Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:30 p.m.  Kathy Strausbaugh
Sun. 7:30 a.m.  The People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.  John and Loretta Livelsberger
Mon. 8:00 a.m.  Joan Miller
Tues. 8:00 a.m.  Alice Sneeringer
Wed. 8:00 a.m.  Mary E. Groft
Thurs. 8:00 a.m.  Terril L. Neiderer
Fri. 8:00 a.m.  Frank Hodas
Sat. 5:30 p.m.  Living & deceased members of Earl & Dorothy Brady family
Sun. 7:30 a.m.  James Baumgardner
10:00 a.m.  The People of the Parish

From the Pastor: Devotion to St. Ann, the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary began in the early centuries of the Church and grew as word of the miracles attributable to her intercession spread. The following is taken from the website of St. Ann’s Monastery in Scranton, PA:

- Devotion to St. Ann and the Novena is truly an important part of the spiritual life of so very many people in this area and beyond. On the Feast of St. Ann, there are groups of pilgrims that come from surrounding towns on foot. A group from Pittston gather together at midnight to walk the 8 miles to the shrine and arrive around 3 A.M. That gives them ample time for making the outdoor Stations of the Cross and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the first Mass of the day at 4:30 A.M. These groups are predominantly young people who will tell you that their parents and grandparents began these traditions years before.

- More than a century ago the Passionists arrived in Scranton to conduct missions and retreats. The people and the local clergy loved them so much, the Fathers were invited to establish the congregation in the dioce.

- A plateau of 10 acres, rather high above the city and known as “The Round Woods”, was chosen by the Passionists and by Bishop Michael Hoban. Chosen on the day of the Virgin Mary’s birthday, the new home of the Passionist Community was named in honor of Saint Ann, Mother of Mary. From July 17-25, the Passionists prayed a nine-day novena to St. Ann to ask her blessings, as was their custom.

- On March 25, 1904 Mass was celebrated at the Monastery for the first time by Bishop Hoban. Commanding a splendid view of surrounding hills and valleys, the Round Woods became a great attraction to people near and far, and the beginnings of a strong new parish began forming.

- Disaster struck on the morning of August 15, 1911 when a coal mine subsidence seriously damaged the monastery. The priests continued their ministries until two years later when another major slide caused them to evacuate. Mining experts predicted a huge collapse would carry the Monastery to the east.

- On July 28, 1913, two days after the Feast of St. Ann, amid earthly grumblings and flying coal dust, the priest and laity knelt in solemn prayer throughout the night. At daybreak they were startled by a tremendous rumble, followed by deafening silence. What was supposed to have been a giant slide turned out to be two huge boulders moving into place underneath the building. Those rolling boulders closed the great fissures, making the Monastery grounds more solid than ever.

- Thank you for your continued prayers and donations to the regional Gabriel Project. Your donations of clothing, hygiene items, and used furniture make a real and lasting impact. Further, it is a powerful witness to the value of life. Smaller donations can be placed in the basket in the Basilica vestibule. For larger donations or volunteer services, please call the parish representative - Rich King at 717-688-5414. If you need help as a Gabriel Project participant, please call Rich or the regional coordinator - Dodie Funk at 717-632-5290.

- Rev. John Szada, Jr. will say a Mass with prayers for healing on Tues. Aug. 8th at 7:00p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

- Help is needed to clean the Church Thurs. Aug. 10th at 9:00a.m. Please bring a rag and bucket.

- Immaculate Heart of Mary Abbottstown, is having a Parish Yard Sale Sat. Aug. 12th from 8:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. in the Social Hall. The Knights of Columbus will be selling food.

- The Children’s Rosary Group will gather at the Adoration Chapel in McSherrystown on Sun. Aug. 20th at 3:00p.m. Children ages 3 and older (adults too) are welcome. Rosaries and prayer books will be provided. For more information call Vicky Bunty at 717-632-3245.

- Time to mark your calendars! The 10th Annual “Swing for the Sisters” Golf Tournament, to benefit the Sisters of Saint Joseph will be held on Sat. Sept. 30th at Flatbush Golf Course, Littlestown. For more information and/or to register, please call 800-482-6510 or email development@ssphilpa.org.

- Harrisburg Diocesan Charismatic Day of Renewal, “The Holy Spirit – Fountain of Grace” will be held Sat. Sept. 16th from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd. Hbg. The speaker will be Rev. William “Bill” Cosgrove 12-year senior team member for the Charismatic Renewal Liaison for the Charismatic Renewal under Cardinal Dolan in the Diocese of New York. There is a $20 registration fee at the door and does not include lunch. To register or for more information: www.aliveintheprecint.com or www.hbi德州cose.org/renewal or call Mary Ann at 717-564-7709.

- At their recent Provincial Meeting on May 1st the Bishops of Pennsylvania voted to approve a recommendation that each Catholic diocese and eparchy in the Commonwealth be dedicated to the protection of the Blessed Mother. So mark your calendars: The Bishops of PA will gather to celebrate Mass on Sept. 25th at 12:00Noon at St. Joseph Church, 212 S. State St. Hbg. During which Archbishop Chaput will consecrate the province to Our Lady of Fatima. More information will be available in the future.


- The Delone Class of 1965 will hold their 52nd Reunion Luncheon at 12:00Noon on Sat. Sept. 30th at Inn 94 on Carlisle Pk. New Oxford. For reservation or more information contact Judy (Bennett) Sieg at 717-632-3482 siegnali@yahoo.com or Jean (Eline) Timmins at 717-632-6433 jeantim@embarqmail.com