

Spring Pilgrimage Thank-You

Many thanks to all those who made yesterday's annual Spring Pilgrimage – this year, to the shrines of St. John Neumann and St. Katharine Drexel in Philadelphia – a success; including all who supported our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Spring Rummage Sale; and especially our pilgrimage organizer **Sandy Campbell**.

Special Collection: Ordinariate Seminarians

Today, May 12, join your brothers and sisters across the Ordinariate in supporting the **Seminarian Formation Fund**, a second collection to help the seven Ordinariate men who have so generously responded to the Lord's call to the priesthood. Special envelopes have been provided to us for this collection. **Checks should be made payable to the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter**. We will collect these gifts during the Offertory, or you may send your gift to the Chancery using the provided pre-addressed envelopes. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of a donation.

Mother's Day Carnations Today

Pennsylvanians for Human Life is offering their annual Mother's Day carnation sale (\$1 each) after 10:00 a.m. Mass today, May 12. All are encouraged to take this opportunity to honor the mothers in your lives, while supporting a worthy local pro-life cause.

No Family Enrichment Today

In keeping with annual tradition, our Family Enrichment program will be offered last Sunday – one week earlier than usual – keeping calendars clear for families to observe Mother's Day today. Our last remaining event of the season will be our annual **Family Picnic at McDade Park on Sunday, June 9**.

Academy Field Trip This Wednesday

Both the Upper and Lower Schools of Maria Kaupas Academy will partake in a field trip this Wednesday, May 15 to the planetarium and museum at East Stroudsburg University. **As such, Wednesday's 11:30 a.m. Mass will be said at 7 a.m. instead.**

Academy Open House This Friday

Please help spread the word among your NEPA family and friends about our upcoming **Open House for Maria Kaupas Academy this Friday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m.** Flyers are available on the back table. We are also pleased to announce that our Academy now has its very own, brand new website. Check it out at www.mkacademy.org.

Neighbor Night This Saturday

Our next monthly Neighbor Night – a low-threshold opportunity to invite non-Catholic and non-Christian friends into our fellowship for free supper, games, fellowship, and a movie – will be offered **this Saturday at 6 p.m.** Bring a friend! **This will be our last Neighbor Night of the season;** these events will resume in September.

First Holy Communion Next Sunday

Next Sunday, May 19, the Sacrament will be received for the first time by the students from this year's First Holy Communion class. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Please join us in celebrating this milestone in the faith lives of these young people.

Youth Group in Bath Next Sunday

The Youth Group (ages 12 & up) will meet after the 5:00 p.m. Mass at our mission outpost in Bath, PA – the Blessed John Henry Newman Society – next Sunday, May 19. The Youth Group will meet here at the Parish the following Sunday, May 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Ascension Masses May 29 & 30

The Ascension of the Lord – falling 40 days after Easter – is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate this Solemnity with Solemn Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening, May 29 at 5:30 p.m.; and with Said Masses on Thursday the 30th, at 7 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Mortgage Approved for Property Purchase

Having raised the necessary funds for the down payment and closing costs, the mortgage has been approved for the Parish to purchase the home and property, at the top of the main parking lot. This building is to be occupied by our Lower School. Many thanks to all those who have contributed so generously toward this growth of our footprint here in North Scranton. Donations are still welcome, and will be utilized to incorporate the new property with our existing campus. **Those attending Friday's Open House will have the opportunity to walk through our new building!**

2019 Bishop's Appeal

The 2019 Bishop's Appeal is underway. Please make a pledge by way of the materials you may have received in the mail; using the materials at the ends of each pew; or by visiting www.ordinariate.net/bishops-appeal. Thank you for helping us reach our Parish's goal of \$10,000 for 2019.

Parish Hall LED Lighting

Having changed over to LED lighting in the main church over a year ago (a substantial reduction in electricity costs), the aging, high-maintenance fixtures in the Parish Hall can be changed to LED lights at a cost of only \$75 each. Please alert Fr. Bergman in you would like to sponsor one or more fixtures.