

JANUARY 27, 2019

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NEHEMIAH. 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10. Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.
PSALM 19. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.
1 CORINTHIANS. 12: 12-30. In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
LUKE. 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21. The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives.

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

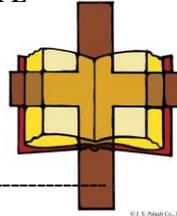
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OFFERTORY	\$2,152.90
ONLINE GIVING	\$135.00
SALARY/DUES	\$387.00
INITIAL OFFERING	\$189.00
CARE & ED FOR PRIESTS	\$23.00
SECOND COLLECTION	\$94.06
BINGO	\$2,065.00

WEEKLY ENVELOPE

STATISTICS:

\$1.00-\$5.00=34
\$6.00-\$10.00=37
\$11.00-\$20.00=38
\$21.00-\$30.00=25
OVER=6



WEEKLY DUES STATISTICS:

ABOVE \$5.00=0
\$5.00=77
BELOW \$5.00=1

TOTAL ENVELOPES USED=140
FROM 627 MAILINGS

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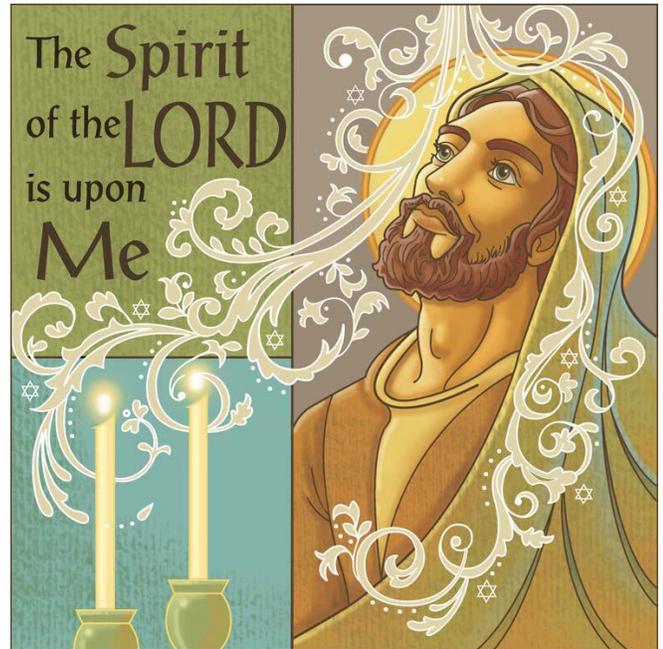
INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES

- SAT. 4:00 P.M. M/M Michael Baggetta (The Family)
- SUN. 8:00 A.M. People of the Parish
- SUN. 10:30 A.M. Ann Newberry (Children)
- MON. 8:00 A.M. Rita Battenberg (Annette O'Bell)
St. Thomas Aquinas Priest & Doctor of the Church
- TUES. 8:00 A.M. Frank Mrocza (Mary Mrocza)
- WED. 8:00 A.M. Gloria Selvenis (Tony & Marie Spataro)
- THU. 8:00 A.M. David Mraz (Sandra, Roman & Amelia Ealo)
St. John Bosco, Priest
- FRI. 8:00 A.M. **FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**
Ronald Rupp (M/M Eugene Cardamone)
- FRI. 8:30 A.M. Eucharistic Adoration Begins
- FRI. 4:00 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration Concludes
- SAT. 4:00 P.M. Decd of the William McCloskey Fam. (Andy & Margaret Franks)
BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER MASS
- SUN. 8:00 A.M. People of the Parish
BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER MASS
- SUN. 10:30 A.M. John "Rusty" Smith (The Family)
BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER MASS

WORD OF LIFE: "While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin." Learn how you can become an instrument of God's mercy at www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy. ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

BLESSING OF THROATS: The presentation of the Lord is next Saturday, "Candlemas Day". We will have the Blessing of Throats immediately after **NEXT weekend's Masses.**

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.



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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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

1. 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.

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.

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 Dicoesan 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.

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

TIME: The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time. When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy ...do not be sad, and do not weep." The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you listen to and act on God's word.



PRAYER DAYS: Prayer days are special gifted times During the Prayer Day the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the Altar. Coming into the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. The Prayer Day is a time of silence, adoration, thanksgiving and petition before the Blessed Sacrament. Please accept this announcement as an invitation to take advantage of this time with the Lord. Prayer days are **EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE CHAPEL.** Prayer days begin after the 8:00 A.M. Mass and conclude at 4:00 P.M. There are **SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCH. SO, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SIGN IN FOR WHATEVER TIME YOU CAN SPEND WITH OUR LORD.** We are ALWAYS in need of people who will promise at least a half an hour to an hour to stay before the Blessed Sacrament during the day.



TRAVELING CHALICE PROGRAM: This program is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The purpose is to increase prayer that will hopefully foster an increase in vocations by our youth to become Priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters. The Chalice is used during the Mass on the First week-end of every month. At the end of the Mass, the chalice is placed in a carrying case along with a copy of the prayer to be said. This in turn is given to a parishioner to keep for a week or more. The person receiving the chalice places it on a table or similar place in their home and recites the provided prayer at least once a day (the prayer takes about 15 seconds to say). The Chalice, carrying case, and the copy of the prayer are returned to the parish Priest before the first week-end Mass of the following month so that it can be used at the appropriate Mass and given to the next person on the list. This list is available at the back of the Church where parishioners can sign their names for the month during which they will be taking the chalice. The coordinator for Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish is Tony Spataro.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless your church with an abundance of Holy and Zealous Priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters. Give those you have called who have chosen to live as a single person in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form them all in the likeness of your Son, so that in Him and through Him, they may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere with Mary. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW? There is a small group of men and women who come together before daily mass here at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish to pray. Any and all who come are most welcome to join us occasionally or daily to petition God for various needs of individuals, for life, for liberty and peace and for God's grace and protection. **BEFORE THE 8:00 A.M. MASS EACH DAY.** Our "Morning Grace Rosary Prayer Group" prays the Rosary, Novena prayer to Christ the King; to St. Michael the Archangel; prayers for Pope Francis, for Religious Liberty; the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Come and Join Us!

