



Deacon's Corner: Have you ever said something you knew was "dumb" even as it was coming out your mouth? I have – repeatedly! That last was just a few minutes ago. I'm going on a short trip with the guy who was our best man and I called him asking if he could drive. I explained I was getting my cataracts taken care of and the surgery on my right eye was a few days before we are scheduled to leave. I then spoke without thinking. I said, "They are going to do – I guess my left eye – the following week" I was met with silence. Phil then commented, "Wow – how many eyes do you have?" We laughed about my wording, and he said he would be glad to drive. Sometimes as we are talking with God we catch ourselves saying something reminiscent of my conversation with my friend – except God never calls us on it. He is very willing to laugh WITH us, but he will never laugh AT us. We can always feel comfortable in his presence – even if we say something that really makes little sense. God knows what's in our hearts and if our words get jumbled he will listen to our hearts. When we pray (and we should) let's not concentrate on words; let us open our hearts to the love God always sends our way!

What I would like you TO KNOW: John gives us Jesus' final prayer and, in doing so, gives us a glimpse into the loving heart of this fully human – fully divine God-man. As with much of John's gospel, Jesus is speaking not only with a command but with a deep, tender love. Jesus is from the Lord, and we pray that we may know it, but he also reflects on the gift he has received in us. We are God's gift to Jesus. What do you think of that? We spend so much time and energy on the knowledge that Jesus IS a gift, and that our lives are a gift, and that God showers us with gifts – but how often do we reflect on the notion that we, ourselves, are a gift to God?

What I would like you to THINK ABOUT: If Jesus came back to earth tomorrow, how confident would you feel in the way you've lived your life and the decisions you've made? Yesterday is gone forever, today might be half-over – but tomorrow is a blank slate. Set things right with God and begin right now!

Let's Let our JOY Show: I remember being asked why I was someplace, and I responded, "Because I was invited." Well, there are people in our parish neighborhood – in our own neighborhoods, and even in our families who may be looking for a spiritual home. In today's bulletin there is a special invitation – NOT for you, but for someone you know. Take this invitation and pass it on. I tell every new parishioner we are stronger each time a new family joins our ranks. Maybe YOU can be the person who symbolically holds the door open for them. Let your joy, faith and pride show. Invite someone.

Rite of Christian Initiation: We have welcomed many new Catholics over the years and now it's time to begin planning for next year. Are you wondering about becoming a Catho-

lic? Do you know someone who is? Tell that person they are welcome to inquire about becoming Catholic. We aren't quite ready for an information night yet, but it is never too early to give the rectory a call. I'd love to sit with them and talk. You or they WILL NOT be handed papers to sign, you will be told about the process and how welcome they would be to journey with us. It's not too early – and it's never too late. Pray – Think – Call. My cell is 570-991-0984.

Congratulations Graduates: We have several parishioners who are graduating this year – from preschool through college. Know our parish will hold you in prayer as you make your marks on the world. And always remember, you NEVER graduate from your faith. We will be here, and we hope you will be here, too. We will ALWAYS be proud!

Completeness, Wholeness, and Unity: The texts for today's Scriptures speak in different ways of completeness, of wholeness, and of unity. Through from different vantage points, in one manner of pondering, these three themes are all one in the same. Completeness, wholeness, and unity are who God is and who the Christian community is called to be. When someone is left out or allowed to fall behind or be forgotten, there can be no completeness, wholeness, no unity. Be a helping hand, never a shove.

AGAIN: I'm writing this on Wednesday as we prepare for the Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Ascension. Nineteen children and 2 adult teachers will not be with their families again – at least until they all reach God's kingdom. I wish I could write some comforting words that will make these days easier – but those words are not in my vocabulary. If you've ever read The Shack, you may remember how when a grieving father asked God how he could sit idly by when bad things happened to innocent children, God told them he was there holding children in his arms. It would not surprise me at all if this was exactly the truth – but promises of heaven will never take away the tears parents feel when they lose a son or a daughter. We must pray together as a community of believers and take action to make things like this a thing of the past. I certainly support the right to bear arms – it's very nearly a sacred thing in this country... but so is life. Perhaps one of the most important pro-life thing we can do these days is to try our best to prevent weapons from being in the hands of those whose issues should prevent them from owning a gun. I certainly don't want all guns confiscated – but I strongly support common sense restrictions on their availability. This might not be a complete solution – but it would be a good start. Please pray with me that this will finally BE THE LAST MASS MURDER OF INNOCENT CHILDREN HERE IN THIS COUNTRY AND ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

