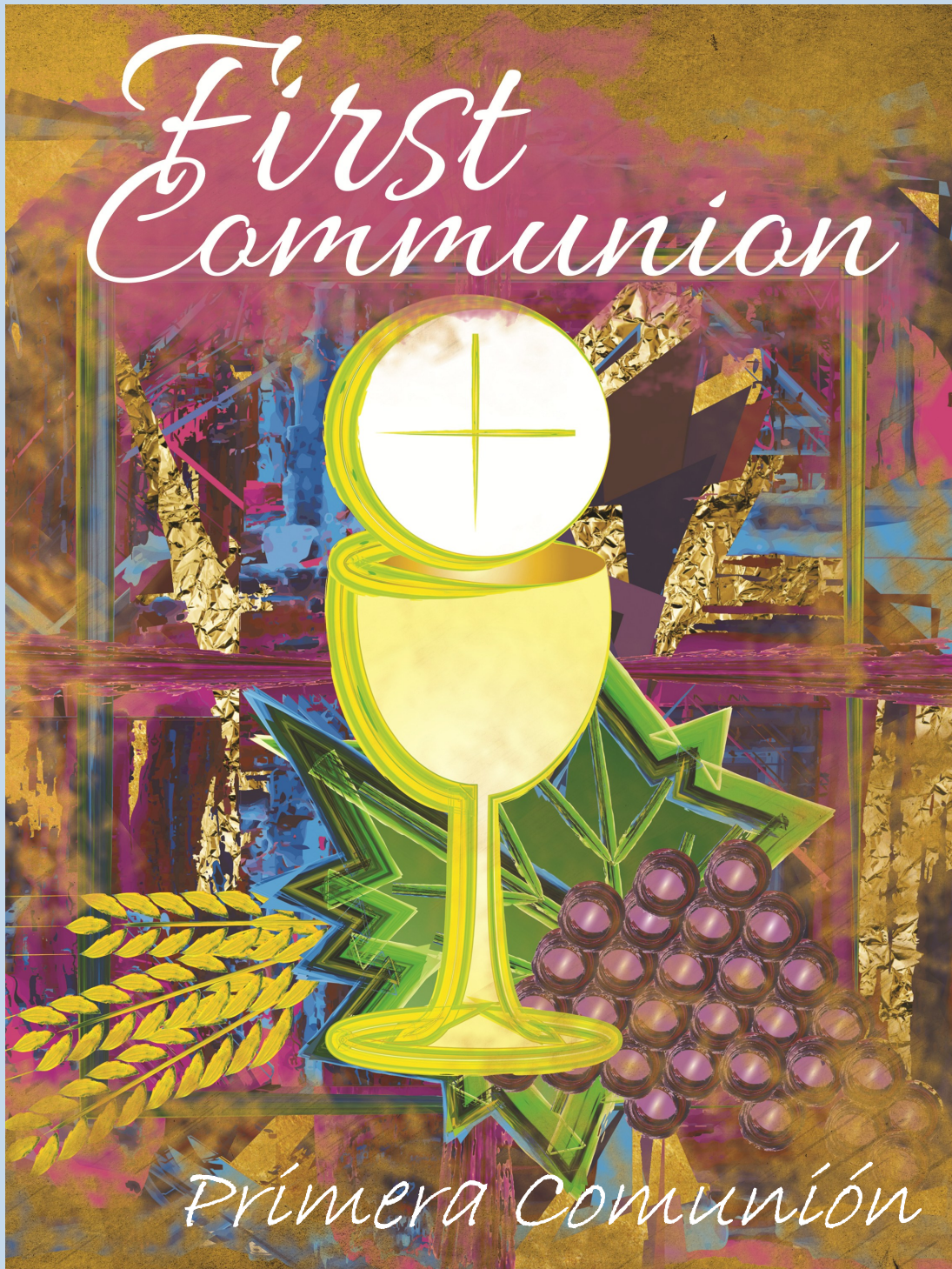


The Parish Community of Saint Nicholas-Saint Mary  
226 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

May 3, 2026



## PARISH INFORMATION

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**Fax: 570-823-0256**

**Parish E-mail: snsm@parishwb.com**

**Parish Website: parishwb.com**

**St. Nicholas-St. Mary Elementary School:**

**Phone: 570-823-8089 Fax: 570-823-1402**

**St. Nicholas Federal Credit Union: 570-825-2640**

**Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 11:00 AM — 7:00 PM**

**Email: snfcumail@snfcu.org ~ Website: www.snfcu.org**

**OFFICE HOURS** The Parish Office will be open daily Monday — Friday, 9 AM 'til Noon and 1 PM until 5 PM.

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**SUNDAY MASS** is live-streamed on Facebook on Sunday at **10:00 AM**. The Mass is posted on the homepage website and YouTube channel.

