

Memorials February 12 – February 18, 2018

Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of Francis Fanucci (Sal/Bev)

Bread & Wine

In Memory of John/Helen Fanucci by (Sal/Bev)

Altar Candle

In Memory of Sherwood/Josephine Palumbo by (Sal/Bev)

Mass Intentions February 12 – February 18, 2018

Monday, February 12

*No Mass

Tuesday, February 13

12:10 am Edward Germek (Betty Ploskonka)

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 am Eugene Anastasio (Jack/Roseann)

Ken Santarelli (Tracey Gilardi)

2:30 pm Lackawanna Rehab

Thursday, February 15

12:10 am Cecilia Taylor (Frank Lesnfsky/Family)

Rena Romitelli (M/M Carlo Celli)

Friday, February 16

7:00 am Dec'd Members of the Parish

Saturday, February 17

4:00 pm Bill/Helen Farrell (Luke/Matt/Nate/Ella)

A.J. Veno (Pat Manarchuck)

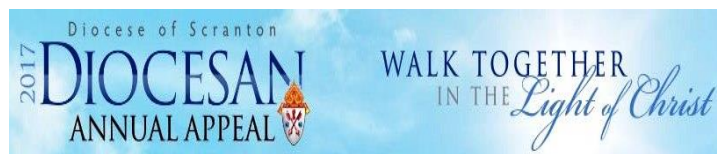
Sunday, February 18

8:00 am Dec'd Members of the Parish

10:00 am Atilio/Ada Fanucci (Dennis/Roy Fanucci)

Remember in Your Prayers

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the sick, the suffering, the bereaved, and the recently deceased, especially Claire Cipriani



As of our latest report from the diocese 326 of our parishioners have donated/pledged a total of \$49,852.45 (Including \$42,766.45 in donations and \$7,086.00 in pledges), which brings us over our goal of \$44,000.00! Thank you for your continued generosity!

Sunday Collection for Feb. 4, 2018 was \$7,119.00

May God bless you for your continued support of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.

PARISH MISSION

LENT is once again fast approaching. Ash Wednesday is on Feb. 14th. Why not plan now to attend a three day mini-retreat experience to enhance your journey through the Lenten Season this year?! A Parish Mission is scheduled for the evenings of Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 25, 26 & 27. Fr. Joseph Sica, a well-known Scranton diocesan priest will lead us on this Lenten parish retreat entitled:

“LIVE WELL-LAUGH OFTEN-LOVE MUCH.”

Each evening will commence at 7 PM in the church. Plan now to attend. Details are forthcoming.

A Word from Fr. Andrew

My dear parishioners and friends,

Cyber bullying! It is a term whose meaning most of us couldn't even imagine at the turn of this century. And yet today we would be hard-pressed to find anyone that has not at least heard of it. It is more than hurtful. It is oftentimes hateful, the results of which can be devastating.

In reflecting upon the readings which we hear at mass this weekend, I can't help but to think of what it must've been like to be a leper at the time of Jesus. Lepers were people looked upon with great disdain, forced to announce their oncoming presence by shouting, “UNCLEAN-UNCLEAN!” Even close proximity to someone with leprosy was something to be loathed. And while leprosy is something almost unheard of in this day and age, there still exists a whole population of people who live on the margins and who are oftentimes ostracized through no fault of their own. People who are picked on. People who are talked about. People who are put down. People who are undesirable. These very people through no fault of their own suffer today because of the insensitivity and sinful display of harshness exhibited in our world through misuse of social media.

While that same media can be a force for so much good and has made our lives all the better for it, it has also created a new cast of individuals who are almost leprous because of the atrocities posted against them for all to see. 2000 years after Christ walked the face of the earth we have a choice to either buy into the cowardice of our times by using social media and the Internet to destroy one another or to use it as a vehicle for positive change by reaching out and embracing, accepting and loving those whose faults lay bare because of the great indiscretions and insensitivity of others. The choice is yours!

Love,
Fr. Andrew

**WE'LL LEAVE THE LIGHT ON FOR YOU –
CONFESSIONS AT SHJ**

Our Bishop has asked that we make additional opportunities for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on an individual basis available to the faithful during the Lenten season. Many parishes in our area will do so by offering confessions on Monday evenings. Realizing that this may not be an opportune time for many area Catholics, we will offer the option of celebrating the sacrament individually on **Saturday mornings from 11:00 a.m. until Noon.** Confessions will be heard each Saturday during Lent in the **Chapel/Prayer Room** located inside the Willow Street handicapped entrance to the church. This will be offered in place of the Monday evening confessions held in the past during Lent in our parish.

