



Finances for May 3/4, 2008

Loose \$ 94.55 White Offering \$ 2092.00

Total: \$ 2186.55

This represents 174 envelopes used out of a possible 524 that are distributed.

Last Year: 2334.76

Thank you

Invite a friend back home to St. Mary's, tell them we miss them.

Mass Schedule

Monday, May 12, 2008

8:00 A.M. - Mary Roman, requested by
Helen Bachanas

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

8:00 A.M. - Living and Deceased Members of the
Altar and Rosary Society

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

8:00 A.M. - Michael Kubasek, requested by
Wife and Children

Thursday, May 15, 2008

8:00 A.M. Joseph Krivak, requested by
Josephine and Michael Bilek

Friday, May 16, 2008

8:00 A.M. - Leo Gleba, requested by
Estate of Anne Krawchak

Saturday, May 17, 2008

5:00 P.M. - Stephen S. Witinski, Jr., requested by
Family

Sunday, May 18, 2008

8:30 A.M. - Parishioners
10:30 A.M. - Mary Ganc, requested by
Marie Mylet

Altar Servers Schedule

Saturday, May 17, 2008

5:00 P.M. - Willy Swartwood

Sunday, May 18, 2008

8:30 A.M. - Abby Wasiakowski, Leigh Anne Machowski

10:30 A.M. - Christopher Welgosh, Matthew Mendofik

Lector Schedule

Saturday, May 17, 2008

5:00 P.M. - Patricia Lavan, Rob Rosner

Sunday, May 18, 2008

8:30 A.M. - First Communion

10:30 A.M. - Yvonne Sapak, John Welgosh

Altar and Rosary Society

The next meeting for Altar and Rosary Society is on Monday, May 19 at 7:00 P.M. in the rectory meeting room. All ladies are invited to attend.

St. Theresa's Guild

The next meeting for St. Theresa Guild is on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 P.M. in the rectory meeting room. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus would like to give the Mothers in our parish "Hugs and Kisses" for Mother's Day for all that they do. Please remember your "Mother" on this her special day.

Mother's Day Carnations

Please remember Mom on this Mother's Day by purchasing a Carnation at the exits of the church. If you wish to leave a Memorial to your Mother, a vase is placed on each side of the altar. Proceeds will support the Pro-life Center in Wilkes-Barre. Suggested donation is \$1.00.

Welcome to Our Parish Community

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Kristen Briggs to our parish community. Kristen has been studying under the direction of Father Mark and is now ready to receive her Sacraments. We, also would like to welcome, Jillian Catherine Laskoski, who will receive the sacrament of Baptism today. Congratulations and welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians parish community. God bless Kristen and Jillian.

Bazaar 2008

Please mark your calendars for the weekend of June 28 & 29. We will be collecting items for the Truckload of Groceries and items for the dime pitch. Items may be dropped off beginning June 8. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day

On Saturday, May 24, we will celebrate our Church's Feast day. The celebration will begin at 5:00 P.M. Mass, followed by a Pot Luck Dinner in the Social Hall and a Minstrel show produced by all of our talented parishioners. We ask all to come forth for some socializing and fun. Not talented, just come out and read a poem, tell a joke or create your own talent. Please RSVP to the rectory 868-5855 for Pot Luck and Minstrel.

Cross Bearer

Any person over 18 who would like to be a Cross Bearer for the Sunday Mass, please call the rectory (868-5855)

Military Prayer List

The following Military people are now serving in a dangerous place.

<i>Michael Boothe</i>	<i>Paul Konschnik</i>
<i>Jonathan Cupina</i>	<i>Brandon Gething</i>
<i>Charles Dixon</i>	<i>Andrew Lukashewski</i>
<i>Peter Dolan</i>	<i>Brian Lukashewski</i>
<i>John Folmar</i>	<i>Joseph Lukashewski</i>
<i>Michael Janosov</i>	<i>Shane Ottman</i>
<i>Derek Jankowski</i>	<i>Michael Rokitko</i>
<i>David Phillip</i>	<i>Adam Wendalski</i>

Parish Sick List

Come to us, O risen Savior, faithful physician of our bodies and souls, and grant relief to our sick and aging who suffer.

Christopher Badman	Donald Meyers, Sr.
Emma Kate Badman	Dorothy Novicki
Baby Catherine	John Paul Magauran
Thomas Bodek	Loretta Mikolajczyk
Dianne Burick	Thomas Morrissey
Henry Davenport	Michael Popiak
Jake Evans	Erik Rogall
Marion Honhart	Adrienne Wayno
Phylliss Lukashewski	

Light the Fire Summer Youth Rally

The second annual Light the Fire Summer Youth Rally, for students in grads 8 thru 12 will be held at St. Jude Church on Wednesday, June 18. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. This high energy day will be filled with a variety of workshops, music, games, and activities to include a recreation center. There will be opportunity for reconciliation, and an amazing closing Mass. Cost is only \$20.00 and includes dinner. Registration is required by May 30th. Registration forms, and additional information can be found at Combinedym.com.

C.O.R.E.

The Cluster Committee met on May 5, 2008 at St. Jude's Parish in Mountain Top. The self-evaluation of our parishes is near completion. Together this committee will now look at models for working together. The models presented by the Diocesan Planning Commission include consolidating parishes, where two or more parishes become one; linking parishes, where two or more parishes share a pastor; partnership parishes, where two or more parishes share programs and sometimes staff, and a team approach to priestly and lay ministry. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 18 at St. Jude's Church, Mountain Top. Please pray for the success of this called to Holiness and Mission.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 11, 2008

“Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. As Scripture says, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in Me.’ He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in Him were to receive ... ‘Receive the Holy Spirit, Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’”

Pentecost can be observed as an event marked by great signs – the noise, wind, tongues of fire. Pentecost can be seen as a decisive moment of change in the college of apostles. Moving from fear and timidity to convincing preaching by Peter. Pentecost can be experienced as an historical fact or my opportunity to accept the gift of the Spirit in my life today.

Consider for a moment how gifts are accepted, with open arms and great enthusiasm, or with fear and hesitation. The upper room in Jerusalem grabs our attention with the Easter visit by Jesus or the fiery arrival of the Spirit, people's lives were radically changed.

The Spirit's coming to us at our Baptism and Confirmation is the gift we have accepted and need now to activate in our lives. How did I accept the gift, with indifference or deep gratitude? How present is the Spirit in my life at this moment? Am I ready to respond to the gift and use it for the good of my parish, my family, the church?

We need to allow the rivers of living water to flow through us to others.

Happy Mother's Day

