

Mass Intentions for Nov 16 thru 22, 2015

Monday, Nov 16

6:50 am Deceased Andrew Balog family by Audrey Hanuscik

Tuesday, Nov 17

6:50 am Susan Bonanni by family

Wednesday, Nov 18

6:50 am Cathryn & Joseph Morelli by the Blockbergers

Thursday, Nov 19

6:50 am Cathryn & Joseph Morelli by M/M Anthony Berardelli

Friday, Nov 20

6:50 am Michael Magdon by Steve Tolerico

Saturday, Nov 21

4:00 pm John Jude Stambone by Mom & Dad

Sunday, Nov 22

8:00 am Dominick & Mary Lorenzetti by children

10:00 am Raymond Tolerico by wife and kids



Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased including Flora Toth.

Collection for Last Weekend: November 8, 2015

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| 429 Sunday Offertory Envelopes | \$ 8,683.00 |
| Sunday Cash Offerings | 194.00 |
| 30 Other operating income envelopes | 323.00 |
| Total operating income | \$9,200.00 |

We sincerely thank all who are consistently using their regular offertory envelopes or prearranged bank checks to support the work and mission of Sacred Heart Parish. We also commend those who are being conscientious to their commitments through our Parish Care Campaign.

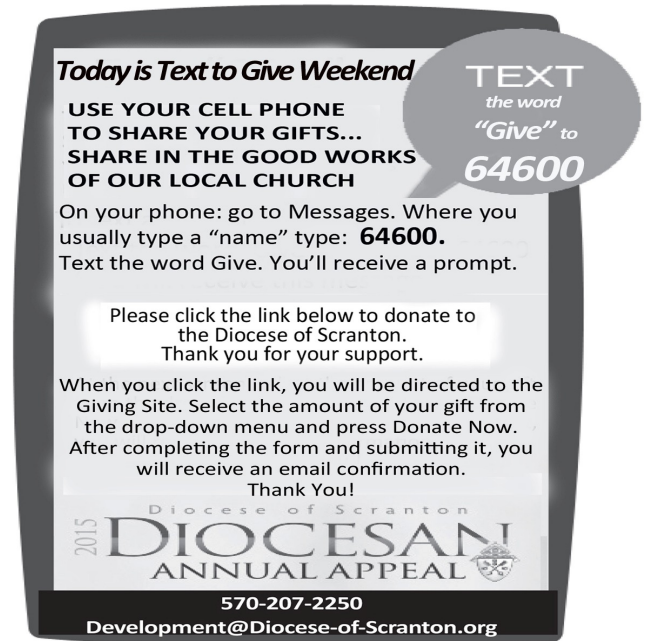
Respect Life

Life Lines- "Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!" –*"Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage,"* 2014-2015 Respect Life Program, USCCB.

A large percentage of the public remain unsure of the facts and/or are hesitant to proclaim the pro-life message. Indeed, it would be very hard to understate the importance of confidence in spreading this message. So, the main obstacle standing in the way of the average person to becoming an effective advocate for life is having the arguments and facts at his or her disposal. Reading materials on pro-life issues will help communicate, educate and inspire the public about the facts relating to abortion, euthanasia and other life issues that can change our culture and help the pro-life movement to succeed. Armed with the facts, the average American is better equipped to develop a passion for protecting life, becoming more aware about research pertaining to life issues, and developing an effective way to convey that vital message. Education is critical if we are to influence and change our society from a culture of death to a culture of life. For helpful resources on life issues, visit www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity.



Dear Parishioners: This Weekend is **Text to Give Weekend**. If you haven't yet given to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, here is a "high-tech" opportunity to support the ministries and services of our local Church made possible by your donations. It's not too late to make a gift or pledge using your cell phone. Gifts are appreciated in any amount and are fully tax-deductible. Will you help by sharing your gifts? To text a gift using your cell phone to support the ministries and services supported by the Diocesan Annual Appeal, just follow the steps below.



Gifts and pledges may also be made on-line at www.annualappeal.org or by calling the Diocesan Appeal Office at 570-207-2250. The Diocese uses the Annual Appeal website to inform our donors about the work of Diocesan ministries and services and the giving opportunities to support these programs. This web-site includes stories & video testimonials from the services that receive essential operating support from the Appeal. As always, thank you for your generosity to the Annual Appeal.

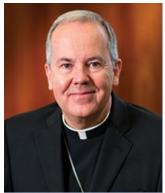
New Donors to the Diocesan Annual Appeal

On behalf of all who benefit from your generosity, Bishop Bambera and Msgr. Madus continue to extend their gratitude to all parishioners who have made their Diocesan Annual Appeal pledge. Every gift truly matters. So it is that we acknowledge our following new donors as of November 9th. M/M Michael Argonish, M/M John Bacorn, M/M Albert Baldoni, Mr. John J. Brown, M/M Joseph Caterina, M/M Richard Collarini, M/M Joseph Constantini, M/M Gary Cotroneo, M/M Thomas Delucca, Mrs. Genevieve Denicola, M/M John Ehnnot, Mrs. Helen Evans, M/M Tony Freda,

