

Memorials February 26 – March 4, 2018

Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of Romitelli Family by (Lisena Romitelli)

Mass Intentions February 26 – March 4, 2018

Monday, February 26

*No Mass

Tuesday, February 27

12:10 pm Romitelli Family (Lisena Romitelli)

Alfred Romitelli (Robert/Evelyn Mondati)

Wednesday, February 28

7:00 am Yolanda Angeli (Maria/Georgia/Gerome Bianco)

Catherine Humbles (Judy Quinlan)

2:30 pm Lackawanna Rehab

Thursday, March 1

12:10 pm Rena Romitelli (M/M Claude Ghilardi)

Claire Cipriani (Lisena Romitelli)

Friday, March 2

7:00 am Dominic/Mary Esgro (Paul/Josephine Memo)

Edward Ghilardi (Nick DePietro)

Saturday, March 3

4:00 pm Amedeo/Catherine (Mario/Rose/Joyce)

Sunday, March 4

8:00 am Dec'd Members Of The Parish

10:00 am Gerald Pauletti (Wife/Family)

Remember in Your Prayers

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the sick, the suffering, the bereaved, and the recently deceased, especially, **Margaret Mack**

Sunday Collection for Feb. 18, 2018 was \$7,026.00

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

PA FOR HUMAN LIFE

As you know, our parish is participating in a fundraiser for the Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life. We would like to remind you to return your baby bottles with donations next weekend, March 4, 2018. Thank you for your support to defend life.

PIGS 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.

MEATLESS MEAL

The 7th annual Meatless Meal for Lent "Baked Haddock" Fish Dinner sponsored by Ss. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church in Olyphant will be held on Friday, March 23, 2018 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the Regal Room 216 Lackawanna Ave., Olyphant. Tickets are \$13 per dinner. Sit Down or Take Out. Call 570-383-9487 for reservations.

A Word from Fr. Andrew

My dear parishioners and friends,

There is definitely no shortage of mountains in our area. For me they are most beautiful when they are showing off vibrant colors of green in the Summer. You would be hard-pressed to find anybody who could argue with their majesty in Fall. In Spring while they are still bare they begin to show signs of new life as buds appear. And during Winter when the snow has freshly fallen and ice decorates the branches of the trees which adorn the mountains, there is something reminiscent of a picture postcard. And although we may cringe at the ever increasing presence of landfills and power plants as well as industry which has taken over these once grand unspoiled works of God, we still have the opportunity to go up onto the mountain from which we can hopefully see things more clearly.

In this week's gospel it was on the mountaintop that Jesus Christ was transfigured before the very eyes of the disciples. On the mountaintop they recognize their friend, their teacher, their Jesus as Messiah for the first time. They recognized him as the son of God. This Lent no matter how clouded or jaded our memories and our vision becomes, let yourself go up onto the mountaintop. Strain your eyes and your hearts if you must, but look out from there and see a world which is charged with the presence of God. Let all those you encounter on your day-to-day journey through Lent be transfigured before your eyes, so that in them you may recognize and see the presence of Jesus Christ. Let this Lent be your mountain from where you recognize and experience an ever living and very present God!

Love,
Fr. Andrew



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent a **different format for 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!



CONFESSIONS! EXTRA! EXTRA!

In an attempt to provide for extra opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, confessions will be heard from 11:00 AM until noon each Saturday morning in our prayer chapel located near the Willow Street entrance between the church and parish center.

The Cross: A Sign of Hope





A PARISH RETREAT
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
Welcomes Rev. Joseph Sica

A priest of the Diocese of Scranton for over 35 years, Fr. Sica holds degrees from the University of Scranton and The Catholic University of America. One of his many publications is *“Finding HOPE when Life Hurts,”* which has been distributed to our parish as a guide for Lenten reflection. He is engaging, bright, encouraging and entertaining. He is sure to be a gift and a help to all of us on our Lenten journeys!

Live Well
Laugh Often
Love Much
Sunday—Tuesday
February 25—27
7:00 PM



EATING WITH JESUS: A LENTEN SERIES

All are invited to attend the Wednesday evening worship services at 7:00 PM at a different church each week within the Mid-Valley Ministerium. Refreshments and fellowship will follow each service. The second service in the series will be hosted by:

HOLY CROSS PARISH
200 DELAWARE AVE., OLYPHANT

Host Pastor: Msgr. Michael J. Delaney
Message: Rev. Jack Munley
“Zacchaeus”

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Little Sisters of the Poor are visiting our parish this weekend. They are taking up a collection at the entrances of the church to aid in their many worthy apostolates in our diocese. Please welcome them and be as generous as you can be!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION & DINNER

The Little Sisters of the Poor are kicking off St. Patrick's Day in the city of Scranton at their fifth annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Dinner on Sunday, March 11, 2018, at Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton. The event will begin with Mass at 11 a.m. with a bagpipe processional and recessional in the chapel followed by the dinner and entertainment from 12 to 4 p.m. in the auditorium. The menu includes ham and cabbage with potatoes and carrots, rolls and butter, vanilla ice cream and beverages. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and younger. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 570-343-4065. They will also be available at the door. In addition to the dinner, there will be a bake sale, basket raffle and 50/50 raffle drawing. Proceeds will be used to purchase patient beds!

RETREAT SCHEDULE

Sunday Feb. 25th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Adoration in the Chapel until 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Benediction Service and talk = **“If you're happy and you know it...”**

Monday Feb 26th

7:00 p.m. Mass and retreat talk #2 = **Getting past what you'd thought you'd never get over.”**

Tuesday Feb. 27th

7:00 p.m. Penance service and retreat talk #3 = **“Healing the Hurts We Don't Deserve.”** Followed by individual confessions with area clergy (**this will be in place of our usual Lenten Penance Service.**)

TOPICS

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2018 7:00 PM

If you're happy and you know it...

And the little girl said to the Fairy Godmother, “Oh, I want to be happy!” And the Fairy Godmother whispered a secret in her ear. All through life she was happy and whenever she was asked about her happiness, she would respond by saying, “I listened to the secret of a Fairy Godmother.” As she grew old, the people asked her, “Please tell us what was the secret that kept you so up, positive, and enthusiastic all your life—in spite of the heartaches and hurts you had.” And she said, “The Fairy Godmother whispered four simple words in my ear—which I have lived all my life.” Do you know what those four words are? **Come out on Sunday evening Feb. 25th at 7:00 pm and Fr. Joe will tell you.**

MONDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2018 7:00 PM

Getting past what you'd thought you'd never get over

At this moment maybe your life is not playing out the way you wished for: *A disturbing medical diagnosis, a relationship break up, betrayed by a friend, job loss, the death of someone close*—when difficult and hurtful times strike it's a painful and hard road to travel. We long for the day we will “get over it” and have life return to normal. Come and join us Monday evening, Feb. 26th at 7:00 pm as Father Joe shares ways to handle life's hurts and stop thinking, “I can't do this” to “I must do this.”

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2018 7:00 PM

Healing the Hurts We Don't Deserve

For all of us who have been wounded by another and struggled to understand and move beyond our feelings of hurt and anger come out on Tuesday evening Feb. 27th at 7:00 pm and hear Fr. Joe talk about forgiveness—letting go and moving on freed from resentment, hatred, revenge, and bitterness.

“ The Round Church ... Where There's Room For Everyone. ”
