



Deacon's Corner: Next month our son will assume command of a nuclear submarine. Sometimes (well, most times) it is difficult to realize the little boy I watched grow up did just that. He grew up and made a life of his own. He made some decisions I am thrilled with. Others? Not so much. But he will always be my son – and I will always love him. But my days of giving unsolicited advice are long gone. Each year at this time we celebrate rites of passage with our sons and our daughters – and the children of our parish family. We watch, with teary eyes, as our young men and women graduate from high school and begin the rest of their lives. And, God help me, we wish we could spend even a few more hours with the children who once ran through our homes. But let us always remember – times change, and people change. May we always be willing to embrace and continue to love everyone who chooses to grow... physically, professionally, and spiritually. No matter how hard it can be, we have to accept the changes and embrace the persons each has grown to be. May we also embrace God's love which has been by our sides as we continue to try to become the person God had in mind when we first came into being. And may we respectfully embrace everyone who has grown before our very eyes to become the person God wanted them to be.

What I want you TO KNOW: When Peter recognizes Jesus he is so filled with excitement that he jumps off the side of the boat and swims to Jesus – his dear friend. He's overseeing a net full of fish, but instead of checking in with his colleagues he dives into the sea to get to his friend as fast as he can. It is here we see Peter's humanity in his desire to be close to the Lord in whatever way he can. It is this pure, almost childlike desire for the goodness of Jesus that becomes the face of the church on earth. It's up to us to continue this devotion.

What I want you to THINK ABOUT: Have you ever felt you failed at something so badly you thought you couldn't possibly try it again? Think about Peter's transformation through seeing his failure of discipleship, denying Jesus three times. This can only be described as total failure. Can you imagine a situation in which YOU might revisit YOUR "failed" work?

First Holy Communion: We congratulate and ask that you pray for our First Communion Class. Receiving this weekend are **Megan Bradshaw, Clare Cichy, Jabrielle Good, Cole Mulcahy, and Maeson Ovalis** (Maeson received his First Communion on Holy Saturday).

We are ALL Called to be Fishers of People: You don't have to be a pope, a cardinal, bishop, priest – or even a deacon – to respond to Jesus's invitation to be fishers of people. We just saw four people three of whom became Catholics during the Holy Saturday liturgy. They were responding to our faith community – Saint Andrew Parish –

by wanting to be part of what we are. Your faith, devotion, and willingness to go out of your comfort zones to worship **as family** each week is inspiring. May we always continue to be a welcoming parish – and an inspiring parish. As someone who plans to try to be a fisher again, remember – it's always OPEN SEASON on catching new followers of Jesus. And also remember, it's never a catch-and-release. Hold tight to those our love has brought to us.

We ALL are the SEVENTH Disciple: Peter, the leader of Jesus's church selected by Christ himself, has gone back to his prior employment – he's returned to being a fisher – and he has taken six other disciples with him. There is Thomas, Doubting Thomas. Nathaniel, the true Israelite who had to decide whether anything good had really come out of Nazareth. James and John, who had their own problems with seeking status. He also had two other unnamed disciples – one of which is later revealed as the Beloved Disciple. I believe we are called to step into the shoes of the SEVENTH disciple, the one still unnamed. We are called to walk in the footsteps of those who knew Jesus and formed his fledgling church. We too are called to let down our nets into the sea of humanity, eat with him, profess our love for him, and follow him in many different ways.

Jesus's Sidekick: Throughout the readings last week and this, we are able to watch Peter's transformation from a timid and impulsive "sidekick" into the leader Jesus always knew he would be. Peter has fumbled his way through the gospel since we met him, but Jesus never stopped drawing him closer and closer. Even after denying Jesus at the crucial moment, and then hiding in a house after Jesus died, Peter finally finds the guts to stand up in front of the highest authorities in his community – and call them out. May we too allow our LIVES to speak of the love and truth of Jesus, who is alive in our hearts.

OTHERS: Just as he does so often throughout the gospels, Jesus shows by example how we are to treat others. Notice first his warm words to the disciples, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" Of course, Jesus knows the answer to that question, but by asking it Jesus continues to show the love and concern for others that is so fundamental to his mission. Later, when he invites the disciples to breakfast, Jesus again recognizes their fundamental human need by satisfying their human hunger. It is at THIS moment when the disciples recognize Jesus. They realized it was the Lord by the way he loved and cared for others. As we seek to imitate Christ in our own lives, we have this same responsibility

Are WE Prepared? All actions have consequences – including our own. Are we prepared for the consequences of following Christ and serving as the heart, voice, and hands of the Shepherd – or will we settle for the easy way?

