

Memorial Donations April 18 thru 24, 2016

Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of Donna Manchak Rudolf by Lisa & Joe

Altar Candles

In Memory of Donna Manchak Rudolf by Josh, Zach, & Hailey

Bread & Wine

In Memory of Donna Manchak Rudolf by Family

Mass Intentions for April 18 thru 24, 2016

Monday, Apr 18

6:50 am Virgil Petrini by Charles & Mary Ann Colarusso

Tuesday, Apr 19

6:50 am Father Gus Kapinus

Wednesday, Apr 20

6:50 am Scott Kubic by Mom & Dad



Thursday, Apr 21

6:50 am Frank & Amelia Gallo by Sharon & Gerald Gallo

Friday, Apr 22

6:50 am Gesto Panettieri by wife Johanna

Saturday, Apr 23

4:00 pm Palma & Carmen Sr. & Jr. Stambone by Phyllis & John

Sunday, Apr 24

8:00 am Anna Carlo Bianchi by Joseph Albiero

10:00 am Dolores & Joseph Lach by daughter

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased including Linda Megela Williams.

Collection for Last Weekend: April 10, 2016

347 Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$5,930.00
Sunday Cash Offerings	154.00
30 Other operating income envelopes	282.00
Total operating income	\$6,366.00

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.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



In 2016 we mark the 53rd anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Moreover, we celebrate it always on the 4th Sunday in Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday. In today's Gospel reading, we hear about the sheep that always know the voice of the shepherd. May we also hear with ears of faith our Shepherd's call to discipleship. Let us pray: Jesus, good and gentle Shepherd, we pray for those among us who hear your voice and your call to a vocation in the Church. Help them to be unafraid of that calling of service from you to the Universal Church. Give them courage to say yes to your call. Help us to encourage them in their long journey of discernment and formation. We offer our thanks to you for calling us to discipleship in many and various ways, as married men and women, as single men and women, as priests, deacons, and professed men and women. We ask all these things in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus our savior. Amen.

Pope Francis on Vocations



At the root of every Christian vocation we find...an experience of faith. Faith and belief means transcending ourselves, leaving behind our comfort and the inflexibility of our ego in order to center our life in Jesus Christ. It means leaving our native place like Abraham and going forward with trust, knowing that God will show us the way to a new land. This "going forward" is not to be viewed as a sign of contempt for one's life, one's feelings, one's own humanity. On the contrary, those who set out to follow Christ find life in abundance by putting themselves completely at the service of God and his kingdom. "Everyone who has left home or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and inherit eternal life" (Mt 19:29). All this is profoundly rooted in love. The Christian vocation is first and foremost a call to love, a love which attracts us and draws us out of ourselves, "decentering" us and triggering "an ongoing exodus out of the closed inward-looking self towards its liberation through self-giving, and thus towards authentic self-discovery and indeed the discovery of God" (*Deus Caritas Est*, 6).

Parish Care Weekend



Next weekend is *Continuing to Care Weekend* when everyone will have the opportunity to demonstrate once again how much they care about their

Parish community and how much they will commit or re-commit to an average weekly offering for the coming year.

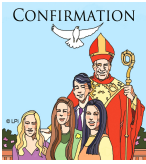
This week you will receive a brochure in the mail which contains information on our *Continuing to Care Renewal*, the current giving of our parishioners, and the income and parish expense budget for the coming year. Please carefully study the brochure and note the giving information that it contains. This could help you decide how you wish to demonstrate your caring support for your parish.

During Mass next weekend, April 23rd-24th, you will receive a commitment card and be asked to indicate your average weekly commitment. Whether you give, monthly, quarterly or annually, please indicate on the card the amount that your gift would equal on a weekly basis so we can keep the financial record keeping clear and simple. If you have not used weekly envelopes in the past, we would ask that you begin to use them. This assists our parish community in planning and carrying out our parish mission. If you have not yet registered at the parish or do not have envelopes, please call the parish office.

We encourage you to reflect prayerfully on your support and your spending priorities, so that working together we can continue to minister to expanding spiritual needs. When we give freely to the work of the Lord and meet our giving responsibility, we are blessed in countless ways. Many committed givers can attest to God's providence when they give what they feel God has inspired them to give. Remember, God is never outdone in generosity.