LENT, A TIME OF HOPE

--Pope Francis

On Ash Wednesday, we enter the liturgical season of Lent. I would like to suggest Lent to you as your personal journey of hope.

Indeed, this prospect is immediately evident if we consider that Lent was instituted in the Church as a time of preparation for Easter and that, therefore, the whole meaning of this forty-day period is illuminated by the Paschal Mystery toward which it is directed. We can imagine the risen Lord who calls us to come out of our darkness, and so we set ourselves on the path toward the One who is Light. Lent is a journey toward the risen Jesus; it is a period of repentance, also of mortification, not as an end but rather aimed at enabling us to rise with Christ, to renew our baptismal identity, that is, to be born anew "of the Spirit," by the love of God. This is why Lent is, by nature, a time of hope...we know well that the great commandment the Lord Jesus left us is the one about love: to love God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves; namely, we are called to love, to exercise charity. And this is our loftiest vocation, and it is also tied to the joy of Christian hope. One who loves has the joy of hope, of reaching the encounter with the great love that is the Lord.

ASH WEDNESDAY

While Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, many like to begin the Lenten season by attending mass and by being marked with ashes as a sign of our willingness to try our best to "turn away from sin" and to "be faithful to the gospel." They are a sign of our own mortality. To that end, masses and the distribution of ashes will take place at the following times: **7:00 AM – 12:10 PM - 5:30 PM**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Each Friday during Lent a **different version of the Stations of the Cross** will be prayed in our church at 7 PM. Please consider making it a resolution to attend stations each Friday as a way of doing something a little extra during the Lenten season. All are welcome!

LENT – SEASON OF HOPE

"Lent is the sacramental sign of our journey from slavery to freedom, always to be renewed. It is certainly a demanding journey, as it rightly should be, because love is demanding, but it is a journey filled with HOPE."

--Pope Francis

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next Prayer Shawl ministry meeting will be held on Feb. 13th at 6:00 pm at Queen of Angels Parish in the Pastoral Center For more information, please call the Parish Office at 489-2252.



ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT

The Office for Parish Life will offer a Retreat on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. Fr. Thomas P. Looney, CSC, will lead the retreat with the theme "Create a Clean Heart in Me, O God." Fr. Looney is the College Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. The retreat day will include Mass celebrated in St. Peter's Cathedral with distribution of ashes. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to Mass, and lunch will be served after Mass. Cost is \$30, which includes lunch. To register, call Mary Anne Malone at the Office for Parish Life, 570-207-2213, ext. 1100.

THE BOOK OF ESTHER

VNA Hospice cordially invites you to join us as we study the Book of Esther and how this story relates to the promises of Easter. Through bible reading, video lessons and conversation, we'll learn how one person's sacrifice and courage saved millions! Bring a friend and come to VNA Hospice 301 Delaware Ave., Olyphant on 4 consecutive Mondays, February 19 & 26 and March 5 & 12 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. For more information call 570-383-5180

PA FOR HUMAN LIFE

Pennsylvanians for Human Life is conducting a fundraiser in which our parish is participating. The donations will be used to promote respect for life, to educate the public, and to help women choose life during crisis pregnancies or heal after an abortion. On the weekend of February 18, 2018, we will ask you to take home baby bottles, fill them with pocket change, cash or a check, and return them after two (2) weeks on the weekend of March 4, 2018. Thank you!

FAMILY HISTORY

Are you interested in your Family History? The Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, Inc. (NEPGS) has many available resources which can aid in your genealogical quest. From books, newspapers, magazines, manuscripts, city records, church records, cemetery records and family histories, we have a wide range of material on various topics related to genealogy and local history. We also offer our expertise on DNA testing and analysis which can complement traditional research. Please check out www.nepgs.com for the latest information. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NEPGS or contact us at 570-829-1765.

PIG IN THE BLANKET DINNER

Shopa-Davey VFW Post 6082 will conduct a Pig In The Blanket Dinner at the post home 123 Electric St., Peckville on Sunday, February 25, 2018. Serving from 11:00AM to 4:00PM or until sold out. Tickets are \$11.00 from a member or at the door. Take outs will be available. For more information, call Carl at 570-466-4902.

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