

Memorials Donated Aril 4 - 10, 2016

Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of the Ceci Family by Lisena Romitelli

Mass Intentions for Aril 4 - 10, 2016

Monday, Apr 4

6:50 am Joseph & Anna Berta by Jo Ann Berta

Tuesday, Apr 5

6:50 am David Okon by Okon & Dombrosky families

Wednesday, Apr 6

6:50 am Mass for all our intentions

Thursday, Apr 7

6:50 am Carol Boros by Candida & Paul Smola

Friday, Apr 8

6:50 am Veronica Konecny by Theresa Konecny

Saturday, Apr 9

4:00 pm Josephine Arato by Tina Bruno

Sunday, Apr 10

8:00 am Vera Backey by daughter

10:00 am David S. Wargo by James & Beverly Zeller

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased including Mary Lund, Helen Barber and Richard Collarini.



reconciliation." To read more about the year of mercy, visit our parish website and click on the tab 'Year of Mercy'.

Nothing draws us more magnetically into the mercy of Jesus Sacred Heart than the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. This weekend, we are providing magnetic copies of the works of mercy. There are enough copies for each of our households to display on your refrigerators, giving us a constant reminder every day of the many ways we can promote mercy in our world, especially during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Remember that Mercy is another name for God. It's our mercy that reveals to those around us the face of God. At the end of each day let us examine our lives to see just where and what kind of mercy we have accomplished. *"Nothing graces the Christian soul so much as mercy."* - St. Ambrose

Year of Mercy Diocesan 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. The pilgrimage begins at 9:30am 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. **Our parish will make this pilgrimage on Saturday, June 4th.** More details about our pilgrimage will follow.

Liturgy and Becoming the Church of Mercy



Pope Francis has declared this year as an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy inviting everyone to reconsider both spiritually and practically the importance of mercy in our lives. On Tuesday, April 19th at 6pm at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish (339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston) Rev. Eric Schimmel, C.S.C. and Robert Yenkowski, both from King's College, WilkesBarre, will provide insight into how our participation in the sacred liturgy helps us become more merciful in our lives. The meeting begins with dinner at 6pm, followed by the presentation at 7pm, and concludes with Night Prayer. There is no cost for the event, but a free-will offering will be taken up to help offset the cost of dinner. To register, please contact David Baloga, NPM Scranton Chapter Program Director at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158.

Prayers for Life

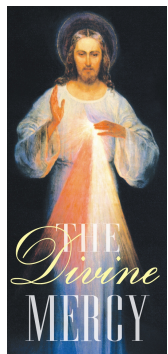
Easter is a season of life and abortion is the most widespread and violent attack on human life in our day. We invite you to join with Priests for Life in praying an Easter Prayer for Life from now until May 5th. The daily prayers can be found at

Collection for Easter Weekend: March 27, 2016

366 Easter Envelopes	\$10,840.00
Easter cash offerings	603.00
280 Sunday Offertory Envelopes	4,884.00
13 Other operating envelopes	109.00
Total operating income	\$16,436.00
Holy Thursday Rice Bowl Collection	967.00
Good Friday Holy Land Collection	726.00

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday



This Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. While we in the Catholic Church celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, it is very fitting to share with all people of the world, the Message of Divine Mercy that Christ had given to us through Saint Faustina. One of the beautiful gifts that Saint Faustina had received from Jesus was the following excerpt found on page 42 of her Diary, entry #83 (which Jesus wanted her to share with the world): "Before

I come as the just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy." Pope Francis calls us to embrace the Year of Mercy as "the time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone the way of forgiveness and

www.PrayerCampaign.org. Also, March 31st marked the 11th anniversary of the death of Terri Shiavo who was killed by court ordered dehydration. Priests for life and Terri's family together established Terri's Day to take place every March 31st to remember Terri and all of our vulnerable brothers and sisters. Visit www.Terriday.org to join them in prayer and for more information about this ministry for life.

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. Registration fee is \$35 per adult (\$30 if paid by April 1) & \$15 for students. For more information or online registration go to www.beamanconference.com or contact Michael Kilmer at 570-746-0100 or MKilmer@thekilmergroup.com.

Faith Formation Important Dates

Apr 3	8 th gr Confirmation practice	11am
Apr 9	2 nd gr First Communion Retreat	9am-Noon
Apr 10	8 th gr Confirmation practice	11am
Apr 10 & 17	Registration during class time for 2016-2017	
Apr 12	8 th gr Confirmation	5pm
May 1	2 nd gr First Holy Communion	10am Mass

Canonization of Mother Teresa & Four Blessed



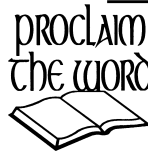
Mother Teresa will become a canonized saint on Sept. 4th in Rome. Pope Francis signed the decree for the canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata, formerly Calcutta, and announced the date and venue of the ceremony for her and four

others. On Oct. 19, 2003, Mother Teresa was beatified after Pope St. John Paul II recognized her miraculous healing of an Indian woman with a tumor in her abdomen. On Dec. 17, 2015, Pope Francis recognized the miraculous healing from the late sister's intercession of a Brazilian man with multiple brain abscesses. The consistory also approved and confirmed the following canonizations for four other blessed. Blessed Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad, a Swedish Lutheran convert who established the Bridgettine order in her nation; Blessed Stanislaus Papczynski of Poland, who founded the Marians of the Immaculate Conception; Blessed Jose Sanchez del Rio, a 14-year-old Mexican boy who was killed for refusing to renounce his faith in the 1920s during the Cristero War; and Argentine Blessed Jose Gabriel del Rosario, referred to as the 'gaucho priest'.

Papa Bear Club Fundraiser

Blakely High's Papa Bear Club members will be at Raymor and Flanigan's Furniture store on Saturday April 9, at 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Free jersey's will be given with any purchase. The club raises money for local organizations including Marines Toys for Tots, VFW, and gives 2 scholarships to students from Blakely every year. Please join them. Refreshments will be served.

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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Needed



Our parish is in need of additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to serve at weekend masses. Extraordinary Ministers are persons who believe in, and have a deep reverence for, the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. If you feel God may be calling you to be an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, the Office for Parish Life will offer another training course on April 4, 11 & 18 (Mondays) from 6:30pm-9pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 330 Wyoming Avenue in Scranton. Please note that it is necessary for candidates to attend all three sessions. Please call the parish office if you would like to be considered for this ministry and register for training. Please also spread the word about this opportunity to others whom you see as a good fit for this ministry.

"Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in a good life. Therefore the servant of God ought always to be in good spirits." - St. Philip Neri

Skills Workshop



"Understanding Family Systems and Their Influence on Ministry." Saturday, April 23, 9am-4pm at St. Faustina Kowalska Parish Center, 518 S Hanover Street, Nanticoke. Grow in your awareness of your own family system and those of the people to whom you minister. Sr. Ann Perrin, cnd, lmf, adjunct professor in the Graduate Counseling Department at University of Scranton, will provide a practical and informative look at family systems, their developmental cycles and relational dynamics. This day will include lecture, self-reflection, practical application and small group sharing.

Wedding Bells

This weekend we offer sincere and best wishes for many blessings of God upon Mr. & Mrs. Adam and Kristen (Zelinski) Ortwein married in our church on Friday afternoon of April 1 by visiting priest, Father Robert George. May every grace of God accompany them along the way.