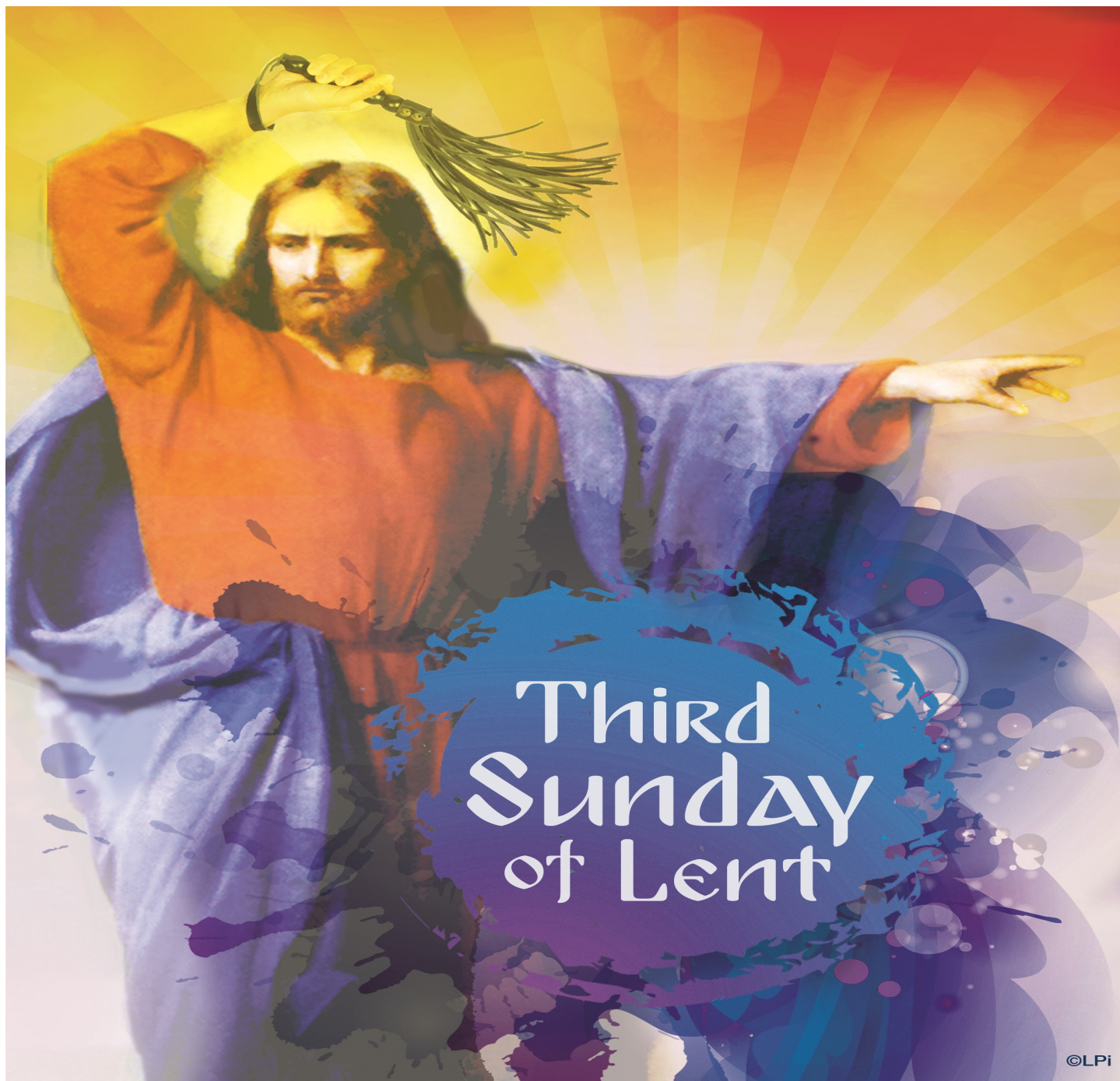


Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

1101 Willow St., Peckville, PA
OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Friday 9 am - 4:00 pm
(570)383-3244



PASTOR: Rev. Andrew Kurovsky

PASTORAL MINISTER: Mrs. Gayle Castellani
ASSISTANT: Mrs. Betsy Kondrat

OFFICE MANAGER: Ms. Colleen Hart

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Mr. Ernest Mengoni

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 pm Sunday - 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Tues & Thurs - 12:10 pm; Wed & Fri 7:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 pm, or by appointment