HOLY HOOTENANNY CONCERT:

Set for **Sunday January 27th**
at 2:00 P.M. at St. Benedict's
Church in Newton Ransom.

Holy Hootenanny is a free concert, featuring the choirs and voices of the 16 Christian communities located throughout the Abingtons. Our local talent will amaze you! You don't want to miss this special Concert! Please call 570-586-1741 if you have any questions. Join us and sing for joy!!



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019
HOLY
HOOTENANNY!
Sunday - Jan. 27th - 2pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT QUEEN OF ANGELS, JESSUP: We are looking for volunteers and substitutes for our Adoration Chapel on Saturdays. If you are able to help please call Diane Trently at 570-876-1233.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2/3

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

E. MINISTER

LECTOR

ACOLYTES

SAT. 4:00 P.M.

Mr. Michael Serniak (Host)

Miss Annette O'Bell (Host)

Mrs. Diane Mosley (Host)

Mrs. Julie Rzucidlo (Host)

Mrs. Carrie Grant

Ryder Clark

SUN. 8:00 A.M.

Deacon Pat Massino (Host)

Mrs. Marie Spataro (Host)

Mr. Tony Spataro (Host)

Mrs. Suzanne Serniak

Kathryn Shipshinski

Michael Pidgeon

Rocco Spataro

SUN. 10:30 A.M.

Mrs. Sue Baka (Host)

Mr. Charles Barlow (Host)

Mrs. Ann M. Kitchura (Host)

Miss Mary Golden

Grace Fawcett

Bella Martin

PRESENTERS OF GIFTS

FEBRUARY 2/3

THE FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT. 4:00 P.M.

M/M Andy Franks

SUN. 8:00 A.M.

OPEN

SUN. 10:30 A.M.

Smith Fam.

FAILED MARRIAGES AND HEALING:

When marriages fail, Catholics may be unclear about their relationship to the Church.

"I am civilly divorced and not sure whether I can continue to receive the Eucharist or be a part of the parish Community."

"I am not sure about the status of my marriage." "It would be helpful to talk to someone who could explain it to me."

"My spouse and I would like to explore having our marriage blessed by the Church." "I don't know what an annulment really is and why I would want one. Also, I've heard their expensive." Do any of these voices sound like you or someone like you or someone you know? In the Diocese of Scranton, the Annulment Process is no more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to the answers to these questions and to renew your connection to the Church.



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.**

LASALLE ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE:

Please join us for our OPEN HOUSE on **Sunday, January 27th from 1:00-3:00 P.M.**

Come discover all that LaSalle Academy has to offer!! Financial Aid is available.



HOLY CROSS H.S. NIGHT AT THE RACES:

The Holy Cross High School Friends of the Crusaders will host the 12th Annual "Night at the Races" on Saturday, February 2 at Holy Cross High School, 501 East Drinker Street, Dunmore. Doors open at 5:30 P.M.; post time is 7:00 P.M. Come early to preview Basket and Raffle sales. \$15.00 admission price includes Gourmet Buffet and refreshments throughout the evening. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please contact Krista at 570-909-8088 for more information. Must be 21 to attend.



MATTHEW MAHER TO PERFORM AT MOHEGAN SUN:

On Saturday, February 23rd popular Catholic songwriter and musician, Matt Maher will be performing at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre. Matt Maher will be coming to town with Matthew West, Tent Avenue North, Michael W. Smith, and Leanna Crawford as part of The Roadshow Concert Series. Maher is most well known for his hit 'Lord, I Need You' and has performed at countless youth conferences and events including NCYC and World Youth Day. The Diocese of Scranton has secured discounted group tickets for this event. Lower Level tickets are available for \$31 or \$18.50. Please contact Shannon Kowalski at 570-207-2213 X 1155 or Shannon-kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org by January 30th.

WIDESPREAD INFLUENZA: The Diocese of Scranton urges all parishioners 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 can help prevent the spread of the flu this includes:

- Practicing good hygiene, especially by washing your hands frequently with soap and warm water, and if possible, use a hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your mouth, eyes and nose
- Covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough
- Getting a flu vaccine each year

Parishioners should be reminded at Mass that:

- If they are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, they should stay at 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.
- The faithful should also be reminded that they should not receive from the chalice if they are feeling ill.

The following directives are set forth until the influenza activity in our region subsides:

- Parishioners are urged, but not required to receive Holy Communion on the hand instead of the mouth.
- Offering the Precious Blood to the faithful at Mass may be suspended, except for those who receive Holy Communion from the chalice out of medical necessity. Church teaching states that Christ, whole and entire is received even under one form of Holy Communion.
- Exchanging the Sign of Peace without physical contact (i.e. shaking hands)-parishioners may still exchange nods, offer a verbal greeting, a smile, or a simple bow of the head
- 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF

THE SOUL(S) OF: Al Hemak & Joan Lubash. Parishioners who died and were buried this past week. *Eternal rest Grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

