

Memorials Donated for April 11 thru April 17, 2016

Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of Josephine Arato by Judy Neri

Altar Candles

In Memory of Vera Backey by daughter

Mass Intentions for April 11 - 17, 2016

Monday, Apr 11

6:50 am Andrew Balog by Audrey Hanuscik



Tuesday, Apr 12

6:50 am The Simone & Zini Family by Joe Tonti

5:00 pm Confirmation Mass (everyone invited)

Wednesday, Apr 13

6:50 am John Henzes Sr. by children

Thursday, Apr 14

6:50 am Frank Anastasio by Jack & Roseann

Friday, Apr 15

6:50 am The Ceci Family by Lisena Romitelli

Saturday, Apr 16

4:00 pm Maria & Joseph Ghilardi by Eleanor D. Ghilardi

Sunday, Apr 17

8:00 am Edward Miles by family

10:00 am Donna Manchak Rudolph by Mom & Dad

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased including Romayne Nanni.

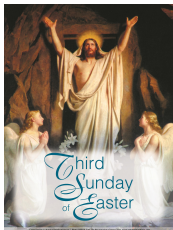
Collection for Last Weekend: April 3, 2016

324 Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$ 6,024.00
Sunday Cash Offerings	204.00
37 Additional Easter Offerings	<u>1,490.00</u>
Total operating income	\$ 7,718.00
Care and Education of Priests	728.00

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.

The Risen Lord

One of the features of the stories about the appearances of Jesus after his Resurrection is that they nearly always end up with Jesus commissioning someone. Jesus appears for a purpose. The presence of Jesus is strongly linked with the sense of calling. Peter denied Jesus three times on the night of Jesus' arrest and now Jesus is offering him three chances to redeem himself. Jesus first dealt with Peter's sin, and then commissioned him to work on His behalf. He asks twice if Peter loves him with the deeper, stronger, and more sacrificial kind of love and not mere brotherly love or friendship. In any event, "the one thing about which Jesus questioned Peter prior to commissioning him to tend the flock, was love. This is the basic qualification for Christian service. Other qualities may be desirable, but love is completely indispensable (cf. 1 Cor. 13:1-3)." Let us compensate for our moments of weakness



by genuine acts of love, compassion and service. Peter was called upon to prove his love: "If you love me, feed my sheep." The same Risen Lord reminds us: "If you love Me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). What do our present actions and activities say about our love for Christ? The Risen Jesus accepts our apology, dismisses the charges against us, exonerates us of guilt, and forgives all our weaknesses. He continues to challenge us to demonstrate our love for him by faithfully feeding his sheep entrusted to our care. (<http://en.radiovaticana.va>)

Year of Mercy Parish Pilgrimage



This Holy Year of Mercy offers a plenary Indulgence. Integral to the Church's tradition of a "Holy Door" is the granting of a plenary indulgence to those who pass through it, provided the necessary requirements are met. In an effort to allow pilgrims from all over the Diocese to enter the Holy Door and experience the mercy of God, the Cathedral of Saint Peter has designated several Saturdays throughout the Year of Mercy for parishes to make a pilgrimage. **Our parish is scheduled to make this pilgrimage on Saturday, June 4th.** The pilgrimage begins at 9:30am at the Cathedral with morning prayer and a brief presentation on the Jubilee Year of Mercy, followed by opportunities for confession and private prayer both in the Cathedral and the Cathedral Prayer Garden. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10pm followed by a tour of the Cathedral. Lunch will be provided in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Cost for the pilgrimage is \$10 per person to cover the cost of lunch. Please call the parish office by Friday, May 27th to register for the pilgrimage. Transportation for the trip will be decided in May as we see how many are interested.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Next Sunday, April 17th, marks the 53rd Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Parishes are encouraged to observe the World Day of Prayer for Vocations with local celebrations. Pope Francis issued a Papal Message for the occasion, in conjunction with the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. In it, he reminds us, "the Church is the house of mercy, and it is the "soil" where vocations take root, mature and bear fruit." "The Christian vocation, just like every other particular vocation, is born from within the People of God, and is a gift of divine mercy. The ecclesial dynamism of an individual's vocation demands that we go beyond ourselves and place our lives at the service of God's plan." What can we do here at our parish to support and promote vocations? Let us begin with prayer.

2nd Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference- Apr 23



The Diocese of Scranton will hold their 2nd Annual Men's Conference on Sat, April 23 from 8am-3pm at King's College, Wilkes-Barre. The Conference Theme this year is: *Be A Man: Jesus Christ, The Face of True Manhood.* Fathers, sons, grandsons and friends are all most welcome to attend. Renowned speakers include: Dr. Scott Hahn, Msgr. Charles Pope, &

Michael McGlinn (former Notre Dame football offensive lineman). Registration fee is \$35 per adult (\$30 if paid by April 1) & \$15 for students. For more info or online registration see www.beamanconference.com or contact Michael Kilmer at 570-746-0100.

