

May 24, 2026 / Pentecost Sunday



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## PARISH VISION

To both welcome the unchurched in the Eastern Pocono Region and beyond, and to nourish and challenge all current church members by forming leaders and creating an irresistible weekend experience at the Church of St. John.

### Mass Schedule

Monday – 7:00 PM  
Tuesday and Thursday – 12:00 PM  
Friday – 9:00 AM  
Saturday – 4:00 PM  
Sunday – 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and First Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM (Spanish Mass)

**Live stream** available on Saturday and Sunday on our YouTube channel, Facebook page, and church website.

### Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Frid: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Tuesday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM &  
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

### Sacrament of Confession

Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
Or by appointment

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*Permanent Deacon*

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# Word, Worship and Prayer

## Mass Intentions

### **SATURDAY, May 23**

4:00 pm William Crane by The Crane Family

### **SUNDAY, May 24** Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

8:30 am Federico Alday by The Alday Family and  
Petronila Valentin & Dulce Reyes Gutierrez  
by Milka Reyes

11:00 am Stephen Mihalovic by The Mihalovic Family

### **MONDAY, May 25** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34

7:00 pm William Wright by The Garces Family

### **TUESDAY, May 26** 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

12:00 pm Sean Guillaume by Violette & Max Francois

### **THURSDAY, May 28** 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52

12:00 pm Wayne Lippold by Lippold Family

### **FRIDAY, May 29** 1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26

9:00 am Betty McDermott by Jack McDermott

### **SATURDAY, May 30**

4:00 pm Consuelo Accomasso by Sharon Jens

### **SUNDAY, May 31**

8:30 am Vicky & Henry Boersma by the Bilyj Family

11:00 am Iris Chevannes by Lippold Family

## For Those In Need Of Hope, Healing & Health

Niko Franz, Andrew Thomas,  
Brian Olney Junior, Lenny Rapisardi,  
James Goetz, Dana McCarthy, Joe Clampet,  
Marilyn Brizzi, Grellita Sipalay,  
Karter Reid-Tullis, CJ and Chey, Lisa Felipe,  
Susan Skidmore, Kevin Overbey,  
Johawn Sebastian Rodriguez, Erin Padilla

## For The Souls Of Our Dearly Departed

Elizabeth White, Anthony Zanella,  
Anthony DeRobertis, Virginia Khan,  
Michael Carcaterra, Ann Cirillo,  
Mary Galayda, Blanche Gallo,  
Josephine Dominguez, Antonio R Gonzalez,  
Julie Jupin, Miriam Bruno, Irene Chee

*To add to this list, please email:  
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## Announcements for this Week

### **2026 Wedding Anniversary Mass**

His Excellency, the Most Reverend  
Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.,  
Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish  
Life invite couples celebrating their  
**10th, 25th, 40th, or 50th  
wedding anniversary in 2026** to a Diocesan  
Wedding Anniversary Mass on  
**Sunday, June 28, 2026**. The celebration will  
include a **2:30 PM Mass at the  
Cathedral of Saint Peter**, followed by  
a light reception.

The registration deadline is  
**Sunday, June 7, 2026**. To register,  
please visit <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org>  
or contact **Bridget Maille** at  
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[familylife@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofscranton.org).

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

Peace and Unity Around the World  
by The Church of St. John  
May 23, 2026 — May 29, 2026

## TABERNACLE CANDLE

Souls of the Faithful Departed  
by The Church of St. John  
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You may reserve a candle for your special intentions—  
whether in memory of a loved one, for healing, or to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other  
meaningful occasions. A special card is available to accompany the reservation.  
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### Mission Field Week Four: Empowered for Restoration

**When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place, and all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-2).** The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is one of the most powerful moments in the story of the Church. What began as a frightened group of disciples behind locked doors became a bold, Spirit-filled movement that would change the world. The gift of the Spirit reversed the fracture caused by sin — fear became courage, confusion turned to understanding, and isolation gave way to unity. The Church was born not as an institution, but as a movement of restoration, sent outward to share Christ's love in all languages and lands.

The Mission Field message this week reminds us that God's plan didn't end at Pentecost; it began there. The Holy Spirit is still at work, empowering the Church to continue Christ's mission of renewal. Each generation receives the same calling: to be witnesses of God's love and participants in his restoring work in the world. For us at St. John's, that means being a parish community that lives outward, rooted in prayer and worship, but always moving toward service, mission, and love beyond ourselves.

The Spirit of Pentecost continues to empower ordinary people, people like us, to do extraordinary things. He gives us courage when we feel afraid, compassion when we encounter brokenness, and humility when we work alongside others for God's glory rather than on our own. When we depend on the Holy Spirit, we realize that we don't serve from our strength, but from his. The same Spirit that filled Peter and Mary, that spoke through the early Church, now fills us and sends us as missionary disciples to our homes, our town, and to the ends of the earth.

As this series concludes, we're invited to live as a Pentecost people: courageous, united, and humble, trusting that God's Spirit is always ahead of us, already at work where he calls us to go. Whether that's through local mission partnerships, acts of everyday kindness, or global outreach; the Spirit empowers us to bring Christ's restoration into the world. Our mission doesn't stop at the church doors; it begins the moment we walk out of them. Pentecost reminds us that we are not alone; we go with power, purpose, and peace.


#### Questions for Small Groups:

1. What part of the Pentecost story stands out most to you: the wind, the fire, the unity, or the courage it produced?
2. How do you see the Holy Spirit at work today: in your life, in our parish, or in the wider world?
3. In what ways has this Mission Field series helped you see your faith and parish community differently?
4. How might you rely more deeply on the Holy Spirit when stepping into moments that feel uncertain, challenging, or new?
5. Where do you sense God sending you next, and what might obedience to that call look like this week?

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