

May 17, 2026 / Seventh Sunday of Easter



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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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Word, Worship and Prayer

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 16

4:00 pm Consuelo Accomasso
by Lori & John Benzinger

SUNDAY, May 17 Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

8:30 am Christopher Scavone by Matthew Marciano

11:00 am Deacon Eduardo Sencion
by The Sencion Family &
Leonidas & Constantina Bamidis
by The Garces Family

MONDAY, May 18 Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

7:00 pm Patrick Sugrue by Denise DeSalvo and For
all those in our parish living with mental
health concerns and their caretakers
by the Mental Health Ministry

TUESDAY, May 19 Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

12:00 pm Ronnie Kane by Angel & Maria Romero

THURSDAY, May 21 Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

12:00 pm Consuelo Accomasso by Your Small Group

FRIDAY, May 22 Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

9:00 am Peter Ahnert by The Law Family

SATURDAY, May 23

4:00 pm William Crane by The Crane Family

SUNDAY, May 24

8:30 am Federico Alday by The Alday Family

11:00 am Stephen Mihalovic by The Mihalovic Family

For Those In Need Of Hope, Healing & Health

Niko Franz, Andrew Thomas,
Brian Olney Junior, Lenny Rapisardi,
James Goetz, Irene Chee, 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 Gonzàlez,
Julie Jupin, Miriam Bruno

*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
(570) 207-2213 ext. 1133 or
familylife@dioceseofscranton.org.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Peace and Unity Around the World
by The Church of St. John
May 16, 2026 — May 22, 2026

TABERNACLE CANDLE

Souls of the Faithful Departed
by The Church of St. John
May 16, 2026 — May 22, 2026

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.

To arrange this, please contact the Parish Office.



Mission Field Week Three: Sent as One

In this week's Gospel reading (**John 17:1-11**), we are given a deeply personal moment – Jesus praying for his disciples at table at the Last Supper – and not only for them, but for us. Later in this passage, a prayer Jesus offers to the Father the night before he died that is traditionally called his “High Priestly Prayer,” he prays to the Father that those who believe in him **“may all be one,” (17:21)** just as he and the Father are one. Thus even before his Passion, Jesus looks ahead to the mission of the Church and prays not first for strategies or success, but for unity. This reveals something essential about the Mission Field: our effectiveness as witnesses flows from our unity in Christ. The world is not transformed simply by what we do, but by how we love. Jesus makes this clear: it is through our unity, our shared life in him, that others will come to believe. Mission, then, is not just about going outward; it is about being deeply rooted inward, in relationship with God and with one another.

This Mission Field series reminds us that we are part of God's ongoing work of restoration. In this passage, we see that restoration begins with reconciliation – hearts united to God and to each other. Division, pride, and isolation break the witness of the Church, but love, humility, and unity make Christ visible in a powerful way. When we live in authentic community, we become a living sign of God's presence in the world. At St. John's, this means our mission is not only about programs or outreach, but about cultivating a community that reflects the love of Christ. The way we welcome others, support one another, and walk together in faith becomes part of our witness. Unity means choosing love over division, grace over judgment, and connection over isolation.

This week invites us to reflect on how our relationships shape our mission. Are we living in a way that reflects the unity Jesus prayed for? Are we allowing God to heal divisions in our hearts, our families, or our community? The mission field expands when we live as one in Christ, because a united Church becomes a powerful testimony of God's restoring love. As you pray with this Gospel reading, remember that Jesus is still interceding for you. He sees you, calls you, and sends you – not alone, but as part of his Body. Our mission is shared, and when we walk together in unity, we reveal to the world the love that first united us to him.

Questions for Small Groups:

1. What stands out to you in Jesus' prayer in John 17? Why do you think unity is so central to his mission?
2. How have you experienced the strength (or challenge) of unity within the Church or in your relationships? Are we living in a way that reflects the unity Jesus prayed for? Are we allowing God to heal divisions in our hearts, our families, or our community?
3. In what ways can division or disconnection impact our ability to be effective witnesses of Christ?
4. What is one relationship in your life where God may be inviting you to seek greater unity, healing, or reconciliation?
5. How can our small group, and our parish, better reflect the unity that Jesus prays for in this Gospel?

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Middle Smithfield 3: Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church 5205 Milford Road	Middle Smithfield 4: Community & Cultural Center 5200 Milford Road

More information:
www.middleSmithfieldtownship.com/212/voting

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