

**Memorials Donated April 25 - May 1, 2016**

**Tabernacle Lamp, Altar Candles and Bread & Wine**  
In Memory of Donna Wilson by Mom & Family

**Mass Intentions for April 25 - May 1, 2016**

**Monday, Apr 25**

6:50 am Walter Krystyniak by Mathilda & Joe Dubiel

**Tuesday, Apr 26**

6:50 am John R. Taylor by Jeff Church & Family



**Wednesday, Apr 27**

6:50 am M/M William P. Willis by Mary & the girls

**Thursday, Apr 28**

6:50 am William & Rose Zlotnicki by Sharon & Gerald Gallo

**Friday, Apr 29**

6:50 am Georgiann Gaulinski by Theresa Konecny

**Saturday, Apr 30**

4:00 pm Ann Renaldi by Family

**Sunday, May 1**

8:00 am Joseph & Lillian Neri by Gloria Marsili

10:00 am **First Communion** - Mass for the People

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased including Edward Maceyko Sr, Janet McMullen and Marge Provost.

**Collection for Last Weekend: April 17, 2016**

372 Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$ 6,915.00
Sunday Cash Offerings	205.00
26 Other operating income envelopes	275.00
Total operating income	\$7,395.00

*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.*

**Ministry of Greeters Next Weekend**



Our initial formation session with parish greeters was completed this past week. Greeters will be stationed at church entrances beginning next weekend to welcome all in the spirit of Christ, in warmth and gladness, not only to visitors, but also to regular parishioners. The ministry of the greeter is to be a sign of welcome and hospitality as people are coming through the church doors and making their way into the worship space to pray and recollect themselves for the celebration of the sacred mysteries. Almost everyone likes to be acknowledged and greeted when they arrive for important events. Our encounter with the Risen Jesus in the celebration of the living Word and the Bread of Life is meant to be a most important encounter that is much different from any other encounter we experience. The ministry of the greeter is geared to say that; to say that this gathering is special and you are special. Welcome.

**Mother's Day Carnation Sale**



The Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life will conduct its annual Mother's Day Sale after all of the masses on May 7th and 8th.

This fundraiser is intended to honor Mothers and to promote the value and dignity of human life. The proceeds will be used to continue the chapter's prolife work and to operate its Pro-Life Center.

**Faith Formation Important Date**

**May 1** 2<sup>nd</sup> gr First Holy Communion 10am Mass

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

The Church has great needs around the world, and the United States is no exception. Many dioceses here at home face challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal answers these needs and provides grants for projects to strengthen the faith of the people. Forty-two percent of all dioceses in the United States receive Catholic Home Missions support for evangelization, catechesis, ministry formation, and other areas of faith development. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal collection will be taken up in the Diocese of Scranton this weekend, April 23/24. Please drop any envelopes and donations you have for the Home Missions into the regular collection today. Support of this collection helps our neighbors here in the United States and strengthens the Church at home. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports catechesis, lay leadership training, funding for seminarian education, and other essential pastoral outreach in home mission dioceses.

**Lectors Needed - Formation Available**



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 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 also help us spread the word about this opportunity to others whom you see as a good fit for this ministry.

**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. Our parish will make a pilgrimage to enter the Holy Door at the Cathedral of St. Peter 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 gather the number of parishioners interested.

**Youth for Life Art and Essay Contest**



Pennsylvanians for Human Life announces its 14<sup>th</sup> annual pro-life art and essay contest. This contest is designed to reinforce an attitude of respect for all human life. 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 and 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. 1st prize: \$100, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$30. There are three divisions: Art, Junior Essay and Senior Essay. Contest deadline is May 11th. See the home page of [www.prolifescranton.org](http://www.prolifescranton.org) for a contest application and further details or call 570-343-5099. Please mail entries to: Pro-Life Information Center, 506 Broadway, Scranton, PA 18505 by May 11th.

**Holy Cross Spring Concert**



Holy Cross High School presents the 2016 Spring Concert and Art Exhibit, "Earth Day", on Sunday, May 1st. The Art Exhibit will open at 2pm and the Spring Concert will begin at 4pm. Both events will be held at Holy Cross High School. Come join us as we celebrate the talents of our students!

