



**Deacon's Corner:** I hope to be back for this weekend's masses, but... we are in Connecticut proudly watching as son, Cmdr. Kevin J. Behm, USN, assumes command of the nuclear submarine **USS HARTFORD**. Are we proud of our son?

Absolutely! But we are also a bit amazed. It's not everyday a child you watched being born, encouraged as he took his first steps, took the training wheels off his two-wheeler, taught how to drive a car, raked the yard with, watched as he crossed several stages to receive diplomas and degrees – along with the countless other things a father and son do together – achieve something he worked so hard for. He's reached a milestone I personally never dreamed of when he attended Meyers High School. We are equally proud of his family and the love that unites them. He married his high school sweetheart, Janelle Rothenbecker Behm – and together they have three daughters: Scarlett, Sophia, and Sarah. Now I'm not only telling you this to boast a bit (although that sure feels good), but also to remind you that we should all have dreams – and the courage and fortitude to pursue them. Dare to dream that impossible dream, because with motivation and genuine effort – dreams do come true. As Catholic Christians, we all should dream we can become and remain faithful and true followers of our God, our Savior, and our brother. If we dream it, if we set ourselves on a path that leads to God, we can and will achieve it. The motto of the HARTFORD is, **"Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead."** Let us follow that advice regarding our advance toward heaven. Please pray for Kevin, Janelle, Scarlett, Sophia, and Sarah. And let's pray for one another, too.

**What I would like you TO KNOW:** in today's gospel Jesus continues to speak reassuring words about love. He knows the unspoken questions in the hearts of his disciples – not only those around the Last Supper table, but all those of future generations. How will we be able to do what we heard Jesus tell us last Sunday – love one another as he has loved us? "Whoever loves me will keep my word," says Jesus, and this word is what he has received from the Father who sent him. Obedience and love are bound together, not by any external law, but by the love that Jesus lived and now speaks to our hearts from the depths of his heart. He is in our hearts, to be loved freely, without compulsion.

**What I would like you TO THINK ABOUT:** After explaining the arrival of the Holy Spirit, Jesus declares that he is giving us peace. Have you ever considered that peace – true peace, may be the primary work of the Holy Spirit? When we are at peace in our relationships, in our communities, and in our world we are making present the kingdom of heaven right here on earth. We achieve that peace with the aid and guidance of the Spirit, the presence of God on earth. Jesus tells us that even without immediate peace in all areas of our lives, we can still let go of our anxiety. The Holy Spirit brings peace – and the Holy Spirit is with us.

**Dinners Committee: Soup's on!** It's time to begin planning our parish's annual dinner season. We invite anyone and everyone interested in helping the parish at our dinners to

attend this meeting. Your parish family needs you! At this first meeting we will decide which dinners we have and narrow down their dates. Our meeting will be in the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Remember, **WE NEED YOU!**

**OUR Church:** in what ways do we see separations at St. Andrew Parish? When do we make it difficult for someone to fully take part in our parish and liturgical life? How do we exclude people with different ideologies? The divisions Paul and Barnabas experienced in antiquity remain – though they may look a bit different. These divisions might look like systemic injustice, systems of racism, dislike of people from other countries, and sexism that have become so commonplace in our community that we might not even recognize them. Jesus's words in the gospel are what we move us forward: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." The peace of Christ begins in our own hearts before it is shared with others and comes only **It is impossible to grow past division and distinction without embracing this peace.** from a relationship with the God of love. Although Jesus tells his disciples that he must go away, we rest in the warm embrace of the Advocate – our Spirit and guide. Come holy Spirit: Breathe in us a new resolve.

**Even Popes Have Moms:** Pope Pius X was a very humble man who had a saintly mother, Margarita Sanson. Because they were so poor, she worked as a washer woman and a school janitor to earn enough money so he could go to seminary. In those days, the family had to pay for their seminarian's education. When he was installed as Pope, his mother was present and, as was the custom, she kissed his large papal ring. She then presented her tiny hand with her wedding ring and said, **"Now you kiss MY ring – for without it you never would have received yours."** May we all be secure in the knowledge that wherever life send us, God is present – in the mighty and in the humble. And in those closest to us – like our moms, our dads, and our grandparents.

