



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 12

7:30 AM People of the Parish
 9:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions
 12:30 PM Mother's Day Intentions (Hispanic)

MONDAY, MAY 13

9:00 AM Catherine Connors

TUESDAY, MAY 14

9:00 AM Mother's Day Intentions

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

9:00 AM Jeff Kantor

THURSDAY, MAY 16

9:00 AM Mother's Day Intentions

FRIDAY, MAY 17

9:00 AM Roxanne and George DiFebo

SATURDAY, MAY 18

10:00 AM Members of the Confirmation Class
 4:30 PM Nilus Mattive

SUNDAY, MAY 19

7:30 AM People of the Parish
 9:30 AM Elizabeth DiBattista

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In memory of Frank and Sarah Tamburro requested by Father Tamburro.

PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Carl Kutza, Jr. requested by his family.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Stanley Grontkowski requested by Donna Kotansky.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of Matthew & Florence Kopetskie requested by their family.

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE: None requested.

PRAYES AND SYMPATHY to the family of **Eleanor Antonacci** who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto her, O, Lord.

SAVE THE DATE

Saint Mary's CCW would like to remind all 2019 high school and December or May college graduates of our parish and their families to "save the date" for our Mass of recognition to be held on Sunday, June 2, at 9:30 AM. Caps and gowns are encouraged, but optional. All 2019 high school graduates attending should RSVP to Josanne Fries @ (570) 854-5214 ASAP. Please leave a message with your name and number of family members attending the reception following Mass. We hope to see you there!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

— Acts 13:47b

PARISH SUPPORT OFFERTORY

May 5, 2019

Adults	\$4,335.00
Youth	24.00
Loose	295.00
Total	\$4,654.00

Month of April

Income	\$46,271.28
Expenses	38,752.06
Balance	\$ 7,519.22

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

PARISH DATEBOOK

MONDAY, MAY 13

BIBLE STUDY/SHARING: 1:30 PM.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

ADULT CHOIR: 1:30 PM.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR will be prayed at 8:00 AM for vocations.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

CONFIRMATION: 10:00 AM.



The Diocese of Harrisburg sponsors a Catholic Faith Bee each year. The Diocese draws students, participating in the Faith Bee, from 89 parishes and 7 missions, or 12,000 students. Our students, over the past 8 years, have demonstrated, with parental support, a deep commitment to their faith and a willingness to compete at a very high level. **Willow Siecko**, a seventh-grade CCD student from St. Mary's represented all of us at the Catholic Faith Bee in Harrisburg. She finished in the top ten. Congratulations, Willow!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD
NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Edwards, Toth
Lector: Wiggins
Altar Servers: 6
Greeters: N. & D. Whitko

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Czajkowski, Kilcullen
Lector: Ferentz
Altar Servers: 4
Greeters: M. & W. Andrzejewski

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Dante, Belford
Lector: Womer
Altar Servers: 5
Greeters: Reimiller

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The time has come to start thinking about our annual picnic.

Once again this year, we will auction a large Yeti cooler filled with scratch-off lottery tickets. This was a very good fundraiser for us last year, largely due to your contributions of lottery tickets. We are again asking that all parishioners of legal age purchase and donate a new lottery ticket (or several) of any variety and value. Please help us with this special project by dropping the tickets in the collection basket or turning them in at the parish office.





Father Tamburro and the parish staff wish all mothers a very Happy Mother's Day. If you are fortunate enough to still have your mother with you, give her a hug and a big thank you. If your mother is no longer with you, take a moment to say a prayer for her and thank her for her role in your life.

THE MONTH OF MARY

During the month of May, let us especially remember **THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**. When we honor Jesus' mother, we honor Him because every event of her life is linked to the mysteries of His birth, life, death, and rising. Mary actively cooperated with God in the work of salvation.

SHEPHERDS LIKE JESUS

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: "They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

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