonderful summer!

Wedding Anniversary Mass: Bishop Bambera, along with the Office for Parish Life invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2022 to participate in the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 6, 2022. The Mass will be at 2:30 PM in St Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. A reception will follow the Mass. To register please go to the website www.dioceseofscranton.org or contact Jennifer Housel at 570-207-2213 ext 1104. She can also be reached at jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org.

The "Refresh Your Faith" Conference for Catholic Women. All women are invited to participate in this year's conference on **Saturday, June 11, beginning at 8 a.m. on the campus of Marywood University.** Keynote speaker, Colleen Carroll Campbell, an award-winning author, journalist, and former presidential speechwriter will share her spiritual journey with the Saints and her special devotion to Mary. Another featured speaker is Debra Hadley, who will share how unfathomable tragedy struck her family not once, but twice. She will share her journey from the depths of despair to rediscovering her faith and restoring her will to live and to reach out to others. Featured speaker Father Jeffrey Kirby will address our Catholic devotion to Mary, our Mother, as our powerful intercessor and as a model of discipleship. Dunmore native Megan Murphy, a Catholic speaker, teacher, and evangelist will talk about the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, which all focus on Our Mother, Mary. Guiding the participants through the day will be Olyphant native, Natalie Gubala-Magdon, founder of the "15 Minute Rosary." Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, and worship artist Molly McManus will provide inspirational music throughout the day. Participants can also enjoy a continen-

tal breakfast, lunch and shopping at the Catholic Vendor Marketplace. Early-bird registrations are now available at \$45 per person (the price increases to \$50 after May 29). Student tickets are \$20, and women religious are welcome free of charge. Volunteers are always needed and those who sign up for four hours at the conference will receive a free ticket. For more information and to register, visit cwcnepa.com.

PARISH COLLECTION

May 7-8, 2022

Loose	\$	174.00
Offering	\$	2307.00
Easter	\$	95.00
Ascension	\$	7.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$	30.00
Dues	\$	175.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	20.00
Insurance & Taxes	\$	20.00
Christian Education	\$	120.00
Donations	\$	90.00
Candles	\$	14.00
Total Applied to Budget		\$3052.00

Direct Transfer to the Diocese:

Holy Land/ Good Friday	\$	5.00
Care & Educ of Priests	\$	18.00
Total		\$ 23.00

Direct Transfer to Fr. Kearney:

Mother's Day	\$	85.00
Total		\$ 85.00

Critical Church Repairs \$ 483.24

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SNFCU News: Used car rates are at 5% and new car rates at 3% for a limited time only; call us at 570-825-2640 if you want to compare the monthly payments on your current car loan.

.The Summer Schedule for Our Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Altar Servers is being prepared. If there are dates when you are unavailable, please contact the rectory to let us know. Anyone who has not been scheduled, but would like to return to any of these ministries, please contact the rectory so we can put you on the schedule. Thank you!