**THE PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Wants to hear from you! If you have Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

1. **EMAIL** us at SNSM@parishwb.com titled "ATTENTION PASTORAL COUNCIL".
  2. **SPEAK** directly with any Pastoral Council Member.
  3. **DROP A NOTE** in the collection basket titled "ATTENTION PASTORAL COUNCIL".
- (PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME & PHONE NUMBER)

## PARISH STAFF

**Reverend Joseph D. Verespy, Pastor**

**Reverend Fidel Ticona, Parochial Vicar**

**Deacon Michael Golubiewski**

**Justin DePasquale, Coordinator of Faith Formation and The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)**  
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**Sister Anna Nguyen, SCC Social Ministries**

**Mary Fiske, Office Manager**

**Lynn Humanik, Administrative Assistant**

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS 2026

On Saturday, May 2nd, the children of our parish received their First Communion.

Juliana Angon

Melanie Bazan Balbuena

Kathia Ayala Barron

Jaretzy Barron

Sophia Barros

Fiona Buckley

Kaylee Canela

Daniela Chacon Castillo

Josephine Conti

Anna Contreras

Caleb Crovella

Sebastian Crovella

Melquis DeJesus

Kylie DeSantiago

Michael Drozdowski

Ashton Emma

Karim Fuentes

Nathaly Aguilar Garcia

Sebastian Gil

Alyvia Gosciewski

Isabella Guaman

Emily Vasquez Guzman

Alberto Quiroz Hernandez

Alexa Juliana Hernandez

Joseph Hernandez

Eden Hernandez

Sophia Hernandez

Esteban Jimenez

Camron Karlick

Scarlett Kennedy

Parker Laiuvara

Alice Bautista Linares

Alyse Lopez

Luca Lyons

Emily Marie Martinez

Ethan McGlynn

Harry Ventura Morelos

Scarlett Morocho

David Richard Huerta

Myancela

Mayte Pacheco

Alyza Pacheco

Emanuel Hernandez Paredes

Hillary Hernandez Paredes

Dahlia Hernandez Paredes

Ori Mari Gonzalez Perez

Heidy Vergara Perez

Tristan Pitman

Alex Prisk

Santiago Puma

Emely Puma

Marivel Rea

Monserrath Rea

Armel Reyes

Landon Rivera

Brian Rodriguez

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Cameron Roth

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Ian M. Tavaraz

Kate Thomas

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Luis Santiago Salamanca

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Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



**PRAYING THE ROSARY** Please join us in



praying the Rosary to our Blessed Mother, during May, with the special intention for Peace In The World. Please join us **Monday - Friday at 6:00 AM, before the 6:30 AM Mass.**

# EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

**MONDAY, MAY 4**

6:30 AM Richard Weihbrecht  
12:10 PM William Biebel

*Req. by Mom and Dad*  
*Req. by Family*

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**

6:30 AM Bernard Mengerhausen, 30th Day  
12:10 PM John Coledo

*Req. by Family*  
*Req. by Family*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

6:30 AM Ann Marie Lenahan  
12:10 PM Pamela Joseph

*Req. by Patty Davis on behalf of The Bereavement Committee*  
*Req. by Ann and Bob Isaacs*

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

6:30 AM Paul Brannigan  
6:00 PM (Spanish) Mass

*Req. by Family*

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

6:30 AM Sandra Brulo  
12:10 PM John Chamberlain

*Req. by a Friend*  
*Req. by Family*

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

4:00 PM Carol C. Van Why

*Req. by Children*

**SUNDAY, MAY 10 ~ MOTHER'S DAY**

8:00 AM Rita Swantko, Anniversary  
10:00 AM Genevieve Williams  
12:15 PM Living and Deceased of the Parish (Spanish)

