

Upper School Meeting Today

A meeting will be held **this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.** as we continue to prepare the September launch of **Maria Kaupas Academy Upper School**, a high school program meeting three days per week with a comprehensive classical curriculum requiring no additional academic supplementation at home. All interested parents, as well as curious parishioners and supporters of the project, are encouraged to attend.

Youth Group 3:00 p.m. Today

The Youth Group will meet this afternoon at **3:00 p.m.** here at the Parish. All youth ages 12 and up are welcome!

Spring Pilgrimage This Saturday!

The annual Spring Pilgrimage for participants in our Family Enrichment program (this year to Manhattan) will take place **this Saturday, April 28**. The bus is now fully booked, but some seats may possibly be freed up through use of private vehicles if last-minute participants have an urgent desire to attend; please inquire of Sandy Campbell or Fr. Bergman. Please pray for our pilgrims as they visit the neighborhood where St. Elizabeth Ann Seton first sensed the call to the Catholic faith and was reconciled to the Church.

Fundraiser for the Developmentally Disabled

The Order of Alhambra, an organization of Catholics dedicated to providing support for special needs children and adults, is currently selling \$5 raffle tickets with prizes including \$5,000 cash, a laptop computer, tablet, and others. The local chapter will host an annual picnic for the developmentally disabled on August 19. Please see John Brzycki after Mass (or inquire of Fr. Bergman, who can point you to him) in order to purchase a ticket to support this cause.

First Friday / Saturday Devotions May 4-5

Our next First Friday / First Saturday devotions will be offered on **May 4 & 5**: Exposition, Holy Hour, and Confessions, 4:30 p.m. on Friday; Evensong & Benediction at 5:30 p.m.; and 24-hour Adoration (please sign up at the back table) concluding with Confessions from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. **Please note one recent change to the First Saturday schedule:** the **Saturday Mass**, formerly held at 3:00 p.m., is now offered at **8:00 a.m.**

Annual Catholic Men's Conference May 5

The fourth annual "Be A Man" Diocese of Scranton Catholic Men's Conference will be held May 5 at King's College. Speakers will include prominent Catholic authors & speakers Jesse Romero, Tom Peterson, Fr. Michael Gaitley, and Bishop Joseph Bambera. **Fr. Bergman will officiate at the Holy Hour, for which a crew of men and Altar Servers will be needed for the Eucharistic canopy; please speak with him if you can help.** Call the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 570-207-2213, or visit www.beamanconference.com to register.

Family Enrichment May 6, not May 13

In keeping with annual tradition, our Family Enrichment program will be offered one week earlier than usual next month on May 6, keeping calendars clear for families to observe Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13.

Ascension Masses May 9 & 10

The Solemnity of the Ascension (Thursday, May 10) is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. **Solemn Vigil Mass** will be offered on the preceding evening at our usual **Wednesday Mass** time, **5:30 p.m.** Said Masses will be offered on **Thursday** the 10th at **7 a.m.** and **12 noon**.

Spring Rummage Sale May 12

Our annual Spring Rummage Sale – whereby the funds are raised to cover the costs of the annual spring family pilgrimage – has been scheduled for **Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.** Items for the sale will be gratefully received between now and the event. Volunteers, baked goods, and kitchen help will also be key to the success of this sale. Please plan to help, particularly if attending the pilgrimage.

Mother's Day Carnations May 13

Pennsylvanians for Human Life will offer their annual Mother's Day carnation sale (\$1) after 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 13. Please come prepared to honor the mothers in your lives, while supporting a worthy local pro-life cause.

MKA Open House May 18

Maria Kaupas Academy will offer an Open House for all current and prospective families of the Lower and Upper Schools – and all other interested parishioners – on **Friday, May 18, 5-7 p.m.** All are welcome!

First Holy Communion May 20

Our children's First Holy Communion class will receive the Sacrament for the first time during 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 20, the Day of Pentecost. Please plan to attend to support these young Catholics on this milestone.

Safe Environment Orientation May 27

An Ordinariate-mandated meeting for parents enumerating the resources, training, and policies in force for the prevention of sexual abuse of children, youth, and at-risk adults will take place after 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 27. All parents must either attend or sign an opt-out form. Please join us as Fr. Bergman addresses this difficult but important topic.

Family Ministries Picnic June 10

Capping off another successful season, our Family Enrichment program participants will gather at **McDade Park after Mass on Sunday, June 10** for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship (*not to be confused with the Parish Picnic, now scheduled for Saturday, August 11*).