

**Tabernacle Lamp donated Dec 14 thru Dec 20**

*In Thanksgiving by Anita and George Lesho*

**Altar Candles donated Dec 14 thru Dec 20**

*In Memory of Rob Phillips by brother and sister in-laws*

**Mass Intentions for Dec 14 thru 20, 2015**

**Monday, Dec 14**

6:50 am Leonard Lupini by children

**Tuesday, Dec 15**

6:50 am Joseph Seigle by family

**Wednesday, Dec 16**

6:50 am Lando "Polo" Preschutti by wife June & family

**Thursday, Dec 17**

6:50 am Anna Argonish by Bernard Welene

**Friday, Dec 18**

6:50 am Rob Phillips by mother & father in law, Dave & Barbara

**Saturday, Dec 19**

4:00 pm Pietro & Giovannina Gatti by family

**Sunday, Dec 20**

8:00 am Deceased Carey Family by Bill & Jim Tarby

10:00 am Martin, Hilda, & Gerard Patelunas by Christine Griffin

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased: Ruth Sadauckas, Helen Zvirblis.



Kondrat, M/M John Lund Jr, M/M James McGowan, M/M Chester Merli, M/M Joseph Mondak, M/M Glen Pazzalia, M/M Stephen Pernot, M/M Thomas Rainey, Mrs Rena Romitelli & Son, M/M Ken Rupp, Mrs. Marilyn Serafini, Mrs Mary Swika, M/M Scott Thomas, M/M Richard Tracewski, Mrs Helen Vanderburg Family, Dr & Mrs Zoe Zehel, Mr Leo Zini Jr, M/M Bernard Zipay.

**Christmas Wafers Available**

For those who observe the Christmas wafer tradition on Christmas Eve, please note that the packets are located on the table in the main vestibule only while supplies last. A donation of \$3.00 per packet is suggested.

**Advent Giving Tree**



Once again we have the opportunity to reach out to children at St Joseph's Center and residents of Lackawanna Health and Rehab. A few tags are still available on the tree in the Willow Street entrance. Please wrap all gifts and return them to the tree area or the rectory with the appropriate tag securely attached to the outside of each package no later than Thursday, December 18 in time for Christmas distribution.

**Parish Calendars for 2016**

We sincerely thank the Louis Margotta Family with their Funeral Home Establishments in Jessup and Peckville in providing Sacred Heart Parish with new calendars for 2016. These calendars once again focus our attention on Stewardship as a Way of Life. They offer us twelve clear depictions and terse sayings grounded in biblical stewardship that is at the heart of discipleship.

**Advent Schedule of Deanery Penance Services**

In addition to Confessions being heard at Sacred Heart every Saturday from 3:15pm to 3:45pm, priests from churches throughout the deanery will be at each of the Penance Services below to make the sacrament more available to all as we prepare for the Solemnity of Christmas.

	Date	Time	Church
Sunday	Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	Sacred Heart, Peckville
Monday	Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Sacred Hearts, Jermyn
Monday	Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	St. Patrick's, Olyphant
Monday	Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Corpus Christi, Montdale
Tuesday	Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Visitation, Dickson City
Wednesday	Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	St. Thomas, Archbald
Thursday	Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	St. Michael's, Jessup
Thursday	Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	St. Rose, Carbondale

**Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

Our weekly exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Advent will conclude Friday, Dec 18th. Please use the sign-up sheets located at the entrances of the church over the weekend or call the rectory to sign up for an adoration period. Please pray for the people of our parish and for the people around the world whose lives are being threatened and taken for their faith in Jesus Christ.



**Collection for Last Weekend: December 6, 2015**

390 Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$ 7,885.00
Sunday Cash Offerings	247.00
5 Other operating income envelopes	19.00
Total operating income	\$8,151.00

*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.*



We are very grateful to all who have supported the 2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal thus far. The diocese continues to enter In-Pew Commitment Weekend collections. Currently, 34.5% of our parish families have pledged and raised a total of **\$42,161.00** reaching 95.8% of our assigned goal of \$44,000. Thank you for your generosity!

At this point, the Diocese has received \$4,382,400 in pledges and gifts from 26,735 donors, bringing it to 87.65% of the \$5 million diocesan goal.

