

Immaculate Conception Blessed Virgin Mary

May 30, 2021

1730 Fowler Avenue, Berwick, PA 18603

Rev. Matthew R. Larlick, Pastor



“Rise, you who were lying fast asleep... Rise and hurry to the Church:
here is the Father, here is the Son, here is the Holy Spirit”

- St. Ambrose

Mass Schedule:
Daily Mass is on Wednesday

Saturday - May 29

5:30 pm - + Bob & Jackie Bremmer / M/M Golla

Sunday - May 30

9:30 am - Pro Populo

Wednesday - June 2

9:00 am - + Rose Mattive / G. Weaver

Saturday - June 5

5:30 P.M. + Anna Mihalik / B. Goldsworthy

Sunday - June 6

9:30 A.M. - Pro Populo

Parish Staff : 570-759-8113

Rev. Matthew R. Larlick, Pastor
Kristina Kelchner, Parish Secretary

Office open Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri.

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

closed Wednesday

Offertory for May 23, 2021

Offertory \$ 2,723.00

Cemetery Care 12.50

Ascension 544.00

Pentecost 30.00

Thank you for your continuous generosity

Week of May 30, 2021

Vigil Intentions

Blessed Mother : In Thanksgiving

Sanctuary Light: + Lisa Canouse / Her Family

Peace Candle : + Jackie Bremmer / Barnell Family

Resurrection Candle: + Zane Strunk / M/M Jon Dent

Altar Bread and wine: + George Curry / Curry Family

Lector Schedule

Saturday - June 5 - 5:30 pm - R. Yalch

Sunday - June 6 - 9:30 am - J Owens

Saturday - June 12 - 5:30 pm - C. Kalie

Sunday - June 13 - 9:30 am - B. Wark

Saturday - June 19 - 5:30 pm - J Owens

Sunday - June 20 - 9:30 am - B. Wark

Immaculate Conception BVM Spring clean up day June 5, 2021

8:00 am—????

We are looking for volunteers, especially teenagers and younger folks to help do basic weeding and clean up in the landscaped areas around the church. Please bring your own tools, gloves etc. Please call the Parish office (570-759-8113) if you are able to help out or just show up. Many hands make light work. Thank you

Every man gives his life for what he believes. Every woman gives her life for what she believes. Sometimes people believe in little or nothing, nevertheless they give up their lives to that little or nothing. One life is all we have, and we live it as we believe in living it, and then it's gone. But to surrender what you are, and live without belief - that's more terrible than dying - more terrible than dying young. - Joan of Arc

May 30th is the feast day of : **St. Joan of Arc**

The **Feast** Day of Joan of Arc is celebrated on **May** 30th every year which is the anniversary of her death by burning in the old square of Rouen on **May 30, 1431**. Twenty-five years after her execution, an inquisitorial court authorized by the **Pope** examined the trial, pronounced her innocent, and declared her a martyr. She is the patroness of soldiers and of France



Please join the 2021 Public Rosary crusade:

As we all know, the United States is in great need of public prayer, repentance and Conversion. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please join is in praying for our nation: June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11 and October 16 at 12:00 noon.

The local Rosary Rally will take place (rain or shine) at :

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church

706 N Warren St, Berwick Pa 18603

(bring a chair) Everyone is welcome!

Please be aware that the parish office will be closed on Monday May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.



MEMORIAL DAY

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Christians are no strangers to sacrifice. Jesus lays down his life for our redemption, martyrs remain faithful to the end, and every believer faces "deaths" in the spiritual life when love requires a re-ordering of preference and priority.

On Memorial Day, we honor those who laid down their lives for their nation and for the values we espouse - freedom, justice, and a better world for our children. In a day that often fills with barbeques and boat launches, remember to take some time in prayer! Intercede for those who have died and for the loved ones they left behind and pray for peace on earth.



The sacrament of First Holy Communion for both St. Joseph and St. Mary's children will be celebrated on June 13th during the 11:00 am Mass at St. Joseph Church.

The sacrament of Confirmation for both St. Joseph and St. Mary's students will be celebrated on June 20th during the 11:00 am Mass at St. Joseph Church.

We are looking for donations for our parish picnic, we are in need of napkins, paper towels, soda, spring water. If you are able to help out, please drop off your items at the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Saint of the Day for May 31st



The Story of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This is a fairly late feast, going back only to the 13th or 14th century. It was established widely throughout the Church to pray for unity. The present date of celebration was set in 1969, in order to follow the Annunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy — the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages. It is helpful to recall that we do not have a journalist's account of this meeting. Rather Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful poet's rendition of the scene. Elizabeth's praise of Mary as "the mother of my Lord" can be viewed as the earliest Church's devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth's (the Church's) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God's words.

Then comes the *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55). Here, Mary herself—like the Church—traces all her greatness to God.

Diocesan Annual Campaign

Please be sure to return your commitment envelope with your pledge or gift. You may drop it in the collection basket or turn it in to the parish office. Thank you.