Faith Formation Important Dates

Apr 10 8th gr Confirmation practice 11am
Apr 10 & 17 - Registration during class time for 2016-2017
Apr 12 8th gr Confirmation 5pm
May 1 2nd gr First Holy Communion 10am Mass

Lectors Needed - Formation Opportunity



Our parish is in need of additional Lectors to serve at weekend masses. If you feel God may be calling you to be a Lector, the Office for Parish Life will offer another two-part formation session for new and current lectors on May 2 & 9 (Mondays) from 6:30pm-9pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. These sessions will cover the theology, history, and spirituality of the ministry, as well as the particular functions of the lector, and how to properly prepare and carry out this ministry. Please note that it is necessary for candidates to attend both sessions. Please call the parish office if you would like to be considered for this ministry and register for formation. Please also help us spread the word about this opportunity to others whom you see as a good fit for this ministry.

Catholic Charismatic Regional Prayer Meeting



There will be a regional prayer meeting on April 11th at 7:30pm sponsored by local Charismatic prayer groups. The meeting will be held in the St. Mary's School building Auditorium, 715 Hawthorn St., Avoca. This traditional gathering includes praise and worship, spiritual gifts, and a teaching with personal witness. Time for fellowship and refreshments will conclude the meeting. All are welcome.

2nd Annual Holy Cross Talent Show Fundraiser

The Holy Cross System Student Advisory Board will be hosting a Talent Show fundraiser on Sunday, April 17th, at 3pm at Holy Cross High School. Students from All Saints Academy, LaSalle Academy, St. Clare/St. Paul School, St. Mary's School, and Our Lady of Peace School will perform a variety of acts. Admission is free; vote for your favorite act by making a donation at the conclusion of the performance. The act which raises the most money will win the "Audience Choice Award". All proceeds will support scholarships for students in the Holy Cross System. Come support our talented students!

14th Annual Youth for Life Art & Essay Contest

Pennsylvanians for Human Life announces its 14th annual pro-life art and essay contest. Students may choose one of two themes. 1. "Why I'm Thankful My Mom Chose Life" or 2. "How has the pro-life movement (or a pro-life individual or leader) shown love and respect for unborn babies, the elderly & disabled persons?" Students from grades 7-12 who attend public, religious, or private schools, or are home-

schooled may enter. Prizes are awarded for Art and Essays. First prize is \$100, second \$60, third \$30 in three divisions (Art, Junior Essay and Senior Essay) Contest deadline is May 11th. See the home page of www.prolifescranton.org for a contest application and further details or call 570-343-5099.

Italian Cheese Crecia Bread

We send sincere thanks to Phil and Terry Sallavanti for all their work and expenses in baking the traditional Easter Italian cheese bread during Holy Week. A total of \$988.00 was generated for the parish designated improvement fund! We thank everyone who patronized the bread sale as well.

Greeter and Welcome Wagon Ministry Training



All those interested in volunteering or learning more about our new Greeters and Welcome Wagon ministries are invited to an initial meeting for training and formation. These newly proposed ministries come in response to the need to become a more "welcoming" community of faith. Our Greeters Ministry will meet on Wednesday, April 20th and the Welcome Wagon will meet on Wednesday, April 27th. The meetings will be held at 6:30pm in the parish rectory. For more information on these ministries please contact the parish office or check out our Directory of Parish Ministries on our website.

Our Parish Care Campaign

This weekend we officially begin our "*Ongoing Parish Care Campaign*" which continues to be a parish-wide effort to ask each member of our faith community to reflect annually on how important their parish community is in their lives. Our faith community is a tremendous gift to each one of us. Everyone who is a member of our parish will be asked to pray about and reflect on how best they can offer their support and care. We continue to consider how much Sacred Heart Parish really means to us. *Together, let us work to carry out God's work in our portion of His vineyard at Sacred Heart Parish.*

Each person is asked to think about and pray about the following questions:

- How important is Sacred Heart Parish in my life?
- How much do I care about my parish community?
- How do I demonstrate that caring, financially and otherwise?
- How proportionate is my financial support to Sacred Heart Parish compared to other ways I use money? (If you give monthly or annually, calculate your weekly amount for the comparison)
- Do I give too much, just enough or too little?
- Do I really stop, at least once a year, and consider my weekly giving? Do I have talents and skills that my community can use in addition to my weekly giving?

These questions will help everyone to truly consider what priority they place on their connection to their parish community. During the next two weeks please pray about these and other similar questions that probe the depth of your care for Sacred Heart Parish.