We continue to thank all our donors and acknowledge the following new donors as of December 7th: M/M Michael Angeloni, M/M Michael Beneski, Mrs Nancy Campbell & Family, Mr Michael Carson, M/M Enrico Cesarini & Family, M/M Thomas Conigliaro, M/M Phillip Crapara, M/M Carl Daiute, Mr Dennis Fanucci, M/M Mark Farrell, Mrs Rosemary Grzenda, M/M Joseph Kondrat, Mrs Theresa



### **Bishop To Open Holy Door of Mercy at Cathedral**

On March 13th, Pope Francis announced an extraordinary Jubilee called the "Year of Mercy". During the Jubilee a general pardon and indulgence is open to all with the possibility to renew one's relationship with God and neighbor. The rite of opening the Holy Doors illustrates symbolically the idea that during the Jubilee Year the faithful are offered an "extraordinary" pathway toward salvation. To inaugurate our observance of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, Bishop Bambera will open the Holy Door of Mercy at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton on Sunday, December 13th, at the 10am Mass. All are welcome to participate in this celebration. CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live. As noted by Bishop Bambera in his letter in the November 19 issue of *The Catholic Light*, the intent of this yearlong observance is for the church throughout the world to unite in reclaiming mercy as "the very foundation of the Church's life." The Bishop said that the Holy Father's vision for a Church of mercy - "steeped in love and forgiveness" - is further inspiration for the pastoral vision we set forth together for the Church of Scranton in *Wounded and Loved: Regathering the Scattered*. "In this vision, and in your continuing tireless efforts today in every parish across the Diocese, we have committed ourselves to a mature and lively faith expressed consciously in those same works of mercy performed by Jesus himself: securing justice for the oppressed, giving food and clothing to those in need, setting prisoners free, opening the eyes of the blind, healing those who suffer, providing companionship to those who are alone or lost, bringing people back to life. May I encourage all of the faithful to participate as fully as possible in the many opportunities which will be part of our Diocesan participation in the Year of Mercy."

### **Upcoming Service Opportunities in the Year of Mercy at Sacred Heart**

Our Parish Pastoral Council is still working to establish a stronger pastoral plan for the areas of community and service in response to Bishop Bambera's pastoral vision, *Wounded and Loved: Regathering the Scattered*. The ongoing implementation of this plan will include the second part of our **Parish Care Campaign**, "Time and Talent". Our hope is to implement "Time and Talent" during the Season of Lent with a Parish Ministry Fair in which current and needed ministries in the areas of Word, Worship, Community, Service and Stewardship will be showcased. Parishioners will be invited and have the opportunity to learn more about such ministries and discern how God is calling them to take an active part in serving our parish family. In the coming weeks, we will be looking for volunteers to assist

with the Ministry Fair since many hands will be needed to make it a success. More information to follow.

### **Catholic Choral Society Advent Concert**



In a 68 year choral history of songs for the season, the Catholic Choral Society will present an Advent Concert on Tuesday, Dec 15th at 7pm (snow date Dec 17th) at the Forty Fort United Methodist Church: 26 Yeager Ave in Forty Fort (at the corner of Yeager and Wyoming Avenues). The group will be singing sacred Advent and Christmas music as well other Christmas pieces. The concert is open to the public free of charge. Pastor of the church is Rev. Philip Wanck. The Catholic Choral Society is composed of more than 60 members from both Luzerne, Wayne, Wyoming Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties. Dr. Thomas Rittenhouse and Brenda Grunza are co-presidents of the Catholic Choral Society. Jean Shields is accompanist and Ann Manganiello is music director of this group. For information about concerts and membership please call 570-587-2753 or see [www.catholicchoralsociety.org](http://www.catholicchoralsociety.org)

### **New Media Rack**

Check out our *New Media Rack* located in the Willow Street vestibule! You will find the rack stocked with low-cost Catholic resources including audio presentations from the world's best Catholic speakers, life-changing Catholic books, informative booklets and pamphlets, and more! These materials provide an excellent resource for your continuing education and an effective tool to help spread the Good News and evangelize others! Please take advantage!

### **Our Parish Website**

Go to [www.sacredheartpeckville.org](http://www.sacredheartpeckville.org) which is now current and running. There you will find posted bulletins, mass schedules, and other helpful parish information.

### **Christmas Schedule and Liturgical Assignments**

As in recent years, the Mass schedules for Christmas and New Years will be the same as our regular weekend schedule: 4:00 pm, 8:00 am, and 10:00 am. The 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass will be accompanied by choir and instruments similar to last year. The liturgical assignments for the Masses will appear in the bulletin next weekend.

### **The Christmas Collection**

Our Parish Care Program initiated last May has been very successful in supplying the much needed funds for operating the administration aspects of our parish through the hiring of a full time person for parish administration. Nonetheless, the Annual Christmas Collection remains a very important part of our annual parish income. Please be generous as always and do only what is possible for you. As the Spirit of God inspires us in His ways of stewardship and generosity, may it become for us a way of life, a way of living our faith and a clear way of showing our gratitude to God. Msgr.

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