Mass Intentions

Saturday - April 30, 2022

4:00 P.M. - Mass - for John Havrilosin by Sue and Mike Havrilosin

Sunday - May 1, 2022

10:00 A.M. - Mass - for Our Children Receiving First Holy Communion

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Saturday - May 7, 2022

4:00 P.M. - Mass - for Dorothy Podehl by her Family

Sunday - May 8, 2022

10:00 A.M. - Mass - for All Mothers Living and Deceased

Sanctuary Candle



Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week for John Havrilosin by Sue and Mike Havrilosin

Ministers Schedule

Saturday- April 30, 2022

4:00 P.M.- Lector- Kathy Hummel

Altar Server- Frank Hummel

Sunday - May 1, 2022,

10:00 A.M.- Lector - Ken Yanora

Extraordinary Ministers- Ann Paciak, Colleen Yanora

Altar Server- Elizabeth/ Chris Paciak

Saturday- May 7, 2022

4:00 P.M.- Lector- Pete Bonczewski

Altar Server- Mia Ashton

Sunday - May 8, 2022

10:00 A.M. -Lector - Gianna Altavilla

Extraordinary Ministers- Margaret Sharksnas, Colleen Jorda

Altar Servers: Chris/ Elizabeth Paciak

Quick Reference: the Penitential Act, the Gloria, the Nicene Creed, the Prayer of the Preparation of the Gifts and the Invitation to Communion can be found on the inside of the front cover of our Breaking

Bread Missalettes.

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers

and Altar Servers: If anyone is interested in becoming a **lector, extraordinary minister or an altar server**, please call the rectory. You are eligible to become an altar server if you have received your 1st Communion. Let Deacon Bill know you are interested.

First Holy Communion 2022 will take place at St. Andrew's on **Sunday, May 1, 2022 at the 10:00 AM Mass. Congratulations and blessings to our First Communion Class!**

Confirmation 2022: Confirmation will take place at St. Nicholas Church on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

The Committee of Our Lady of Fatima

Blessed Grotto, North Street, Wilkes-Barre, will hold their annual May Crowning on the Shrine Grounds, Sunday, May 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Following the May Crowning, the usual Sunday (fifteen decade) Rosary will be prayed for peace in the world and for any personal intentions. Prayers will conclude at 8 pm. All are welcome.

Job Opportunities St. Nicholas-St. Mary School

Permanent Substitute - Music Education, has the potential to become a full-time teaching position. Experience in teaching music is preferred.

Janitorial Position: Full time, after the school day. Benefits included.

Teacher's Aide: 5 days a week for 5.5 hours per day. Can accommodate individuals who wish to work fewer days.

Cafeteria Worker: 5 hours per day when school is in session.

Candidates for any position need to have clearances, including but not limited to a Child Abuse History Check, Pa. State Police Criminal History Check, and FBI Fingerprinting.

Contact Principal Chris Tighe with a letter of interest:

ctighe@snsmschoolwb.com



PARISH COLLECTION

April 23-24, 2022

Loose	\$	171.00
Offering	\$	2060.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	4.00
Holy Thursday	\$	135.00
Easter	\$	1195.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$	5.00
Dues	\$	60.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	190.00
Insurance & Taxes	\$	20.00
Candles	\$	9.00
Total Applied to Budget		\$3849.00

Direct Transfer to the Diocese:

Holy Land/ Good Friday	\$	40.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$	130.00
CSS- Home Missions	\$	50.00
Care & Educ of Priests	\$	5.00
Total		\$ 225.00

Direct Transfer to Fr. Kearney:

Mother's Day	\$	25.00
Total		\$ 25.00

Critical Church Repairs \$ 523.00

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BRATISLAVA BOYS CHOIR to perform in Kingston and Scranton: The acclaimed Bratislava Boys Choir from Bratislava, Slovakia will perform at St. Ignatius Church, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston on Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. and at St. Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton on Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. Both concerts are free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted. The choir's repertoire features a variety of both sacred and secular music including Gregorian chant, Renaissance polyphony, concert Masses, folk songs, and works by contemporary composers. The concerts are presented by the Slovak Heritage Society of NEPA in cooperation with World Artists Experiences and the Embassy of Slovakia. For more information, contact Michael Stretanski at 570-817-3430, Raphael Micca at rdmicca@aol.com, or www.facebook.com/worldartistsNEPA.