

Memorials April 24 - 30, 2017

Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of the Ceci Family by Lisena Romitelli

Altar Candles and Bread & Wine

In Memory of Ed Chury by Irene Shebaugh & Jake Jr.

Mass Intentions April 24 - 30, 2017

Monday, April 24

6:50 am Thomas Pouch by daughter Harriet & grandchildren

Tuesday, Apr 25

6:50 am Louise Canaveri by Aunt Joan

Wednesday, Apr 26

6:50 am Gerry & Betty Pompey by Bob & Livia Clark

2:30 pm Mass at Lacka H+R

Thursday, Apr 27

6:50 am Thomas Rutkowski by Veronica Rutkowski

Friday, Apr 28

6:50 am Helen Patrylo by Aunt Joan

Saturday, Apr 29

4:00 pm John Syryla by John Taylor Jr. and family

Sunday, Apr 30

8:00 am L. Jean Haas by Dave, Gail, & Haas family

10:00 am James & Ann Margotta by Dennis Fanucci

Remember in Your Prayers

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

Collection for Last Weekend: April 16, 2017

266 Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$4,585.50
380 Easter Envelopes so far	12,305.00
Holy Thursday Rice Bowl Collection	1,024.00
Good Friday Holy Land Collection	911.00

Many thanks to all who contributed to the above collections during Holy Week and Easter.

Thank You to the Congregation

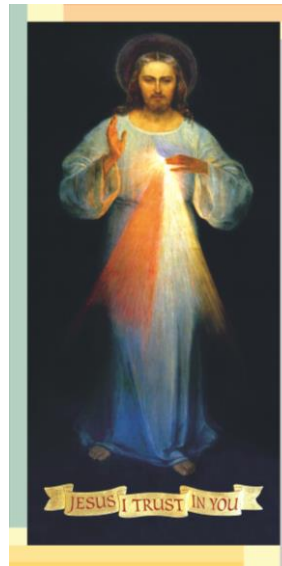
This year at Sacred Heart, our celebrations of the Easter Vigil and Easter Morning Masses blossomed into full, active and conscious participation by the three congregations that gathered. Congratulations to the congregants who made it happen, because that's the way it should be. At the heart of the ministry of every congregation is to worship God primarily and at the same time to strengthen one another in the faith we profess in the creed. Full, active and conscious cooperation is what it takes. Let's keep making it happen. Msgr.

Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday is the feast of Divine Mercy. In our deanery, Divine Mercy Sunday Services will be held this afternoon at St. Mary's Church in Eynon. Confessions will be held from 1:30 to 3:00 with chaplet and Benediction following.

Jesus said to St. Faustina in the 1930's "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699)

Plenary Indulgence: In a decree dated August 3, 2002, the



Apostolic Penitentiary Announced that in order "to ensure that the faithful would observe this day (Divine Mercy Sunday) with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence...so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers

and sisters." *The plenary indulgence* is granted (under the usual conditions of a sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and a prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, recite the *Our Father* and the *Credo*, and also adding a devout prayer (e.g. *Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!*). For more info go to www.MercySunday.com.

Confirmation News

Sun, April 30 at the 10am Mass: Confirmation Enrollment for Confirmation candidates with their sponsors.

Parish Formation Opportunities

We are an Easter people! As Easter people, Jesus invites us to follow him on the way. He calls us, as he called his first disciples, to live as intentional disciples committed to continuing the mission that is entrusted to us, his church. Over the next month there are many opportunities to help continue forming you in the ministry in which you serve or in which God may be inviting you to serve. We strongly encourage you to attend and go deeper in your relationship with Christ. If you are not yet involved in serving the parish in some capacity, we invite you to prayerfully consider where God is asking you to serve by attending one of the following formation opportunities this spring.

Our response to the gratuitous love of God is expressed not only through individual prayer and attending Sunday Mass, but also expressed communally, in our service to one another, to Jesus who is present in his people and his church. *"Mindful of the words of the Lord: 'By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another' (Jn 13,35). Christians can yearn for nothing more ardently than to serve the men of this age with an ever growing generosity and success.... It is the Father's will that we should recognize Christ our brother in the persons of all men and love them with an effective love, in word and in deed (Pastoral Constitution, Gaudium et spes, n. 93).*

