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# SAINT MONICA PARISH

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF WYOMING & WEST WYOMING  
363 WEST 8TH ST., WEST WYOMING, PA. 18644

## PARISH STAFF

Reverend Peter A. Tomczak, Pastor  
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Mrs. Nancy Beccaloni, Parish Secretary  
Mr. Julian Ruiz, Religious Education  
Mrs. Amy Tomczak, Business Manager  
Mr. Howard Kelley, Sacristan

## + + + MASS SCHEDULE + + +

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM  
Sunday Morning Mass 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM  
Monday Morning Mass 8:00 AM  
Tuesday Morning Mass 8:00 AM  
Wednesday Morning Mass 8:00 AM  
Friday Afternoon Mass 12:10 PM  
(Adoration following Mass - Benediction 4:30 PM)

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## CONTACT US

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Parish Office Hours:  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

*Mission Statement – The Parish of Saint Monica, grounded in the Sacraments and Gospel of Jesus Christ, is called to serve by using God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure to inspire evangelization and provide for those in need.*

**Parish Membership** - New members are always welcome. Please call the Parish Office to register. Membership is necessary for anyone in our Religious Education & Sacraments Programs as well as anyone wishing to be a sponsor for Baptism & Confirmation

### Sacraments -

**Baptism** – Baptismal Instruction held each First Tuesday monthly; required for parents. Please call the Parish Office to register.

**Confession** - Saturday, 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM or by appointment.

**Marriage** - Diocesan Policy requires a six-month advance notification to the priest & participation in Pre-Cana Instruction.

**Religious Education** - Youth Program Sunday, 9:45 AM dismissal 10:45AM; IC Adults Wednesday, 6:00 PM.

**Diocesan Catholic Schools** - Elementary or High School for information call 714-9610.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick** – Please call the Parish Office for visitation & Sacrament of the Sick, at home, in the hospital or Health Care Facility. Local hospitals do not provide pastors with names of hospitalized parishioners.

**Bereavement Committee** - Meet the second Monday of the month. Joanne Austin coordinator 288-6785.

**Senior Citizens** - Meet the first & third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Church Hall.

**Christian Society** - Meet the first Monday of the month after the 8:00AM Mass.

**Prayer Group** – Wednesdays 7:00PM.

**Pregnancy Help** - 24/7 call 1-800-723-8331 or 570-826-1819.

FEED  
MY  
SHEEP



**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
January 27, 2019



+ **Mass Schedule** +

**Mass Intention**

Monday, January 28 8:00AM – Int. Robert Woolard  
by Family

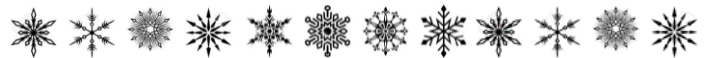
Tuesday, January 29 8:00AM – Samuel DeSalvo  
by JoAnn Kwasny

Wednesday, January 30 8:00AM – Elizabeth Tamalis  
by M/M Herb Hall

Friday, February 1 12:10PM – Walt & Irene Sunkel  
by Mary & Peggy

Saturday, February 2 4:00PM – Special Intention  
by Family

Sunday, February 3 8:30AM – Intention Parish  
11:00AM – Theresa DeAngelo  
by M/M Paul Kupst



**Wyoming Area Catholic School** will have an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. We have limited openings in our Pre-K through 8th Grade classes. Mrs. Eileen Rishcoff, Principal, the faculty and staff invite you to the Open House and tour of the school to see what a Catholic Ed has to offer your child. Call the school office for more information (654-7982). Come and “Catch our Spirit”! To “kick off” our Open House and Catholic Schools Week, we will have Mass at 11:00 am on Sunday, January 27th in the school auditorium. All are welcome to celebrate this liturgy with our WACS family.

**Virtus Safe Environment** - Interested in protecting

our children’s future? Please consider attending VIRTUS: Protecting God’s Children for Adults Program. This training session is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children. A facilitator, will teach you the tools and show you how to maintain a safe environment for all children, will incorporate techniques in a discussion-format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively. Held Sunday, January 27, 2019 at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston, To register, contact the parish office at: 654.0053



**Ministry Schedule**  
**Ministry Schedule – February 2 & 3**

**Acolyte**

4:00 PM – Lewis, Gravine, Heck  
8:30 AM – Kostiks  
11:00 AM – Winsock, Ruiz

**Lector**

4:00 PM – Kwasny, Magni  
8:30 AM – Luvendar, Romani  
11:00 AM – Ruiz, Carlozzi

**Eucharistic Minister**

4:00 PM – Spitalas, Pieszala  
8:30 AM – Deacon, Austin, Krispin  
11:00 AM – Deacon, Ruiz, Kruszka, Lewko



**Sanctuary Candle**

**Jan. 27-Feb. 2 – Special Intention Anniversary** by Family  
**Feb. 3-Feb. 9 – Mary Caltagirone** by Daughter Mary  
**Feb. 10 - Feb. 16 – Robert Soltysiak** by Family



Requesting the Sanctuary Candle or donating the Bread and Wine is a wonderful way to honor your loved one. It may also be offered in honor of a special occasion, intention or in thanksgiving. Please call the Parish Office for available dates and details.

