

Memorials February 5 – February 11, 2018

Tabernacle Lamp, Bread & Wine and Altar Candle
In Thanksgiving for prayers answered

Mass Intentions February 5 – February 11, 2018

Monday, February 5

*No Mass

Tuesday, February 6

12:10 am Sgt. Jan Argonish

Wednesday, February 7

7:00 am Rena Romitelli (M/M Carlo Celli)

Alfred Romitelli (Lisena Romitelli)

2:30 pm Lackawanna Rehab

Thursday, February 8

12:10 am John R. Cicilioni (Orlando Cicilioni, Sr.)

Friday, February 9

7:00 am Melinda Yazach/Josephine Suthers (Orlando Cicilioni, Sr.)

Saturday, February 10

4:00 pm Anna Berta (JoAnn)

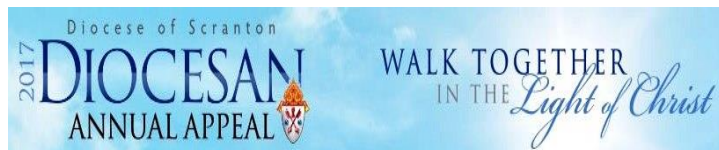
Sunday, February 11

8:00 am Marie Kurovsky (Family)

10:00 am Michael/Inez DeLeo (Children)

Remember in Your Prayers

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



As of our latest report from the diocese 326 of our parishioners have donated/pledged a total of \$49,852.45 (Including \$42,491.45 in donations and \$7,361.00 in pledges), which brings us over our goal of \$44,000.00! Thank you for your continued generosity!

Sunday Collection for Jan. 28, 2018 was \$7,977.50

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

PLEASE NOTE:

Fr. Kurovsky will be away until Saturday morning February 10. Masses and emergencies will be covered by area clergy.

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,

HATCHEY MILATCHEY!?!? Can you imagine? That is exactly what a priest used to call me, with whom I lived. Having seen my own drudgery I resolved a while back to try to be more positive and find something good and beautiful in each day. With that, I remember the day Fr. John quipped to me “living with you is like living with Hatchey Milatchey!” (For those of you not raised on Channel 16 morning TV in the 1960’s please ask someone who was.) And while no one wants to go through life seeing all things through rose colored glasses, today’s first reading from Job shares with us a brief dissertation of what the extreme opposite would look like.

Job’s life almost seems unbearable. I’m sure that we all know people exactly like him. Those, whose very existence speaks about another day on Calvary! And yet even Job’s life turns around and actually ends up with a happy ending. After going through so much he comes to find a God who is bigger than all of his problems. He comes to find a God who has power over all things, even the drudgery of this life. For most of us, somewhere between Job and Hatchey Milatchey, there is our every day existence. An existence which some days is reflective of the mundane and other days the extraordinary. But regardless of what today may bring, let us never forget that in all of it—there is God. God who frets with us when things are low and dances when life is worth living to its fullest. Regardless of our lot in life, we go through it hand-in-hand with an ever present God.

Love,

Fr. Andrew (aka Hatchey)

CONGRATULATIONS FIRST TIMERS!

On Saturday, January 27th students in our Parish Faith Formation Program who are preparing for their First Communion, celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time at a beautiful ceremony and with individual confessions, here in our church. We are grateful to our entire Faith Formation staff and volunteers who prepare these children so diligently. We pray for the parents, that they may always be good examples of the faith, and we thank them for entrusting to us the most precious gift that God has entrusted to them. And finally we congratulate those young people who are well on their way to celebrating yet another beautiful Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church.

**Keira Bauman
John Blackledge
Anthony Cerra
Liesel Krugh
Matthew Swika
Alisha Serpico
Alexis Serpico
Jacob Zator**

**Sadie Biondo
Jayden Bolden
Alivia Constantini
Vincent Sansone
Gavin Scarfo
Cole Skotleski
Marco Taramelli
Aiden Zuraski**

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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.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE!! Come join us for Blakely Borough’s Event of the Year. Mardi Gras celebration sponsored by the Blakely/Peckville Crime Watch. Friday, February 9, 2018 at Fiorelli’s from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Two Bands-Jazz Band and ZpoZure for dancing. Reserve a table with family and friends. \$45.00 per person. Delicious food, desserts, beer, wine and soda included! Fun for all. For tickets please call Mayor Mariani @ 570-383-9946 or Jo Ann Berta at 570-383-0196. Assigned seating. **No ticket sales at door.**

EVENING OF REFLECTION

The Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will be holding an Evening of Reflection on the Pascal Triduum on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM at St. Ann’s Basilica Parish, 1233 St. Ann Street, Scranton. The Evening of Reflection will be facilitated by Sr. Catherine Luxner, IHM, Director of Campus Ministry at Marywood University. The evening begins with dinner, followed by the presentation and then Night Prayer. There is no fee, but a free-will offering will be taken up to help offset the cost of dinner. For more information or to register, please contact David Baloga, Scranton NPM Program Director at 570-207-2213 ext. 1158, or visit ScrantonNPM.com by Thursday, March 1, 2018.

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!

We continue to thank our business advertisers, including **Hedley W. Mason Funeral Home, Peckville.** Please see back of our weekly bulletin for more information.

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Cathedral of St. Peter Parish will once again hold a Grief Support group program for people in our community who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Our Ministry is **not confined to Parish members only and is available to anyone in the community** who feels the need to participate in a Grief Ministry Program. The next Grief Support Group will meet weekly for four weeks starting on Wednesday, January 31st from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave. (across the street from the Cathedral). If you feel that you may benefit from this program and would like to attend, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office at 570-344-7231.

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

Telespond Senior Services, Inc. “Senior Companion Program” Do you know that Telespond 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 are here to help you!” For more information call Kathy Coyne at 570-347-7911

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

The 150th Anniversary Commemoration of the Founding of the Diocese of Scranton will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter. The main celebrant will be Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Homilist will be Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton. Everyone is welcome!

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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