*Req. by Leona*  
*Req. by Family*



## SANCTUARY CANDLES

**MAY 2ND — MAY 8TH**



**Convent:** In Memory of Colleen Hogan  
*Req. by Family.*



## BREAD & WINE

In Memory of Pasquale Fusco  
*Req. by Barbara Sora and Family.*

## EMPANADA/PATTY SALE (Fried Pastry) On



**Sunday, May 3rd, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, by the elevator lobby.**  
There will be a Patty Sale (cheese or chicken), organized by the Charismatic Renewal Group. Cost is

\$2.50 each. Orders of 10 or more, please call Josefina at (347-279-5515).

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard on Monday, from 5-6 PM. Please enter through the rear parking lot entrance.

## LOOKING AHEAD - Mark Your Calendar -

**MAY 16 — CONFIRMATION** — will be celebrated at the 4 o'clock Mass. You may want to plan on attending another weekend Mass here or explore other Mass possibilities elsewhere.

## REMEMBERING OUR MOTHERS A



Novena of Masses will begin the week of **May 10th**, for living and deceased mothers. Names of your loved ones may be listed on the back side of your parish envelope. For those who do not receive envelopes, please look for Mother's Day cards by the bulletins. Please place your Mother's Day envelope in the collection basket and they will be placed on the altar and prayed for throughout the month of May.

## REST IN PEACE A

mass of Christian burial was celebrated this past week for Patrick McCormick and John Anstett. Our prayers go out to Patrick's and John's family and friends. May they know the peace and consolation of the Risen Lord. May Patrick and John rest in peace.

**SUNDAY MAY 3**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:15 PM Spanish Mass  
 Empanada Sale (Fried Pastry) 8 AM—2 PM Elevator Lobby area  
 Faith Formation Classes only for second year Confirmation students ONLY  
 11:00 AM—Noon School & Auditorium

**MONDAY MAY 4**  
 Mass at 6:30 AM and 12:10 PM Chapel  
 Quilters 3:00 PM—7:00 PM Community Room  
 Confessions 5:00 PM—6:00 PM Church  
 St. Nicholas Federal Credit Union 11:00 AM—7:00 PM  
 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Community Room  
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Church

**TUESDAY MAY 5**  
 Mass at 6:30 AM and 12:10 PM Chapel  
 Eucharistic Adoration 7 AM-10AM, and 2 PM-4 PM Chapel  
 Bible Study 11:00 AM—11:45 AM Rectory  
 St. Nicholas Federal Credit Union 11:00 AM—7:00 PM  
 St. Nicholas-St. Mary School May Crowning 6:00 PM Church  
 Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 PM Rectory

**WEDNESDAY MAY 6**  
 Masses at 6:30 AM and 12:10 PM Chapel  
 Food Pantry open from 10:00 AM—Noon Parish Office  
 AA 6:00 PM Community Room  
 Faith Formation Classes only for second year Confirmation students ONLY

**THURSDAY MAY 7**  
 Mass at 6:30 AM Chapel  
 Sandwich Makers 10:00 AM—Noon Community Room  
 Spanish Mass 6:00 PM Chapel  
 Boy Scouts 6:00—8:00 PM Community Room  
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Church

**FRIDAY MAY 8**  
 Masses at 6:30 AM and 12:10 PM Chapel  
 Emmaus Group 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Community Room

**SATURDAY MAY 9**  
 Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM Church

**SUNDAY MAY 10**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MOTHER'S DAY**  
 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:15 PM Spanish Mass  
 Youth Group May Crowning 10:00 AM Mass Church  
 Faith Formation Classes only for second year Confirmation students ONLY 11:00 AM—Noon School & Auditorium  
 Fatima Group 1:00 PM—3:00 PM Community Room



WEEKEND OF MAY 9TH & 10TH			
Mass	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
4 PM		Phyllis Wujcik Ellen Dennis	Bob Hines Marcy Morgan
8 AM	Julia Gallagher Simon Vo	Catherine Pockevich Alyson Graham	Anne Jenkins Frank Capozzi
10 AM	Colton Schuler Sean McCaffrey Tim Lettier	Lucille Larkin Frank Larkin	Sr. Regina Bathalon Nancy Verespy Forbes