Parish Social Ministry

Bishop Bambera's Pastoral Vision states: "*Parish social ministry responds to human needs, whatever and wherever they may be, whether with parishioners or other members of the community, whether the need be hunger, housing, illness, loneliness, employment, fair wages, physical disabilities or ecological sustainability... Parish social ministry must respond to issues of respect for human life at every stage of existence.... However it is done, parish social ministry needs to be organized and deliberate. It must be communal, planned and directed by a group, and not a simple individual response.*" To this end, the Diocesan Office for Social Concerns is facilitating regional conferences, gathering neighboring parishes in order to help us create or build up parish social ministries. Has God placed on your heart a particular concern and desire to help someone or group of people? You are invited to attend a local regional conference, "Building Communities of Salt and Light" to take place on Saturday, May 20th from 1pm -3pm at Blessed Sacrament, Throop. Please call the parish office to register or for more information. See also the opportunity below to participate in a local parish's social concerns committee "Baby Shower" on April 30th.

Parish Formation/Evening of Reflection – Save the Date!

Bernadette Rudolph from the Office of Parish Life will be coming to Sacred Heart to offer an evening of reflection and formation for all parishioners on Monday, May 15th. Refreshments will be served. Stay tuned for more details!

Evening of Reflection Series for Liturgical Ministers

The Office for Parish Life is offering an Evening of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and those involved in Music Ministry. David Baloga, Director for Worship, will lead the evening and will help liturgical ministers enter more deeply into the spirituality of their ministry through prayer, song and reflection. All sessions begin at 6:30pm and will take place at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. There is no cost to participate. To register for one (or more) of these evenings, please contact the parish office no later than the Monday morning before the Evening of Reflection. Tuesdays: 5/9; EM's. 5/16; Lectors. 5/23; Music Ministers.

Pro-Life Outreach Opportunity

Holy Cross and Blessed Sacrament Parishes Social Concerns Committee will hold a "Baby Shower" for St. Joseph's Center on Sunday, April 30 at 2pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 216 Rebecca Street, Throop. Admission \$15 or comparable gift. Come and enjoy some food, desserts, beverages, party games, prizes, basket raffle & 50/50 raffle. Please RSVP by April 23 by calling 489-5125.

Eucharistic Adoration

We invite you to consider spending time with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays. Our goal is to extend the hours into the evening beginning May 5th in order to make this wonderful devotion more accessible and encourage participation. If you are available between the hours of 12 noon and 8pm, please sign up next weekend.

More Greeters Needed

Our hope is that each person that comes through our church doors on Sunday feel welcomed and know the presence of the Lord Jesus. Greeters help our members and guests form their first impression of our parish. If you're outgoing and like interacting with people, greeting is for you! Like to start small? Try it out and see how simple it is to help transform parish life. Commitments can be temporary and based on your availability. We are in particular need of greeters for the 10am mass. Please see one of the greeters at the church entrances or call the parish office today to try this ministry out! Hospitality plays an important role in parish life. Will you answer the call today to make Sacred Heart of Jesus a place where all feel welcome?

Third Annual Diocesan Men's Conference

Mary calls us to do battle against the forces of evil that are threatening to engulf the world, the Church, our families & ourselves. But the message of Fatima ends on a high note: "My Immaculate Heart Will Triumph" and "She will crush his head" The Third Annual Catholic Men's Conference entitled: "*Be A Man: Mary's Call to BATTLE*" will be held on May 6th at King's College. Come, young & old, & experience a prayerful, spirit-filled, life-changing day featuring keynote presentations by Father Andrew Apostoli CFR of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, EWTN host & Fatima Expert; Steven Ray, a Catholic Speaker, film producer & pilgrimage leader; Matt Fradd, Catholic apologist, author & executive director of *The Porn Effect*. Early bird fee \$30 by Apr 15, after \$35; Students \$15. Go to www.beamanconference.com or call 207-2213 to register.

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

XLT "Exalt!"

XLT (Exalt!) for young adults will be held this Friday, April 28 from 7-9 p.m. at Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis Street, Scranton, PA. The event will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship music by Francis Zelinka (from Full Armor Band), a talk by seminarian Ryan Glenn, reconciliation, and a social. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Dominick Costantino at 570-780-2996.

Valley Community Library 12th Annual "Books Appétit"

Thursday, April 27. Food and drink donated by local restaurants, supermarkets, and bakers. Patti Chen, of newly opened Patti's Pitas in Archbald, will provide the highlighted Chef Demonstration. High quality raffle baskets. See, smell, and taste the unique spices found in the exotic and delicious food of Turkey, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco, and Israel. Tickets - \$25 per person, available at the library. All proceeds benefit Valley Community Library.