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FAITH FORMATION CENTER: 570-383-2777

MEMORIALS MARCH 5 – MARCH 11, 2018

Tabernacle Lamp, Bread & Wine and Altar Candle
In Memory of Ken Solomon
(Mackey/Kiniszewski/Boros/Yazinski Families)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 5

*No Mass

Tuesday, March 6

12:10 pm Marino/Ida Giombetti (Dennis/Roy Fanucci)
Paul Kotcho (Faith Formation Teachers)

Wednesday, March 7

7:00 am Dominic/Maria Puccio (Harriet/Family)
2:30 pm Lackawanna Rehab

Thursday, March 8

12:10 pm Joseph/Janette/Jover/Family (Family)

Friday, March 9

7:00 am Gene Gasparini/Ann Pascucci (Family)
Marie Nalevanko-Maceyko (Bill Nalevanko)

Saturday, March 10

4:00 pm Dec'd members of the parish

Sunday, March 11

8:00 am Yolando Churney (Orlando Cicilioni, Sr.)
10:00 am Peter Palumbo (Eleanor Ghilardi)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the sick, the suffering, the bereaved, and the recently deceased.

Sunday Collection for Feb 25, 2018 was \$8,402.50

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

Little Sisters of the Poor Collection

Feb. 25, 2018 was \$2,103.0000. Thank you for your generosity.

EASTER BASKET PROJECT

Our parish is participating in an **Easter Basket Project** being conducted by the Friends of The Poor. We are looking for individuals and/or families who would be willing to make an Easter basket to give to families with children at the Friends of the Poor's Easter Food Giveaway on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. If interested, a simple basket (nothing elaborate) with snack, sweet, and a surprise (Stuffed animal, game or small toy) wrapped in clear cellophane would be greatly appreciated. Donated baskets need to be brought to the parish rectory no later than **Friday, March 23rd**. If interested in serving on a committee to coordinate this project, or, if you have any questions, please call Donna Lisowski at 570-489-4202. Thank you!

Parish Meeting- Planning Ahead

Parish Finance Council Meeting: Fr. Andrew scheduled a Finance meeting for Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the Parish Center class room. Please phone the rectory at 570-383-3244 to advise of your attendance.

A WORD FROM FR. ANDREW

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

WHY DO WE MAKE IT SO HARD? MANY TIMES IT SEEMS THAT WE MAKE LIFE, OUR FAITH, AND OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND ONE ANOTHER MUCH MORE DIFFICULT THAN IT HAS TO BE. TODAY'S FIRST READING MOSES COMES DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN WITH 10 SIMPLE MANDATES GIVEN TO HIM BY GOD. THE 10 COMMANDMENTS! LATER JESUS COLLAPSES THEM INTO TWO SIMPLE COMMANDS, TO LOVE GOD AND TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. IN TODAY'S SECOND READING ST. PAUL TELLS US THAT JEWS ARE DEMANDING SIGNS AND GREEKS ARE LOOKING FOR WISDOM BUT THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS SIMPLY PROCLAIM A CHRIST CRUCIFIED.