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. NICHOLAS - ST. MARY WEEKLY OFFERING APRIL 19TH:	
<b>Sunday Offering:</b>	<b>8,921.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>2,733.13</b>
<b>Easter Offering:</b>	<b>2,523.00</b>
<b>Monthly Membership / Dues:</b>	<b>1,064.00</b>
<b>Utilities / Heat:</b>	<b>447.00</b>
<b>Care &amp; Education of Priests:</b>	<b>117.00</b>
<b>Other:</b>	<b>569.18</b>
<b>Total Offering:</b>	<b>16,374.31</b>

**BAZAAR NEWS** Don't forget to mark you



calendar for our Parish Bazaar July 16—17—18! Volunteers are always needed, especially:

- Instant Bingo Chairperson
- Outside Kitchen Fryer Booth

If you interested and can help or have questions, please call the Parish Office 570-823-7736.

**MOTHER'S DAY EVENT**



It's time for the Annual Mother's Day gift bag event for women in need. Personal use items such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, etc. will be purchased by our volunteers and distributed to The Catherine McAuley Center, The Kirby Family House, and Hispanic and Ukrainian women identified by our Social Concerns Committee. The children will make cards to include in the bags that they will then gift to their mothers on **Mother's Day, May 10th**. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please stop by the Parish Office or drop an envelope marked "**Mother's Day Project**" in the collection basket. Thank you for your support in making this a loving gesture for children, their mothers, and our parish community.

**COLLECTION FOR PRO-LIFE BABY ITEMS**



during the month of May. Items needed: diapers (newborn to size 5), baby wipes, clothes from newborn — 2T (boys and girls), shampoo, soap, and lotion. Collection boxes are located in the elevator lobby area and at the church entrances. All items will be donated to the Pro-Life Office to help mother's in need.

## PARISH MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** on Monday, May 4th,  
6:00 PM—8:00 PM, in the Community Room.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** on Tuesday, May 5th, at  
6:30 PM, in the Rectory.

**SANDWICH MAKERS** on Tuesday, May 7th, from 10 AM—  
Noon, in the Community Room.

**YOUTH GROUP** May Crowning will be at the 10:00 AM  
Mass on Sunday, May 10th. All children of any age are  
invited to participate.

**FOOD pantry** Is open every Wednesday, at the Parish  
Office from 10 AM—Noon. Two forms  
of ID are required (one being a photo  
ID). **Food items needed are: cereal,  
instant mashed potatoes, jelly (18 oz.) and mac &  
cheese.** Food can be dropped off at the Parish Office or  
in the container in the elevator lobby.

**MAY CROWNING** On **Tuesday, May 5th**, the  
Eighth Grade students of St. Nicholas — St.  
Mary School will conduct the traditional  
Crowning of Mary at **6:00 PM, in the  
Church.** This is a beautiful way to honor  
Our Blessed Mother. Please know all are  
welcome (even if you don't have a student in school).



## MOTHER'S DAY ADOPTION MASS

The Diocese of Scranton will celebrate its  
annual Mother's Day Adoption Mass on  
Sunday, May 10, at 10 AM, at the Cathedral  
of Saint Peter, Scranton. This liturgy  
recognizes all mothers, with a special  
emphasis on adoptive and foster mothers. Bishop  
Bamberra will be the principal celebrant. The Mother's  
Day Adoption Mass is open to the public. CTV: Catholic  
Television will broadcast the Mass live and across all  
Diocesan social media platforms.



## 2026 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Bamberra invites couples celebrating  
their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary in 2026 to a Diocesan  
Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday,  
June 28<sup>th</sup>.** The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at  
the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a light  
reception. To register, please contact Bridget Maille  
at (570) 207-2213 x 1133 (deadline to register is June 7).



## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### FIRST COMMUNION MASS



**Saturday, May 2nd:**  
**10:00 AM (English) and**  
**1:00 PM (Spanish)**

**CONFIRMATION PRACTICES:** Practice  
(for Saturday, May 16th, 4:00 PM Mass) is on  
Monday, May 11th, at 6:00 PM, in the Church.  
Practice (for Sunday, May 17th, 3:30 PM Mass) is on  
Wednesday, May 13th, at 6:30 PM, in the Church.  
Sponsors need to attend this practice. However, if a  
sponsor, for a serious reason, cannot be present  
(they live out of town or they would have to take  
time off from work), please have someone present to  
fill in for them at the rehearsal.

### SCHEDULE OF CONFIRMATION MASSES:

Saturday, May 16th, at 4:00 PM  
(for students who attend Wednesday FFC Classes  
and the SNSM 8th Grade Students)

And, Sunday, May 17th, at 3:30 PM (for students  
who attend Sunday FFC Classes and Good  
Shepherd Academy 8th Grade Students).

**(ALL STUDENTS must arrive 1 HOUR EARLY  
before their scheduled Mass. Please gather in the  
Community Room).**

### PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

at Our Lady of  
Victory Church, Harveys Lake, beginning on  
Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 PM. Devotions  
will continue every 13th of the month from May  
through October. Services start at 7:00 PM and  
include: Fatima prayers, the Rosary, and Marian  
hymns. Light refreshments will be served again  
this year after the devotions. The public is welcome to  
attend and celebrate Our Blessed Mother in praying for  
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## BIENVENIDOS



**Entre Semana:**  
Los jueves a las 6:00p.m

**Fin de Semanas:**  
Domingos: 12:15 p.m

### UN RETRATO DE FE



La Fundación Católica de la Diócesis de Scranton organiza la subasta de arte «Un retrato de fe», donde se pueden ofertar en línea 20 pinturas de Austin Burke. Los ganadores serán invitados, junto a un acompañante, a una recepción el 13 de mayo con cena y fotos con el Obispo. La parroquia San Nicolás-Santa María es una de las destacadas

### VENTA DE COMIDA MEXICANA

VEN A CELEBRAR CON NOSTROS  
EL DIA DEL PADRE Y DIA DE LA MADRE

# 23 MAYO

**SABADO**  
10:00am - 5:00pm.

Organiza: Grupo Rosario en familia  
Profondos Bazar de la Iglesia 2026

### REZO DEL ROSARIO

Se invita a rezar el Rosario durante el mes de mayo por la paz mundial, de lunes a viernes a las 6:00 a. m., antes de la misa de las 6:30 a. m

### PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

Felicidades de todos los niños que recibieron su primera el sábado 2 de mayo. Nuestras oraciones por ellos y sus papas mientras continúan con su preparación para recibir el sacramento



de la Confirmación.

## BAUTISMO DE NIÑOS

**CHILDREN'S BAPTISM CLASS** Los bautismos se realizan todos los **primeros sábados de cada mes** a las **12 del medio día** y la **charla de preparación** para los papás y los padrinos es **cada 2 meses**. La próxima charla de preparación está programada para el **domingo 26 de abril del 2026** después de la misa de las 12:00 pm en el sótano de la iglesia para los Bautismos de **Sábado 9 de mayo y 6 de junio del 2026**.

**Nota:** Todos los **niños mayores de 6 años** de edad deben ir al programa de catecismo. Una vez que inician el catecismo ya se puede programar el bautismo.

### LA CORONACIÓN DE LA VIRGEN



El 10 de mayo durante la misa de las 10 a. m. Se invita a niños y jóvenes de 2.º a 12.º grado a participar; quienes hicieron su Primera Comunión pueden usar sus trajes.

Por favor, envíen un correo electrónico a la Hermana Elizabeth y a la Hermana Bridget antes del 7 de mayo para inscribirse y participar. [SNSMyouthgroup.com](mailto:SNSMyouthgroup.com)

## NOVENA DE MISAS

### RECORDANDO A NUESTRAS MADRES

Una Novena de Misas iniciará la semana del 10 de mayo, por las madres vivas y difuntas. Pongan los nombres de sus seres queridos en el reverso del sobre de la parroquia. Puede colocar su sobre del Día de la Madre en la canasta de recolección. Las tarjetas del Día de la Madre están disponibles en las entradas de la Iglesia.