**Active and Practicing Catholics:** Being a Catholic is much more than merely being baptized. It may start there but it continues in how we live our lives – and **PRACTICE** our faith. It is a lifestyle that should involve being a brother or sister to the world. It means worrying when anyone is hungry or hurt. And it includes something as simple as attending mass. Following our custom, we will soon begin our annual look at our parish membership and move any active parishioner to inactive status should we have no record of their attending mass for **three years**. This means they will stop receiving envelopes. If those people wish to remain in the parish, they must contact the rectory and talk with the Parish Life Coordinator. If we do not hear anything for two more years (5 years total absence from church), they will be removed from our membership rolls. Naturally, anyone who is removed from our roles will always be welcome to rejoin the parish. If they faithfully attend mass for six months, they will be considered active and practicing Catholics. Naturally, this does not apply to anyone who is physically unable to attend mass – just to those who are able – but unwilling.

**Mass Intentions**

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**by Saints Peter and Paul Parish and repurposed to assist with feeding and clothing individuals in need.**

**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

**Wednesday- May 25, 2022 Vigil of Ascension**

**5:15 P.M.- Mass** - for Lisa Obanski by Margaret Hurley

**Thursday- May 26, 2022 Feast of the Ascension**

**12:10 P.M. Mass** - for Thomas Washington by Edward Brennan

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions**

**Saturday - May 28, 2022**

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

**Sunday - May 29, 2022**

**10:00 A.M. - Mass** - for Rose Marie Sebastian by her Husband, Joe and Sons, Joey and Mike

**Sanctuary Candle**



Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Andrew Martin by his Family

**Ministers Schedule**

**Saturday- May 21, 2022**

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

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**Sunday - May 22, 2022,**

**10:00 A.M.- Lector :** Kathy Smith  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Helene Skopek-Krygier, Ann Papciak

**Altar Servers:** Elizabeth/ Chris Papciak

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**Saturday- May 28, 2022**

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

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**Sunday - May 29, 2022**

**10:00 A.M. -Lector:** Debra Potsko  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Judy Fla-

**Altar Servers:** Elizabeth/ Chris Papciak

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**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!**

**Wedding Anniversary Mass:** Bishop Bambara, 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](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or contact Jennifer Housel at 570-207-2213 ext 1104. She can also be reached at [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org).

**Notice from the Diocese of Scranton:** On Sunday, June 19, 2022, the clergy and parishioners of Saint Andre Bessette Parish will celebrate a final Mass at 11 a.m. The parish church of Saint Andre Bessette, which is Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church, 668 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, will close following this Mass and no longer be used for Catholic liturgical worship (relegated to profane but not sordid use).

Following consultation with parishioners, extensive review of demographic, financial and infrastructure information, and approval of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council, Saint Andre Bessette Parish will be suppressed by means of an extinctive union with Saints Peter & Paul Parish, Plains; meaning parishioners previously belonging to Saint Andre Bessette Parish will now belong to Saints Peter and Paul Parish.

In addition, Saint Dominic Church, 155 Austin Street, Wilkes-Barre, a secondary worship site of Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Plains, will celebrate a final Mass at 5:30 p.m., on June 11, 2022. The Saint Dominic Church building will be retained

**PARISH COLLECTION**

**May 14-15, 2022**

Loose	\$	106.15
Offering	\$	2013.00
Easter	\$	125.00
Ascension	\$	5.00
Holy Thursday	\$	10.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$	135.00
Dues	\$	175.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	25.00
Insurance & Taxes	\$	30.00
Christian Education	\$	15.00
Candles	\$	17.00
<b>Total Applied to Budget</b>		<b>\$2656.15</b>

**Direct Transfer to the Diocese:**

Holy Land/ Good Friday	\$	10.00
Care & Educ of Priests	\$	5.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 15.00</b>

**Direct Transfer to Fr. Kearney:**

Mother's Day	\$	5.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 5.00</b>

**Critical Church Repairs \$ 486.42**

**Thank you for your generosity!!**

**SNFCU News:** We are coming close to the end of the AUTO LOAN SALE. If you are thinking of getting a new or used car, contact us at **570-825-2640** to see what your rate will be. Find a car that you like and let us know what you need to borrow, and we can tell you what your monthly payment will be.

**Eucharistic Adoration,** will be held Thursday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Maria Goretti Parish, 42 Redwood Drive, Laflin. The event, sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations, will include praise & worship music, a reflection from seminarian Michael Boris, the opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation, and a social. All are welcome to attend! For more information, call 570-207-1452 or visit [dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org).

**Reminder: Thursday, May 26, 2022 is the feast of the Ascension. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please read the Mass schedule.**