DURING LENT WE ARE CALLED TO KEEP THAT IMAGE OF CHRIST CRUCIFIED, FRONT AND CENTER IN OUR LIVES. IT IS A REMARKABLE REMINDER TO US OF GOD'S GREAT LOVE FOR US. A LOVE WHICH HE SHOWS BY SENDING HIS SON TO EARTH, TO BECOME JUST LIKE US...WITH ALL OF OUR PAINS AND SORROWS AND DIFFICULTIES AND HURTS. A GOD WHO LOVES US SO MUCH THAT HE IS WILLING TO DIE FOR US. A GOD WHO LOVES US SO MUCH THAT HE WILL NEVER ABANDON US. AND THEREIN WE FIND THE VERY REASON AS TO WHY WE SHOULD TRULY LOVE GOD IN RETURN. IF WE CAN CONTINUE TO PROFESS CHRIST CRUCIFIED AS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR AS ST. PAUL ADMONISHES THE CHURCH TO DO AT CORINTH, THEN ALL OF THE RULES AND LAWS AND COMMANDMENTS AND REGULATIONS WOULD NOT EVEN BE NECESSARY. FOR WE WOULD AUTOMATICALLY FOLLOW THEM SIMPLY OUT OF OUR COMMITMENT AND DEEP LOVE FOR A GOD WHO HAS FIRST LOVED US AS MANIFESTED IN THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST. NEVER UNDERESTIMATE GOD'S GREAT LOVE FOR YOU. AND SO, WE NEED TO ASK OURSELVES, JUST WHAT IS IT THAT WE ARE DOING THIS LENT TO MANIFEST OUR GREAT LOVE FOR 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



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:

PECKVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

732 MAIN ST., PECKVILLE

Host Pastor: Rev. David Repenning

Message: Msgr. Michael J. Delany

"They held all things in common"

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

HOLY WEEK MINISTERS

Any minister interested in serving at any triduum Services, Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday (as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Altar Server) are asked to please call the office and leave your name and which service you are willing to serve, no later than Friday, March 2. Thank you for your faithfulness to our parish.

HEALING MASS

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be celebrating a **Mass with Prayers for Healing** on Sunday evening, March 11th at 7 p.m. The Mass will be held at St. Mary's Church, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca. Rev. August Ricciardi will be celebrant, and there will be Recitation of the Rosary beginning at 6:30 p.m. with prayers for healing following the Mass. The evening is being hosted by Divine Mercy Prayer Group of Archbald, and refreshments will be served. Please come and join in the celebration of the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit!! All are welcome!

BABY BOTTLE ROUND UP

For those of you who are contributing to the Scranton Chapter of PA for Human Life, you may return your baby bottles and donations today. If you forgot, you can return them to the rectory at your convenience. Thank you for supporting their pro-life center and their work for human dignity.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS !

Amanda Kempa and Frank Santarsiero were united in the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, February 24th in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. We congratulate them and ask that you support them with your heartfelt prayers. Ad multos annos!

CHAPEL

Our prayer chapel, provided in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Ghilardi, can be used for individual prayer, for Eucharistic Adoration as announced, and for weekly confessions. It is located at the Willow Street Handicap Entrance between the Church and the Parish Center. While it is presently in use, we are still waiting for a new door and a few other additions. Thank you for your patience.

KEN SANTARELLI SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND

A newly established fund to help those in need and to aid with other charitable endeavors has been named for Ken Santarelli who has recently died. Ken was a huge supporter of many charitable causes and the fund has been established using a generous amount of "seed" monies given to our parish in his memory. It is hoped that parishioners and friends will continue to donate to this fund and will make it their "charity of choice". If you'd like to help our parish help others in need, please consider a contribution to our Social Justice Fund. The need is great!

PARISH RETREAT—WOW!

Gratitude to all who made our parish retreat such a tremendous success. Hundreds gathered to hear Fr. Sica's inspirational message about Hurts, Healing and Happiness! Special thanks to all who provided the reception and the many others who have worked behind the scenes. God bless you all!

150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Our diocese is marking its 150th Anniversary with the celebration of a special mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter today Sunday, March 4th at 3:00 p.m. Please continue to pray for our diocese and most especially for Bishop Bambera as he continues to shepherd the flock entrusted to his care.

CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS

With the ever increasing numbers of worshippers in attendance at mass it is important that we all do our part to be sure that our church is left in reasonably acceptable condition for those who will come in after us. If at any time you see anything out of order or needing attention please bring it to the attention of one of our ministers or drop a note in the basket. Let's all do our part to look after the house of God, who is looking out for us! Thanks!