M/M Robert Galardi, M/M Claude Ghilardi, Mr. Joseph Giambra, Mrs. Viola Kausmeyer, M/M Joseph Kearney, M/M Michael Kolcharno, M/M Matthew Kunchick, Mr. & Mrs Thomas Lisowski, Mrs. Mary Lund, Msgr Peter Madus, Ms. Wendy Mitchko, Atty. & Mrs. Robert Munley, M/M David Nimick, M/M Francis O'Koren, Mrs. Aldona Osieski, Ms. Marion Padden, M/M Salvatore Palumbo, M/M Frank Pazzaglia, Miss Elaine Pilch, M/M Joseph Romanosky, Mrs. Marie A. Ross, M/M Philip Sallavanti, Mrs. Irene Shebaugh, M/M Stephen Skierski, M/M John Stambone, Mr. Joseph Stefursky, M/M Kenneth Stephens, M/M Robert Stine, Ms. Rita Tinsley, M/M Sal Urso, Ms. Ellen M. Wilson, M/M Robert Wolfel, Mrs. Jean Zyats.

Please note that the Appeal Office continues to enter and report gifts. All recent donors may not yet be reflected above to date. Currently, **26.4%** of our parish families have pledged a total of **\$32,629**, **reaching 74.1% of our 2015 goal of \$44,000!** Thank you for all of your support! With our good hearts and generous spirits, each one of us can work together to bring hope and encouragement to so many of our Diocese who are in need.

Annual Appeal Mass of Thanksgiving & Reception



You are invited to attend the "Annual Appeal Mass of Thanksgiving" to be held at St. Peter's Cathedral on Sunday, Nov 22 at 10am. The Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, followed by a Reception in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 316 Wyoming Avenue. Your intention as you expressed on Pledge Envelopes during In-Pew Weekend will be remembered at this Mass. Prayer intentions were welcome whether or not you made a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. All are welcome to attend.

Vocation Awareness: Deacon Ordination Mass

In the Diocese of Scranton, the first class of permanent deacons was ordained in 1993. Today, 55 deacons actively serve our Diocese. On Saturday, November 28th at 10am Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will ordain 17 men to the permanent diaconate at the Cathedral in Scranton. There are another 12 candidates in the class of 2018. The diaconate is open to Catholic men, between the ages of 35 and 60. In keeping with the ancient tradition of the Church, men may be single or married. The Permanent Diaconate Formation Program is just one of the ministries supported by gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal under allocations for "Care and Education of Clergy," which encompasses deacons, diaconate candidates, priests and seminarians. Men with a priestly or diaconate vocation emerge from these programs to serve the people of the Diocese.

Catholic Choral Society Concert



The Catholic Choral Society will present the 14th Generations Sing Concert on Sunday evening, Nov. 22nd at 7:30PM at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. As in past years, this year's celebration concert strives to celebrate both

ecumenical diversity and multigenerational singers. The Catholic Choral Society, marking its 68th season, is composed of more than 50 members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Wyoming and Susquehanna Counties. Free Admission, free will offerings accepted.

Faith Formation Thanksgiving Food Drive

Non-perishable food items are needed to help those in need in our local community. Drop off baskets are located at the auditorium entrance and Willow Street entrance of the church. **Next Weekend is the last weekend for food drive collections.** Donations are needed by Sunday Nov. 22nd in order to distribute to those in need in time for Thanksgiving. Thank you for your generous support!

Faith Formation News - No Classes Nov 29th

Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Services

Scranton Area Ministerium

On Monday, November 23rd at 12:10pm, the Cathedral of Saint Peter will host a Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Service. The reflection will be given by Rabbi Moshe Saks, Temple Israel. Area clergy and other interfaith representatives will participate. Proceeds raised through the offertory collection will benefit the Family-to-Family Program and Friends of the Poor. All are invited to attend!

Mid Valley Ecumenical Ministerium

On Wednesday, November 25th at 7pm, the Peckville United Methodist Church, 732 Main Street, Peckville, will host a Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Service. Reverend Dr. Michael Shambora welcomes Monsignor Michael Delaney, pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Olyphant to give the homily. A time for fellowship and light refreshments will follow the service. Shopping carts will be available for donations of non perishable items and the offering that evening will be given to the Food Basket of Northeastern Pennsylvania. (Elevator access is on the left side of the Church near the parking lot).

Bishop Celebrating Mass for Church Musicians

The Scranton Chapter of National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will sponsor a Musicians' Mass on Monday, Nov. 23, at 7pm in the Cathedral of Saint Peter. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will serve as principal celebrant which will conclude the fall season of the Scranton NPM Chapter and acknowledge the ministry of church musicians throughout the Diocese of Scranton. All are welcome. Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live.

Help Needed for Snow Removal

This winter we need someone to run the parish snow thrower to clear sidewalks and various pathways when there is any accumulation. Sometimes this work needs to take place early in the morning. For more info, please call the parish office.

We thank all our business advertisers who place ads on the back of our weekly bulletin. This weekend we acknowledge **Schoonover Eye Care, P.C.** See contact information on back page.