**Bread & Wine January – Charles Jackson** by Christian Society



**Bulletin Announcement Policy** - Requests are best made two or three weeks prior to the event date and no later than the Monday before publication. Requests are not guaranteed inclusion and will be edited. Please do not submit graphics, information only. Material for requested announcement can be submitted by email, mailed to or dropped off to the Parish Secretary at the Parish office.

His Excellency, Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, wishes to invite couples celebrating their **25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in 2019** to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. The event includes a 2:30PM Mass at St. Peter’s Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation should be made by filling out this form and dropping it in our weekend collection basket before April 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**Sunday Collection – January 20, 2019**

**\$6,402.00**

Weekly amount needed to Meet operational expenses:

**\$8,000.00**

Difference

**- \$1,598.00**



**Thank you and God bless your generosity!!!**

**Wedding Anniversary Celebration Invitation Requests**

Husband’s name \_\_\_\_\_

Wife’s name \_\_\_\_\_

Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

City

Zip

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Which anniversary?

\_\_\_\_\_ 25th

\_\_\_\_\_ 50th

Other \_\_\_\_\_

The Christian Society of  
 Saint Monica Parish  
 three goals are:  
 Spiritual,  
 Service oriented  
 and Social.



**Throat Blessing** - In commemoration of the **Feast of Saint Blaise** on February 3<sup>rd</sup> we will bless throats at Saint Monica Parish at all the weekend Masses on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

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**Planned Parenthood Rosary** - February 1, 2019 we will pray each First Friday of the month in front of new Planned Parenthood location: 101 N. Main St. Wilkes-Barre, 5 decades of the rosary at 9:00AM for an end to abortion & to close this particular Planned Parenthood location; a peaceful, prayerful witness on Planned Parenthood sidewalk.



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Due to the widespread **influenza (flu) activity** currently taking place across the state of Pennsylvania and our nation, the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are urged to observe the necessary standard precautions in protecting the health of others during this flu season. Because influenza is a contagious

respiratory illness, some basic measures that can help to prevent the spread of influenza include:

- All ministers of Holy Communion (clergy and lay) must wash their hands with soap and water prior to Mass, and if possible, use a hand sanitizer.
- All ministers of Holy Communion should be cautious not to touch the tongue or the hand of the communicant
- Holy water fonts should be drained, cleaned, disinfected and refilled with holy water on a regular basis. Sponges in holy water fonts must be removed entirely.

Parishioners should be reminded that:

- If they are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home for their own well-being and that of others.
- If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. Mass is televised and recommended.
- The faithful should also be reminded that they should not receive from the chalice if they are feeling ill.



**2019 Fifth Annual Catholic Men's Conference** - "Be A Man: What is Truth?" April 27, 2019 at Holy Redeemer High School. Enjoy the fellowship and experience a prayerful, spirit-filled, life-changing day featuring keynote presentations by Fr. Philip G.

Bochanski, of Courage International who speaks on the good news of living chaste lives, with well-known psychologist, and EWTN TV host, Dr. Ray Guarendi. Our third speaker will be inspirational speaker, apologist, and TV host of "Battle Ready", Doug Barry. Reconciliation opportunities available with many priests for confessions. The main Conference and Mass runs from 8:00AM to 3:00PM, including, Eucharistic Adoration. The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass at 1:45. Registration/Morning Coffee begins at 7:00am, Rosary at 7:30. Register at: [beamanconference.com](http://beamanconference.com) or call 207-2213 (Diocesan Pastoral Center). Cost: \$40, \$30 early bird (until 4/1/19), \$15 for students, Priests and Deacons free.

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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Because our **Parish Bulletin** is the best way, if not at times the only way, of getting pertinent information out and known to our parishioners; it is vital that there be good communication with the Parish office through the Parish secretary. Of course, Father Peter must be informed first hand of all things pertaining to our Parish; then the office secretary must be informed by committees or chairpersons in order to publish important information. Again, it is the best means we have, so please... as soon as possible, let the secretary know what is going on, with the details needed to keep everyone up to date and informed. God, bless you!!!!

**Order of Alhambra Scholarship** - In recognition of the increasing importance of education the Alhambra Scholarship assists college students studying to teach intellectually and developmentally disabled persons. The scholarships are granted on the basis that applicants are dedicated to the field of special education. The number of scholarships and amounts awarded vary from year to year, based on scholarship program fund levels. The program is open to all eligible U.S. residents. Eligibility guidelines include undergraduate juniors and seniors enrolled in qualifying programs; and master's degree and community college students specializing in special education studies who have accrued half of the required graduation credits. For information on further requirements and to obtain an application, contact Patrick Umbra, at 822-3597 or email: [Patrick\\_Umbra@yahoo.com](mailto:Patrick_Umbra@yahoo.com). Application deadline is Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to make a donation to the Order of Alhambra please make check payable to their local caravan: Alhambra Caravan #4 and mail to: Kathy Kennedy: 13 Belles Ave, Ashley, PA 18706.



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Office  
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for details.*



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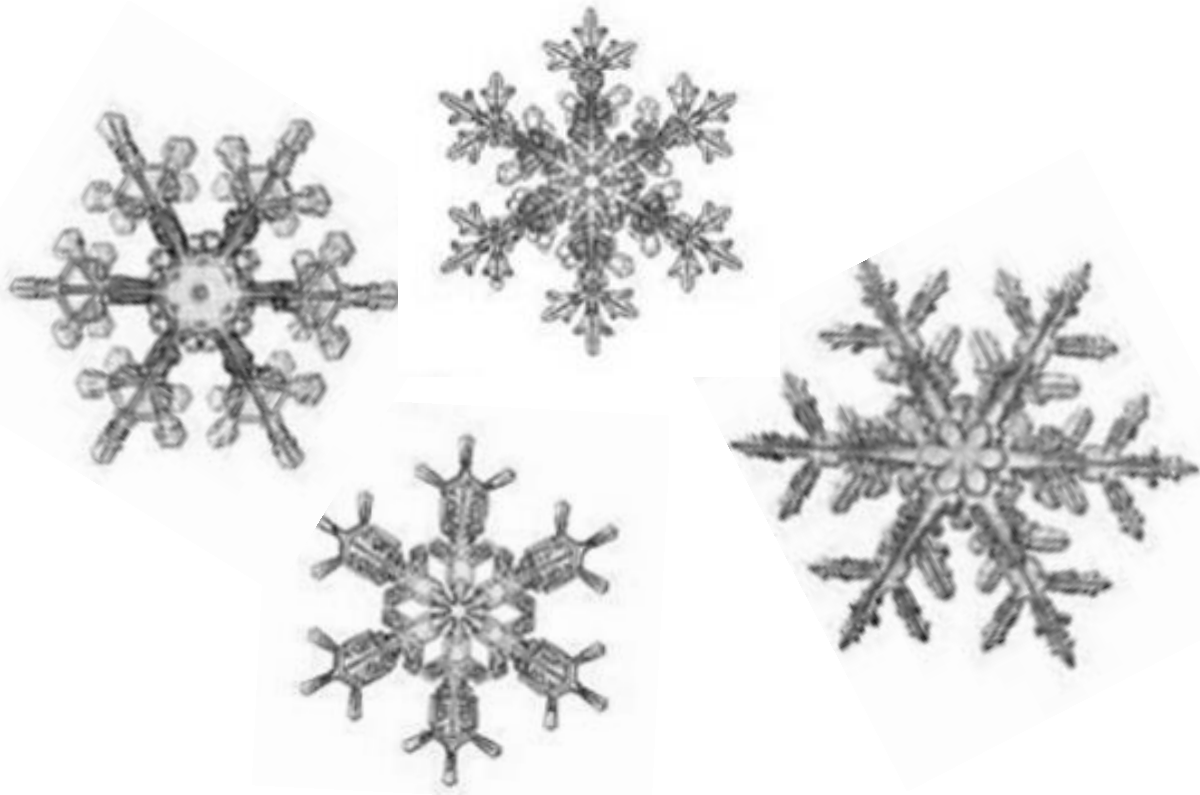


# Catholic Kids

## Coloring Page



Snowy, freezy, wintery days;  
A perfect chance to give God praise!



## No Two Alike

Beautiful, beautiful snowflakes, floating down to earth  
All created to be unique, each holding significant worth  
Just like an intricate snowflake, we come from up above  
To bless the world with beauty, to sparkle the work with love  
No two of us alike, we hold our own design  
And because we are so different, we get a chance to shine.  
When Heavenly Father makes snowflakes  
I think He takes great care  
He works on every detail  
He makes them precious and rare  
He lovingly spends time on every one  
He blesses them all the way through  
If He cares this much about Snowflakes  
Imagine what He thinks about You.