### MATRIMONIO RELIGIOSO

Invitamos a todas aquellas parejas que no están todavía casadas por la iglesia a considerar las posibilidad de contraer matrimonio. Las parejas que deseen casarse por la Iglesia deben contactarse con la Iglesia al menos 6 meses antes de la ceremonia.

## BAZAR 2026

### ¡16,17,18, DE JULIO!



## ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO

Los martes estará abierta la capilla de la iglesia para la Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento desde las 7 am a las 10 a.m. y de las 2 pm a las 4 pm.

## CONFESIONES



Hay confesiones todos los **lunes de 5 a 6 p.m.** en la iglesia St. Nicholas **en español. Si usted no puede asistir en esos horarios llamar a la oficina para sacar una cita al 570-823-7736.**

## REUNIONES SEMANALES

- **Renovación Carismática:** Los miércoles a las 7:00 p.m.
- **Movimiento de Cursillo:** Los jueves después de la misa de las 6:00 p.m.
- **Grupo de Emaús:** Los viernes a las 6:30 p.m.

## PALABRA DE VIDA 3 DE MAYO

"Padre celestial, en el sacramento del Bautismo, nos has dado el don de la nueva vida. Por tu Hijo Jesucristo, nuestro Señor, y el Espíritu Santo, nos hicistes hijos tuyos. Ayúdanos a reconocer el don de la vida humana como signo de esperanza en nuestro mundo. Muéstranos donde tu preciado don de la vida necesita mayor protección y fortalécenos para defender la vida en todas las etapas y circunstancias, desde el niño en el seno materno hasta los ancianos y moribundos." Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB "San Francisco: visionario de la vida"

## MISA DE ANIVERSARIO DE BODAS 2026

El obispo Bambera invita a las parejas que celebran su 10.º, 25.º, 40.º o 50.º aniversario de bodas en 2026 a una Misa Diocesana de Aniversario de Bodas el domingo 28 de junio. El evento incluye una misa a las 2:30 p. m. en la Catedral de San Pedro, seguida de una recepción ligera. Para inscribirse, por favor comuníquese con Bridget Maille al (570) 207-2213, ext. 1133 (la fecha límite para inscribirse es el 7 de junio).

**DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS:** Abre todos los miércoles en la Oficina Parroquial de 10:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m. Se requieren dos identificaciones (una con foto).

## PRIMER RETIRO DE HOMBRES EMAUS 12,13,14 DE JUNIO 2026

El primer retiro Emaús para hombres en Wilkes-Barre se realizará del 12 al 14 de junio de 2026. Es una experiencia espiritual de fin de semana para fortalecer la relación con Dios.



El costo es de \$180 todo incluido, Los cupos son limitados, y la inscripción puede hacerse por QR o contactando a Simón Rivera para solicitar el formulario de registración 732-2771785.

**RIFA DE EMAUS** - Profundos del primer retiro de Emaus. **Fecha: 17 de Mayo**

**Premios:** Iphone 17 Pro max,  
TV Samsung de 65 Pulgadas,  
5 kits de pelo. Costo \$30 o 2X\$50.

## PRACTICA PARA LA CONFIRMACIÓN

El ensayo (para la Misa del sábado 16 de mayo, a las 4:00 p. m.) será el lunes 11 de mayo, a las 6:00 p. m., en la iglesia. El ensayo (para la Misa del domingo 17 de mayo, a las 3:30 p. m.) será el miércoles 13 de mayo, a las 6:30 p. m., en la iglesia. ¡Los padrinos DEBEN asistir!

## CONFIRMACIÓN 2026



**Sábado 16 de mayo, 4:00 p.m.** (para alumnos que asisten a las clases de FFC de los miércoles y alumnos de 8.º grado de SNSM)

**Domingo 17 de mayo, 3:30 p.m.** (para alumnos que asisten a las clases de FFC de los domingos y alumnos de 8.º grado de la Academia del Buen Pastor).

**(Todos los alumnos deben llegar una hora antes de su misa. Reúnanse en la sala común).**

## NOTICIAS SOBRE LA CONFIRMACIÓN

Recordatorio: La fecha límite para completar las 10 horas de servicio voluntario OBLIGATORIO para la Confirmación es el jueves 30 de abril.

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