The CORRECT Date: An incorrect date was published regarding the meeting for this year's initial Dinner Committee. **The correct day is: Tuesday – June 21st at 7 PM in the Church Hall.**



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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Saturday - June 4, 2022 100th Anniversary Mass

4:00 P.M. - Mass - for John Soboleski by his Wife, Nancy

Sunday - June 5, 2022

10:00 A.M. - Mass - for Catherine Melan by George and Mary Lehman

Sanctuary Candle



Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Mary M. Havrilosin by Sue and Mike Havrilosin

Blessed Mother Candle



The Candle on Blessed Mother's Altar burns for Michael Garbush by his Family

Ministers Schedule

Saturday - May 28, 2022

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

Altar Server: Frank Hummel

Sunday - May 29, 2022,

10:00 A.M. - Lector : Debra Potsko

Extraordinary Ministers: Judy Flaherty, Cheryl Gibson

Altar Servers: Elizabeth/ Chris Papciak

Saturday - June 4, 2022

4:00 P.M. - Lectors: Kathy Smith, Karen Grula

Extraordinary Ministers: We are asking that all Ministers participate in the Anniversary Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Mia Ashton

Altar Servers: Elizabeth Papciak, Gianna Altavilla

Sunday - June 5, 2022

10:00 A.M. -Lector:

Extraordinary Ministers:

Altar Servers:

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 or contact Jennifer Housel at 570-207-2213 ext 1104. She can also be reached at jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org.

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.

Quo Vadis Days 2022 will be held **June 19-21 at Marywood University, Scranton.** This camp is for young Catholic men in High School (who were in 9-12th grade during the 2020/2021 school year) to deepen their faith, learn more about all vocations, and better discern God's call in their lives. The camp will feature dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports, activities, music and more. Participants will have the opportunity to meet Bishop Bambara, priests, seminarians, and young adults of the Diocese of Scranton. Online registration is now open at vocations.dioceseofscranton.org. For more information, call 570-207-1452.



PARISH COLLECTION

May 21-22, 2022

Loose	\$	132.00
Offering	\$	1333.00
Easter	\$	40.00
Ascension	\$	19.00
Dues	\$	45.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	185.00
Insurance & Taxes	\$	175.00
Christian Education	\$	2.00
Candles	\$	7.00
Total Applied to Budget		\$1938.00

Direct Transfer to Fr. Kearney:

Father's Day	\$	5.00
Total	\$	5.00

Critical Church Repairs \$ 315.00

April 2022 ONLINE GIVING

Offering	\$	1280.00
Dues	\$	715.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$	15.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	45.00
Insurance & Taxes	\$	35.00
Holy Thursday	\$	35.00
Easter	\$	355.00
Christian Education	\$	5.00
Total Applied to Budget		\$ 2485.00

Direct Transfer to the Diocese:

Catholic Home Missions	\$	5.00
Holy Land/ Good Friday	\$	35.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$	10.00
Retired Religious	\$	5.00
Care & Educ of Priests	\$	40.00
Total	\$	95.00

Critical Church Repairs \$ 353.00

Thank you for your generosity!!

SNFCU News: Have a great Memorial Day Celebration! Thank you to all our Military for their service!

St Leo the Great 2022 Summer Festival: 33 Manhattan St., Ashley will be held June 24-25, 2022. It will feature all your favorite homemade foods: Piggies, pierogies, halushki, potato pancakes, clam chowder, sausage & pepper sandwiches, strawberry shortcake and more. There will be a basket Raffle, instant bingo, stands for children & adults & indoor bingo. Entertainment on Friday, June 24th provided by Strawberry Jam, 6-11 PM & Saturday, June 25th with DJ Bouncin' Bernie.