**Abortion Law in Pennsylvania**

"Safe, Legal and Rare" is a common refrain of abortion supporters. However, a legal late-term procedure known as "dismemberment abortion" carries significant risk to the health of the mother and requires the baby's limbs to be torn

from his or her body. This results in an increased risk of infection and laceration for the mother. But it is still legal in Pennsylvania. Obviously the procedure is lethal to the unborn baby as well. Medical research shows that babies feel pain and can live outside the womb at 20 weeks, yet the dismemberment abortion is allowed in Pennsylvania until 24 weeks, or about 6 months gestation. Would you be surprised to find out that only 7 countries allow elective late term abortions, and in addition to North Korea and China, the U.S. is one of them? Even though survey after survey shows that Americans want to limit late-term abortions, here in Pennsylvania babies can be aborted until six months gestation. It's time to update PA's laws to be in line with the will of most Americans as well as medical advancements that reveal the baby's ability to feel pain and live outside the womb. And we should continue to work to support women and men who are faced with unplanned pregnancies, so that they don't feel abortion is their only option. Tell your representatives to Support the Fetal Pain Dismemberment Abortion Ban. House Bill 1948 could be voted on by the House at any time, but representatives need to hear from their constituents to urge them to take a vote. Join thousands of other Pennsylvanians in asking your legislator to take action today by going to [www.pacatholic.org/resources/voter-voice](http://www.pacatholic.org/resources/voter-voice).

**Life Lines:** May all who suffer after abortion receive peace and healing through Christ's Sacred Heart.

**Bereavement Support Group Meeting**



Our Lady of the Snows Church, 301 S. State St., Clarks Summit, hosts a small group support that gathers on the first Wednesday of each month at 10am and the third Sunday of every month at 2pm in the parish center/rectory. For more information, please call Nettie at 570-586-1741.

**May 2016 Assignments for Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center**

May 4-- Maria Ceccacci    May 11-- Silvia Passeri    May 18-- Ginny Yazinski    May 25-- Sharon Gallo

**May 2016 Liturgical Assignments**

(Please be sure to arrange your own substitutions when necessary)

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>SERVERS &amp; CROSSBEARER</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MIN OF HOLY COM</b>
Apr 30	4:00pm	C. Laboranti, N. Skapyak, P. Redman	Sal Urso	Jo Ann Berta, Donna Fazio, Grace Berardi
May 1	8:00am	C. Cotroneo, J. Krishanda, J. Redman	Chet Merli	Joan Angeli, Mark Horn
	10:00am	Joseph, Julia, Alyssa Koniszewski	Frank Lesnefsky	Tom & Jean Conigliaro
May 7	4:00pm	Andrew, Edward, Matt Gregorowicz	Kim Gregorowicz	Mariclare Berardelli, Pete Setta, Nadine Greco
May 8	8:00am	C. Burak, G. Villano, Nina Collarini	Stephen Skierski	David & Gail Haas
	10:00am	S. Ferraro, M. Farrell, J. Loomis	Dennis Fanucci	Elissa Pompey, Frank Ghilardi
May 14	4:00pm	C. Laboranti, N. Skapyak, P. Redman	Frank Blasi	Jo Ann Berta, Donna Fazio, Silvia Celli
May 15	8:00am	C. Cotroneo, J. Krishanda, J. Redman	Maria Neri	Joan Angeli, Mark Horn
	10:00am	Ed Kozlowski, Brianna & Michael Zipay	Lisa Kozlowski	Kim Wolfel, Jean Conigliaro
May 21	4:00pm	Andrew, Edward, Matt Gregorowicz	Bill Nalevanko	Mariclare Berardelli, Pete Setta, Nadine Greco
May 22	8:00am	C. Burak, G. Villano, Nina Collarini	Maggie Lund	David & Gail Haas
	10:00am	Aiden Alco, Joe & Alyssa Koniszewski	Frank Lesnefsky	Elissa Pompey, Frank Ghilardi
May 28	4:00pm	C. Laboranti, N. Skapyak, P. Redman	Sal Urso	Jo Ann Berta, Donna Fazio, Grace Berardi
May 29	8:00am	C. Cotroneo, J. Krishanda, J. Redman	Chet Merli	Joan Angeli, Mark Horn
	10:00am	Julia Koniszewski, S. Ferraro, M. Farrell	Dennis Fanucci	Kim Wolfel, Tom Conigliaro