Faith Formation Important Dates

Apr 17 Registration during class time for 2016-2017
May 1 2nd gr First Holy Communion, 10am Mass



Candidates Confirmed

This past Tuesday evening, the eighth grade Confirmation Candidates of Sacred Heart and Queen of Angels Parishes were confirmed by Bishop James Timlin. We sincerely thank all catechists and formation directors, liturgical and music ministers, parish greeters and all other assistants who made the beautiful ceremony an extraordinary celebration of faith. The newly confirmed are as follows:

Ava Josepha Angeloni + Dominic John Paul Angeloni + Kayla Theresa Barrett + Zachary Blaise Benson + Robert Allen Luke Berta + Olivia Grace Blockberger + Jeremy Patrick Boyle + Joshua Anthony Castellani + Samuel Adam Cole + Jaden Patrick Duplessis + Anthony John Ferraro + Robert George Ferraro + Timothy Benedict Gilhooley + Nina Dolores Grushinski + Andrew Paul Hall + Julia Elizabeth Koniszewski + David Bernard Kuzmick + Brittany Elizabeth Maddage + Matthew (Matthew) Magistro + Zachary Patrick Manchak + Noelle Monica Marchegiani + Skye Bridget McAndrew + Giavana Elizabeth Mercatili + Mia Theresa Mercatili + Karli Elizabeth Muto + Patrick Robert O'Malley + Nadia Rose Palevac + Allison Nicole Pavlowski + Carlo Nicholas Possanza + Alexander Robert Stephen Powell + Taylor Lillian Seprosky + Jarod David Seymour + Jacquelyn Elizabeth Shanley + John James Joseph Shnipes + Joseph Maximilian Slish + Andrew Michael James Straka + Adrianna Teresa Swoyer + Emily Teresa Tolerico + Matthew Joseph Tomaine + Mia Ann Cecilia Tomassoni + Francesca Juliana Vilano + Lauren Ann Rose Walsh + Danielle Adele Warhola.

Let us all keep these young parishioners, their families and their sponsors in our prayers as they now strive to launch into a new level of parish membership. They are now expected to take on greater responsibilities in their families, in their peer groups and in their parishes. As adult members it's our responsibility especially to encourage and support these young Catholic teens in expanding their goals to include living lives of service in the likeness of Christ Jesus. Congratulations to our newly confirmed, to their parents and sponsors and to our faith formation staff for all the efforts put forth to bring them to this milestone in their lives.

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 6:30-9pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 330 Wyoming Avenue in 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 help us spread the word about this opportunity to others whom you see as a good fit for this ministry.

Greeter and Welcome Wagon Ministry Meeting



All those interested in volunteering or learning more about our *New* Greeters and Welcome Wagon ministries are invited to an initial meeting. Training and formation will be provided, however, no commitment is required at this time. These newly proposed ministries come in response to our need to become a more "welcoming" community of faith. Our Greeters Ministry will meet on Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30pm in the parish rectory. The Welcome Wagon will now meet on April 20th as well at 7:30pm, instead of April 27th. For more information on these ministries please contact the parish office or check out the Directory of Parish Ministries on our website. We hope many will be open to contributing their time to help our parish become more alive as a welcoming community.

Social Concerns Seminar



A presentation will be held at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Throop, on Sunday April 24th at 2pm by the Lou Ruspi Jr. Foundation. This is a private, non-profit, charitable organization whose mission it is to bring suicide prevention and mental health awareness to the community of NEPA through educational presentations and resources. This hour long educational session will not only define mental illness and warning signs of suicide, but offer attendees the knowledge of how to prevent these tragedies and where to get the necessary help.

Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference



In recent years, many dioceses throughout the country have begun to sponsor men's conferences to address the unique and often challenging issues facing men in our culture and in our world, and the need for men to serve as role models in their families and parishes and to live their faith in service to others. The Diocese of Scranton will hold their 2nd Annual Men's Conference next Saturday, 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*. Registration fee is \$35 per adult & \$15 for students. For more info or online registration see www.beamanconference.com or contact Michael Kilmer at 570-746-0100.

Valley Blood Council Blood Drive



Valley Blood Council of the American Red Cross will host a blood drive this Thursday, April 21st from 12 to 5pm here at Sacred Heart auditorium. Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh 110 lbs. This drive is in memory of Helen Cordelli, parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sponsors of the drive are Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, KofC Jessup/Peckville and Valley Blood Council. Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. Please answer the call to donate.