

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



At the beginning of every year, we are flooded with articles about keeping our new year resolutions, changing our lives, becoming better people, growing wealthier, healthier and smarter. One suggestion to double our chance of success was to find a partner to help keep you on target: a personal trainer, a financial advisor, a dietitian, or a work-out partner. A little guidance would help us find our way.

Scripture is filled with stories of spiritual resolutions. The patriarchs and prophets, the Apostles,



and holy men and women resolve to seek God in their lives. They proclaim His message and follow His law regardless of the consequence. They want to be better people,

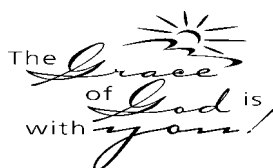
growing in grace and wisdom and in God's favor, year in and year out.

Jesus is the way to salvation. Our journey begins in the waters of baptism. He guides us by His example, by His teaching and by giving us a share in His life. Along the way, each of us must pick up our cross. We must struggle with sin, choose grace over evil, and help each other along the way if we are to succeed. Our goal is Heaven and with the help of the Lord and one another, we can reach it!

GOD'S PROMISES

*God has not promised skies always blue,
flower-strewn pathways all our life through;
God has not promised sun without rain,
day without sorrow, peace without pain.*

*But God has promised strength for the day,
rest for the labor, light for the way;
Grace for the trials, help from above,
unfailing sympathy, undying love.*



Signs of

❖ B.H.H.S. MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This coming Friday, September 2nd, at 10:30 a.m. the Bishop Hannan High School Community will celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit marking the opening of the 2005-06 Academic Year.

May we join our prayers with theirs and those of all parents and students throughout all of our schools - parochial and public - that God will bless them with the needed wisdom, fortitude, knowledge and love for this new year of learning that it might be filled with success!

❖ CELEBRATING LA FESTA ITALIANA

La Festa Italiana, one of the region's largest and most eagerly awaited celebrations, is fast approaching.



Scheduled for **next weekend (September 3rd - 5th)**, *La Festa Italiana* is celebrated at the Lackawanna County Courthouse Square right here in Downtown Scranton!

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of this great festival. As part of this annual gathering, a **Mass in Italian** will be celebrated at St. Peter's Cathedral **next Sunday, September 4th, at 12:15 p.m.** with **Bishop Joseph F. Martino**, Bishop of Scranton, as celebrant and homilist.

Please join us for this happy celebration of faith lived and shared!

❖ UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RETURNING

A warm *welcome* to the many new students at all of our local colleges and universities now arriving in the Scranton area to begin or continue their college studies.

May God bless them with a sense of purpose and the needed grace and energies to discover His call at work in their lives!

May they always know that the Welcoming Community of St. Peter's Cathedral stands ready to assist them in deepening their faith during this important chapter of their lives.

❖ TANK TO TANK WALK

The **second annual Mayor Rocco Valvano Memorial Tank to Tank Walk** is set for **Sunday, September 11, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.** Registration begins at **8:00 a.m.** The walk will begin at the tank on South Blakely Street in Dunmore and end at Memorial Park in Jessup. Pre-registration is encouraged.



Proceeds of the event will benefit the residents of the Gino Merli Veterans' Center in Scranton.

For more details and for registration, volunteer and sponsorship forms, call David Valvano at 840-8742 or Larry West at 489-5117.

September



MASS SCHEDULE August 29th – September 3rd

❖ FOUNDER'S DAY MASS

Please join St. Mary's Villa in the celebration of their Founder's Day on **Wednesday, September 14th**. With a special Mass celebrated by the **Most Rev. Joseph F. Martino**, Bishop of Scranton at **10:00 a.m.** at **St. Mary's Villa Residence Assisted Living Center** located on St. Mary's Villa Road in Elmhurst.

For additional information and / or directions please call 842-7621 or visit their website at www.stmarysvilla.com.

❖ LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

All are invited to attend **A Day of Reflection on The Luminous Mysteries** sponsored by the Diocese of Scranton Office for Parish Life on **Saturday, September 17th** from **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** at the **Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton**. Deacon Peter Hoegan will be the presenter. The fee is \$25.00 which includes lunch.

For more information and to register for this luminous day of reflection please contact Irene at 563-1131 or email: St-PiusX-Seminary@dioceseofscranton.org. Registration will close on **September 6th, 2005**.

❖ NORTHEAST PENN RETROUVAILLE

Retrouvaille, which means "re-discovery", is a special program intended to help marriages that are drifting or even heading for the rocks. It begins with a weekend of insights and helpful starters for renewing communication. The next weekend sponsored by the *Diocese of Scranton Family Life Office* will be **September 23rd – 25th, 2005** at **Fatima Center in Dalton**. All inquires are confidential. For additional information please call 1-800-430-2230 or visit the website: www.helpourmarriage.com.

❖ SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Continuing in the celebration of the **60th Anniversary of the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart Guild in the Diocese of Scranton**, an all-day event entitled "**Sacred Heart of Jesus-Day of Reflection and Conference**" will be held at **St. Maria Goretti's Parish Center in Laflin** on **Saturday, September 24th, 2005**.

The day will begin with **Mass at 10:00 a.m.** in the Church. The keynote address at the conference will be given by **Father Paul Kelly**, a Carbondale native and a Priest of the Sacred Heart in Wisconsin. **Father Daniel Toomey**, Assistant Pastor of St. Matthew's Parish in East Stroudsburg and spiritual moderator of the Enthronement Guild, will give a talk on the apostolate and offer a demonstration of an Enthronement.

Registration is open to all. The cost of the conference is \$20 which includes lunch. For information or to register call Sister Celesta Sinisi at 346-5415.

Monday (August 29) Martyrdom of John the Baptist

- 6:30 a.m.** Reverend Conan Conaboy
(Requested by the Quinn Family)
- 8:00 a.m.** Patrick J. Mellody
(Requested by Family)
- 12:10 p.m.** Helen Mulrooney
(Requested by Cathy & Jerry Simrell)

Tuesday (August 30) Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 a.m.** Frank Harris
(Requested by Chris & Ann DiMattio)
- 8:00 a.m.** Barbara Borer
(Requested by Richard & Norine Borer)
- 12:10 p.m.** Edward Farrell
(Requested by Romaine Flesch)
- 3:15 p.m.** Veterans' Center Mass

Wednesday (August 31) Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 a.m.** Ralph Bohn, Jr.
(Requested by Tom & Nancy Cawley)
- 8:00 a.m.** Helen Skutnick
(Requested by Kathleen Barrett)
- 12:10 p.m.** Helen C. O'Connor
(Requested by the Gownley Family)

Thursday (September 1) Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 a.m.** Gail Merrick
(Requested by Michael Jordan & Jill Snyder)
- 8:00 a.m.** Anna Mae Sitko
(Requested by Gail Gayeski)
- 12:10 p.m.** Sophie Cantone
(Requested by Niece, Marie Maellaro)
- 3:15 p.m.** Confessions

Friday (September 2) First Friday

- 6:30 a.m.** Mary Theresa Troy
(Requested by James Jordan)
- 8:00 a.m.** Edward Olenchak, Sr.
(Requested by Chrissy Lavelle)
- 12:10 p.m.** Donald Patrick Lowry
(Requested by Family)

Saturday (September 3) Gregory the Great, Pope

- 6:30 a.m.** Robert O'Malley
(Requested by Family)
- 12:10 p.m.** Frank Gallo III
(Requested by Mom & Dad)
- 4:00 p.m.** Vigil Mass