



*Ever since the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, it seems that we are much more conscious of the heroic among us, honoring those whose lives of service make a difference in our communities. Heroes are those who go above and beyond the call of duty to achieve a greater good. They see the possibility to make a difference and they take the chance. Heroism is not determined by their success, but by their willingness to try.*

*The woman who approached Jesus is a hero. She recognized the power of Jesus to heal her daughter and despite all odds, she persisted in her request for His attention and mercy. She was not Jewish, she had no social status, but she had a sick daughter and she wanted her to be well. No one would get in her way or stop her from asking the Lord for help.*



*She was not Jewish, she had no social status, but she had a sick daughter and she wanted her to be well. No*

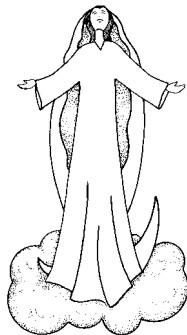
*Faith has its heroes, often called saints. They try to make the world a better place, help other people, give of themselves, make God's Presence known, teach and share the faith, and spread the Gospel message. Faith calls us to work for God, to do something that really and truly makes a difference in our Church, in our world, and in the lives of those we love. Be a hero of faith!*

**ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

Tomorrow, **Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**, we celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven**. It is a *Holy Day* but not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, since it falls on a Monday.

The Masses scheduled for **Monday's Feast Day** are **6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

The Blessed Virgin Mary shall always show us how to be faithful to God's Will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. Throughout her entire earthly life, we see her steadfast trust. May our honoring of her help us to imitate her ever faithful ways.



**THINK THE RCIA IS FOR YOU ???**

If you answer "yes" to any of the following questions, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be just what you're looking for.

Are you:

- . . . an unbaptized person?
- . . . baptized as a Catholic but never received First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation?
- . . . baptized, made First Holy Communion but never had any religious instruction beyond these Sacraments?
- . . . a Protestant interested in knowing more about Catholicism?
- . . . a person wishing to become a Catholic?

*To find out more about the RCIA, just call the Rectory and ask for Fr. Connor. It's as easy as that. Don't wait any longer. There are those right in our midst who are hungering for the Real Presence found only in the Eucharist!*

**SUMMER PICNICS CONTINUE**



Many of our parishes depend on the proceeds from their summer picnics and bazaars for funds for throughout the year. Please support the following fund raising events:

- August 19- 20- 21 Sacred Hearts of Jesus (*Peckville*)
- August 19- 20 - 21 St. Joseph's (*Wilkes-Barre Twp.*)
- August 25- 26- 27 Nativity of Our Lord Church (*South Scranton*)

**TAKE TIME**

**Take time:**

- To **think**. It is the source of power.
- To **play**. It is the secret of perpetual youth.
- To **read**. It is the fountain of wisdom.
- To **pray**. It is the greatest power on earth.
- To **love and be loved**. It is a God-given privilege.
- To be **friendly**. It is the road to happiness.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

Current studies confirm what the Church has always taught: Married sex is more fulfilling and enjoyable than uncommitted sex. People who “use” sex only for their own pleasure end up using other people . . . and they lose the real joy of sexuality, a gift from God.

Unconditional love is what a marriage is all about. And that love is a real source of joy in the lives of married couples!

As the Church throughout our country recently celebrated **Natural Family Planning Awareness Week**

(**July 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**), we should all remember that *responsible parenthood is lived out within the structures which God has established in human nature*. The natural act of sexual intercourse, which is both life giving (pro-creative) and love giving (unitive), reflects a *divine* plan.



That is why the Church teaches that couples must not actively intervene to separate their fertility from their bodily union. To do so is to show disrespect for an important gift of the Creator.

*Natural Family Planning* is a way of life, a way of love. To learn more about the benefits of NFP for marriage, call Karen and Jim at 586-5080, Mary Jane at 689-0880 or Megan at 941-8935.

**CHARISMATIC MASS**

Area prayer groups of the *Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement* invite all faithful to participate in a **Charismatic Mass and Healing Service, next Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**, at **Christ the King Church in Dunmore**.

The liturgy will be preceded by the recitation of the **Rosary at 6:30 p.m.**

Guest celebrant for the **7:00 p.m. Mass** will be **Father Patrick Albert**, pastor of the Roman Catholic Community of Forest City.

A healing service will follow the Mass, with **Fr. Albert** and leaders from various Charismatic prayer groups ministering to those desiring Prayer for Healing.

Refreshments and fellowship are to follow the service which is sponsored by the Our Lady of Fatima Charismatic Prayer Group.

**LA FESTA ITALIANA ON THE WAY!**

Scheduled for **Labor Day Weekend, (September 3<sup>rd</sup> through September 5<sup>th</sup>)**, **LaFesta Italiana** will once again return to the Lackawanna County Court House Square right here in Downtown Scranton!

As part of this year’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, a **Mass in Italian** will be celebrated at St. Peter’s Cathedral on **Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m.** with the **Most Rev. Joseph F. Martino, D.D., Hist. E.D.**, Bishop of Scranton, as the celebrant.



**MASS & CONFESSIONS**  
*August 15 – 20, 2005*

- 6:30 a.m. Holy Day Mass
- 7:30 a.m. **No Confessions**
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass
- 12:00 p.m. **Praying of the Angelus**
- 12:10 p.m. Holy Day Mass
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Day Mass



**Tuesday (August 16) Saint Stephen of Hungary**

- 6:30 a.m. Carmella Longo (Chris & Ann DiMattio)
- 7:30 a.m. **Confessions**
- 8:00 a.m. Catherine Tunney (Sister, Anastasia)
- 12:00 p.m. **Praying of the Angelus**
- 12:10 p.m. Michael P. Connor (The Gownley Family)
- 3:15 p.m. **Veterans’ Center Mass**

**Wednesday (August 17) Weekday in Ordinary Time**

- 6:30 a.m. Joseph Notarianni  
(Thomas & Mary Jude Cawley)
- 7:30 a.m. **Confessions**
- 8:00 a.m. Timmy Hopkins (Claire Davis)
- 12:00 p.m. **Praying of the Angelus**
- 12:10 p.m. Frank J. Kirst (Joan Tappen)

**Thursday (August 18) Weekday in Ordinary Time**

- 6:30 a.m. Anthony Nicosia, Sr. (Karen Clifford)
- 7:30 a.m. **Confessions**
- 8:00 a.m. Shirley Frazier (Rita Novack)
- 12:00 p.m. **Praying of the Angelus**
- 12:10 p.m. Miriam Smith (Family)

**Friday (August 19) Weekday in Ordinary Time**

- 6:30 a.m. Arthur J. Derbin (Wife, Jean & Children)
- 7:30 a.m. **Confessions**
- 8:00 a.m. Traci Ann Pastellack (Maryellen Robinson)
- 12:00 p.m. **Praying of the Angelus**
- 12:10 p.m. Aaron Beckage, Sr.  
(Joshua Beckage & Ann Marie)

**Saturday (August 20) Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor**

- 6:30 a.m. Reverend William Giroux  
(The Carpellotti & Stassi Families)
- 10:30 a.m. **Confessions**
- 12:00 p.m. **Praying of the Angelus**
- 12:10 p.m. Robert Lynch, Sr. (Lynch Family)
- 4:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass**