

JANUARY 13, 2019

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

ISAIAH. 42: 1-4, 6-7. Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations.

PSALM 29. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

ACTS. 10: 34-38. Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good.

LUKE. 3: 15-16, 21-22. A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased.

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

JANUARY 13, 2019

OFFERTORY	\$3,759.50
ONLINE GIVING	\$44.00
CHRISTMAS, 2018	\$12,218.00
CHRISTMAS, 2017	\$12,099.00
SALARY/DUES	\$1215.00
HOLY DAY	\$103.00
INITIAL OFFERING	\$85.00
CARE & ED FOR PRIESTS	\$188.00
BINGO	\$1,358.00
SECOND COLLECTION	\$174.00

WEEKLY ENVELOPE STATISTICS

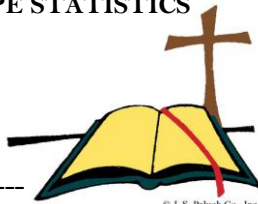
\$1.00-\$5.00=	91
\$6.00-\$10.00=	45
\$11.00-\$20.00=	50
\$21.00-\$30.00=	36
OVER=	25

**TOTAL ENVELOPES
USED=247
FROM 627 MAILINGS**

**WEEKLY SALARY/DUES
STATISTICS:**

ABOVE \$5.00=	10
\$5.00=	215
BELOW \$5.00=	12

**TOTAL ENVELOPES
USED=237
FROM 627 MAILINGS**



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INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES

- SAT. 4:00 P.M. Anthony Nicolio (The Family)
- SUN. 8:00 A.M. Christmas Novena Intentions
- SUN. 10:30 A.M. People of the Parish

DAILY MASS IS HELD IN THE CHURCH

- MON. 8:00 A.M. Donna Caselli (Judy Hine & Fam.)
- TUES. 8:00 A.M. Eleanor Forbes (Ron & Chris Ryczak)
- WED. 8:00 A.M. Nicholas Cicio (Mary Cicio & Fam.)
- THU. 8:00 A.M. Ann Newberry (Tony & Marie Spataro)

St. Anthony

- FRI. 8:00 A.M. Lucy O'Bell (Annette O'Bell)
- SAT. 4:00 P.M. Hubert & Carmel Tolerico (The Family)
- SUN. 8:00 A.M. People of the Parish
- SUN. 10:30 A.M. David Germano (The Family)

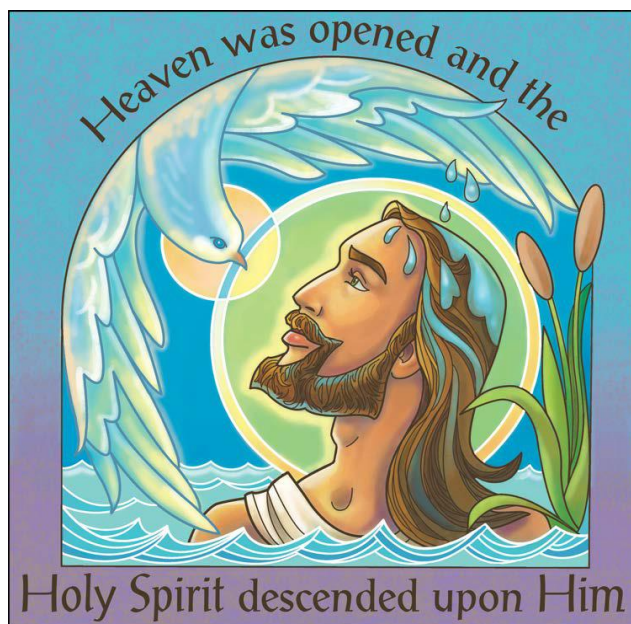
WORD OF LIFE: "When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love for others."

~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

SANCTURAY CANDLE: Given in loving memory of Nicholas Cicio by Mary & Family. Thank You!

WELCOME TO THE PARISH:

Please welcome Lorraine Ambrosia to our Parish Family!



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION

JUNE 30, 2019: His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30. The event includes a 2:30 P.M. Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through Annette at the parish Office before April 2.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Pro-Life advocates throughout the Diocese of Scranton will join tens of thousands from across the nation for the 40th Annual March for Life on Friday January 18 in Washington, D.C. A Scranton Area bus will depart from Keyser Oak Shopping Center at 6:30 A.M. and return at approximately 11:30 P.M. Cost: Adults, \$40.00 Students, \$20.00. For reservations, please call Scranton PHL Office at 570-343-3099.

WORLD YOUTH DAY, 2019

World Youth Day will be held in Panama City, Panama from **January 22-27, 2019**. World Youth Day is an Initiative from St. John Paul II to gather



Young Catholics of the world every two to three years in a celebration of faith and culture. The World Youth Day events gather millions, including Pope Francis, young Catholics, clergy, and religious brothers and sisters. The Diocese of Scranton is sponsoring two separate pilgrimage packages for young adults ages 18-35. If you, or a young adult you may know are interested in learning more about the World Youth Day Pilgrimage, contact Shannon Kowalski, Coordinator for Youth & Young Adult Ministry at 570-207-2213 x 1155 or email Shannon-Kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org

CLOSING THE BOOKS/YEARLY FINANCIAL

STATEMENTS: The Church books for contributions will close January 28, 2019. If you are behind in any of your envelopes, please include them by that date. Financial Statements will ***NOT*** be mailed to everyone, only to those who call or write to request them.

CALLED TO SERVE:

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form.

As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River. John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as "on mightier than I." But he did as Jesus asked, and the "Holy Spirit descended" and heaven's voice spoke to Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him. Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today's second reading, he announces the heart of the message, "peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all." Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread the message and to serve God's word.



VNA Hospice, 301 Delaware Avenue, Olyphant provides a variety of ongoing Grief Support Groups to fit your unique needs. Coming together in a group of like-minded individuals can often provide the support and understanding we could all benefit from as we grieve. Please consider which group or groups are right for you!

Third Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M.-Traditional Bereavement Support Group
Each Monday from 1:00-3:00 P.M.-Knit/Crochet Group
Each Tuesday from 1:00-2:30 P.M.-Sleeping Bag Project & Fisherman Knot Rosary making
Each Tuesday from 6:15-7:30 P.M.-Finding Balance Yoga (\$10 per class).

All events are held at the VNA Office Building at 301 Delaware Avenue, Olyphant Parking lot in the back of the building off Church St. and enter through the rear door.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST:

the Knights of Columbus will sponsor their annual Free Throw contest for boys & girls ages 9 to 14. Registration for Lakeland and Carbondale Area contestants will be at the Lakeland High School Gymnasium on **Sunday January 27 at 1:30 P.M.** followed immediately by the competition. Birth Certificates for all Contestants must be presented at registration.

SUPPORT GROUP AT CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

At Catholic Social Services in Scranton, we are offering a support group for people who are feeling alone or struggling to find companionship in their lives. Loneliness has become a debilitating concern for many adults leading to increased feelings of isolation, limited community involvement and lowered life expectancy. This group offers the opportunity to meet new people and make connections with others who are struggling to find friendship and companionship in a safe environment. The group is open to anyone who find him or herself alone and wants to meet like-minded people who can share their experiences of seeking others to share their time with. The group is offered on Monday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M. at the 516 Fig Street office. For more information you can contact Peg Mahoney, LPC/Supervising Counselor: 570-207-2283/ x 2130 or Amanda Lara or Brittany Harris/Counseling Interns at 570-207-2283 x 2129

PRINCE OF PEACE MARDI GRAS:

Saturday, March 2nd 2019 at 6:00 P.M.
At Arcaro & Genell Banquet Room
Main Street, Old Forge. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and includes: Hors D'Oeuvres and a full course dinner with one choice of Roast Beef, Veal Marsala, Baked Haddock Italian Style or Chicken Francaise. Beer, Wine and Soda included. accepting reservations for tables 8 or 10. Seating is limited to 130-Reserve your seats early. Payment and menu choice is due with reservation. All reservations close February 20, 2019. For reservations call Francis 570-451-0112. Entertainment by Frankie Gervasi of "The Poets".



CABBAGE ROLL DINNER: The Whitmore Hose Company of Mayfield will conduct a Cabbage Roll Dinner on Sunday, January 27 at the company building at 305 Depew Avenue, Mayfield. Take-out or Sit-down dinners are available from Noon until sold out. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at the Mayfield Municipal Building (570) 876-4391 or from any company member. For home delivery free of charge up to 3 miles call the company building at 570-876-3776 to make arrangements.

SAVE THE DATE: The Fifth Annual Catholic Men's Conference for the Diocese of Scranton will be held **on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes, Barre.**

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION, 2018:

Thank you to all parishioners who gave so generously to the Christmas Collection. The total for 2018 is: **\$12,218.00** as compared to 2017 **\$12,099.00**. Thank You!!!



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 19/20
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
E. MINISTER
LECTOR
ACOLYTES

SAT. 4:00 P.M.
Deacon Pat Massino (Chalice)
Mr. Joseph Smith (Chalice)
Mrs. Judy Hine (Host)
Mr. Joseph Esagro (Host)
Mrs. Mary Fran Smith
Ryder Clark

SUN. 8:00 A.M.
Deacon Pat Massino (Chalice)
Mr. Tony Spataro (Chalice)
Mrs. Marie Spataro (Host)
Mrs. Mary Malec
Rocco Spataro
Giovanni Spataro
Dominico Spataro

SUN. 10:30 A.M.
Deacon Pat Massino (Chalice)
Mrs. Ann M. Kitchura (Chalice)
Mr. Charles Barlow (Host)
Mrs. Mary Vadala
Elizabeth Pittsman
Maggie Pittsman

PRESENTERS OF GIFTS

JANUARY 19/20
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

SAT. 4:00 P.M.
Tolerico Fam.

SUN. 8:00 A.M.
OPEN

SUN. 10:30 A.M.
Germano Fam.

C.S.S. FOOD PANTRY: The Catholic Social Services Food Pantry, Carbondale, is in need of your help. Please consider some extra non-perishable food items for families in need. Donations may be brought to the pantry at **34 River Street, Carbondale.**

TELESPOND SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM:

Do you know that Telespond Senior Services, Inc. offers a no-cost program to help qualified older adults who want to remain independent in their own homes as long as possible? This is a free service to residents of Lackawanna County!

- Do you need a friend, someone to talk to who really cares?
- Are you homebound or unable to manage completely on your own?
- Would you like us to provide short periods of relief to primary caregivers?

We're able to help you! For information, please call Kathy Coyne at 570-347-7911.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

1. No classes January 20th in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.
2. A meeting of Confirmation Candidates Parents (8th GRADE ONLY) will be held on Sunday, February 3rd at 9:30 A.M. in the Church. Important information will be shared concerning the reception of the Sacrament. Please plan to attend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE

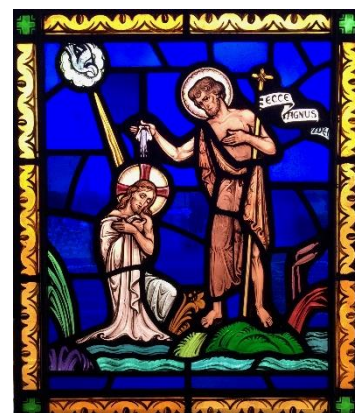
OF THE SOUL OF: Mary Perry. A parishioner who died and was buried this past week. *Eternal rest Grant unto her O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*



HAVE YOU MOVED?: Have you changed your address recently? If so, please contact the Rectory Office @ 570-876-1061 so your envelopes and other communications will be delivered to you. The Envelope Company cannot forward them through the postal service. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas.

The Church recalls our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His Baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the



River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of the flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world:

"Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world". Many incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

THANK YOU: I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all of you my "Parish Family" for your prayers, meals, flowers, cards. I truly appreciate your **MANY** kindnesses to me always.

God Bless all of You!

Sincerely,

Annette