

## Scripturally Speaking

by Rev. Connell A McHugh

### Hospitality

Both the first reading from Genesis and the Gospel from Luke stress the virtue of hospitality. Hospitality or lack of it makes us feel welcome or unwelcome, wanted or unwanted, comfortable or uncomfortable. In the first reading from Genesis, Abraham represented the hospitality of the East. He and his wife Sarah and their servants offer hospitality to three visiting men who in turn promise the childless Abraham and Sarah a child in their old age. Saint Adrei Rublev referred to the three visitors as the "Old Testament Trinity" in the beautiful icon he produced and he regards them as a symbol of the Trinity.

In the Gospel of Luke, the sisters of Lazarus show hospitality to Jesus. Many traditional and even modern talks have been given about Martha and Mary, having the former represent the practical activist and the latter the contemplative state or intellectual life. I feel an often given interpretation that the contemplative life is viewed by Jesus as superior to the active life and contemplative states. Jesus emphasized throughout His ministry the need to be of service to others. Jesus Himself would not accurately be characterized as a contemplative throughout his ministry.

Jesus does not criticize Martha's work, but He wants her to be less anxious about it. Jesus praises Mary for her willingness to listen to Him.



**Please call the office if you would like a key fob to enter the Chapel for private prayer.**

Increase your faith! Download the app from your app store or visit [hallow.com/parish](http://hallow.com/parish) then follow the prompts. But do not pay for anything, if it asks you too, simply hit "skip". Once in, find Holy Rosary by entering Hazleton's zip code. This is a free subscription through our fundraising and a grant we were awarded.

50/50 Rolling Raffle winning number drawn on Tuesday, July 15th was # 94. There was a winner. Winning was \$392.50.

## Stewardship July 12 -13

<b>Sunday Envelopes</b>	\$3,943.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$469.00
<b>Dues, Catholic Education, Other Envelopes</b>	\$2,694.00
<b>Renovations</b>	\$44.00
<b>Diocesan Collections</b>	\$32.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$7,182.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$0
<b>Mass Attendance:</b>	July 12—13, 2025
<b>4:15 PM</b>	168
<b>10:00 AM</b>	218

### Join the CSS Mission Team

We're looking for caring, creative, and community-minded individuals to join our **CSS Mission Team** (formerly known as the Catholic Social Services Auxiliary). The name may be new, but the mission remains the same, to support the work of Catholic Social Services and help make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.

**This is not just a women's group**, we welcome everyone who wants to serve with compassion and purpose! Most of our meetings are held via Zoom, making it easy to stay involved no matter how busy your schedule may be.

Currently, the team helps organize two main fundraisers:

Racing to Raffles

A Night Under the Stars

We would love to grow the team with fresh ideas and new energy. Whether you're a planner, volunteer, or just want to support a good cause, we'd be thrilled to have you.

If you're interested in learning more or getting involved, please contact Danielle Matarella @ 570-455-1521 or [dmatarella@cssdioceseofscranton.org](mailto:dmatarella@cssdioceseofscranton.org)

Together, we can do so much more!

### Novena Prayer to St. Ann

O glorious Saint Ann, you are filled with compassion for those who invoke you, and with love for those who suffer.

Heavily burdened with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at your feet and humbly beg of you to take the present intention, which I recommend to you in your special care. Please recommend it to your daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and place it before the throne of Jesus, so that He may bring it to a happy issue. Continue to intercede for me until my request is granted. But above all, obtain for me the grace to one day, with you and Mary and all the saints, to praise and bless Him for all eternity. Amen. Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory be. Saint Ann, help me now and at the hour of my death! Good Saint Ann, intercede for me!

Congratulations to Cheryl & Lenny Krieger on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, who received a blessing at last Saturday evening's Mass. Many more good and happy years.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Tuesday, July 22</b>	<b>12:05 PM</b>	Barbara Zahay by Margaret Ann Enama
Miraculous Medal Novena is said Tuesday after Mass		
<b>Wednesday, July 23</b>	<b>12:05 PM</b>	Ronald J. Wandishin by Joe & Donna Thomas
The Rosary will be said every Wednesday at 6 PM in the Chapel		
<b>Thursday, July 24</b>	<b>12:05 PM</b>	For All Parishioners
<b>Friday, July 25</b>	<b>12:05 PM</b>	Michael Woodring by Susan Stewart
<b>Saturday, July 26</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>	Michael & Rose Piccola by Theresa Piccola
<b>Sunday, July 27</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Dale Stewart by Susan & Nick



## Sanctuary Candles

For the Week of July 22-27

### In Memory of

Michael Woodring by Susan Stewart  
Michael Woodring by Judith & Don Scalise  
Dale Stewart by Susan & Nick  
Deceased of Harvilla & Zheliak Families by Family

### Please Pray

**Pray for Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.**

Let us also remember in our prayers the sick & homebound of our Parish: *Heavenly Father, we lift our prayer to you for those of our parish that are alone, sick, or homebound. We ask You, with confidence in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Denise Minnick  
Donald Seamon  
Lois DeAngelo  
Marlene Clark  
Berdene Ondishin

*Please contact the office if you would like your name added or removed from this list.*

**Thank you again to all of you that helped our parish exceed our parish fundraising goal for the fiscal year on June 30th. The total collected was \$56,171**

### Happenings

#### Novena to St Ann ...

Will continue until Friday July 25. The novena will be said before the weekend Masses and at the end of daily Mass.

#### Rummage Sale

Holy Rosary Christian Women's **RUMMAGE SALE** will begin on Sunday, Aug 3—11 to 2, Monday, Aug 4 —9 to 7 and Tuesday, Aug 5 (bag day) —9 to 12. Items can be brought to the elevator entrance of the church starting **NO EARLIER THAN Tuesday, July 1st thru Friday, July 31st —10 am to 2 pm...** Tables will be set up in this area for the items you bring. **Please, NO clothing, shoes, electronics, or encyclopedias** Do not leave items outside incase of inclement weather.

#### Your Never to Old

Anyone interested in becoming an adult server at the weekend Masses, please call the parish office and leave your contact information. ***As well as any of our young members too!***

#### Welcome our newest member into the faith....

Congratulations to Eleanor Clara Bowe who was baptized last Sunday. Please pray for her and her parents Aaron & Rachel Bowe.

**A Special Congratulations.....** To Judy Martini who has retired from Marian High School after 35 years of service within the Catholic School System. 17 years at Bishop Hafey, 17 years at Marian High School & 1 year at Bishop O'Reilly. Happy retirement, you have touch many hearts!

**Holy Communion to our sick and homebound.....** If you or a family member would like to receive the Holy Eucharist, please call the office and leave you're your contract information.

**Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses**

