

Memorials Feb 13 – 19, 2017

Altar Candles

In Memory of Roger Canevari by children

Mass Intentions February 13 – February 19, 2017

Monday, Feb 13

6:50 am Pacini & Cicilioni Family by Orlando Cicilioni

Tuesday, Feb 14

6:50 am John & Lillian Coccodrilli by Roy & Dennis Fanucci

Wednesday, Feb 15

6:50 am Deceased Lach Family by Veronica Rutkowski

Thursday, Feb 16

6:50 am Mary Sweet by daughter

Friday, Feb 17

6:50 am Cecelia Taylor by Frank Lesnefsky Family

Saturday, Feb 18

4:00 pm Gene Gasparini + Ann Pascucci by Eleanor Ghilardi

Sunday, Feb 19

8:00 am Alfred & Derna Becchetti by grandchildren

10:00am Fanucci/Giombetti grandparents by Roy & Dennis F.

Remember in Your Prayers

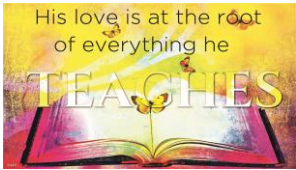
Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased, George Lesho and Sarah Gillott.

Collection for last Weekend: February 5, 2017

352 Sunday Offertory Envelopes

\$6,507.50

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The commandments Jesus gives in today's Gospel are not easy to follow. He takes the ancient Ten Commandments to a deeper level of application. He says more than

do not kill. Rather, do not even harbor anger in our hearts. He says more than do not commit adultery. Rather, do not even indulge in lustful thoughts. Undoubtedly, Jesus is asking us to chart a challenging course. But he would not expect us to follow such a course if it were impossible to do so. So bear in mind that Jesus doesn't set high standards to test or punish us. His love for us is at the root of everything he teaches us. Following these challenging commandments will in fact make us happier people, even here and now.

Jesus expects great things of us, but he doesn't expect us to do them alone on our own power. Through the presence of his Spirit in our hearts, we have his divine assistance to help us. When we pray, frequent the sacraments, and ask God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, he responds by filling our hearts with everything we need to accomplish our spiritual goals. As with so many good things in life, committed effort on our part is necessary--whether it be maintaining good health, accomplishing a certain skill, or earning a sought-after award. So too is it with a soul that is free of darkness and sin. We need to exercise a life of virtue by taking the advice of Jesus, the best life coach we could ever hope to have.

World Marriage Sunday

Today is World Marriage Day. Now in its 35th consecutive year, it received the Apostolic Blessing of Pope St. John

Paul II in 1993. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. The World Marriage Day symbol speaks readily of the role and values we proclaim. Husband and wife are symbolically seen as two candle-like figures, reminding us that married love calls us to help enlighten the world. The couple is joined by a heart, focusing on love as the power that fosters unity within the couple and generates the capacity to be life-giving and inspire others to fruitfulness and unity. The permanent theme of World Marriage Day is "Love One Another." This phrase is the commandment given us by Jesus in John 15:12. It speaks to us in a simple but challenging way of how our Father wishes us to live. Loving one another is a daily decision that's simple but challenging.



In his exhortation, "The Joy of Love" ("Amoris Laetitia"), Pope Francis speaks about marriage and family life: • "The word of God tells us that the family is entrusted to a man, a woman and their children, so that they may become a communion of persons in the image of the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" (no. 29). • "No one can think that the weakening of the family as that natural society founded on marriage will prove beneficial to society as a whole" (no. 52). • "The sacrament [of marriage] is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses" (no. 72). • "The Church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches" (no. 87). • "In our families, we must learn to imitate Jesus' own gentleness in our way of speaking to one another" (no. 100). For resources to prepare for marriage or strengthen your marriage and family, visit www.foryourmarriage.org.

Parish Leaders to Meet—Monday, Feb 13

The meeting will be held in the auditorium tomorrow evening at 6:30pm. The meeting is for all parishioners involved in our many ministries along with all members of the pastoral and finance councils. Other interested parishioners are also welcome attend. The purpose of the meeting is to formulate our own parish plans for this transition year as we contemplate the Bishop's initiative for ongoing parish renewal and a fitting observance for the 150th anniversary of our Diocese in 2018. This meeting will also serve to promote a smooth transition into the leadership of a new pastor sometime in the fall of 2017, as well as formalize plans for our upcoming Parish Ministry Fair in March.



Second Annual Parish Ministry Fair

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish will celebrate its Second Annual Parish Ministry Fair on the weekend of March 4-5. This year the fair will be open after all the masses to give everyone a convenient opportunity to attend. This fair concludes our second successful ongoing Parish Care Campaign. In the last two years many parishioners have generously expressed their parish support

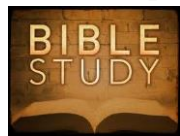
through their consistent financial contributions and the offering of their time and talent. The ministry fair invites everyone once again to explore the many ways you can share your gifts of time and talent in the service of our parish community! We will have all of our ministries represented with ministry leaders present to provide you with more information. This year we offer a new opportunity to explore your gifts by using a "Spiritual Gifts Inventory" questionnaire. This helpful tool will provide an outline of your God given gifts and talents and help you choose a ministry that matches your gifts. From fellowship to mission and outreach, to prayer and spiritual growth, you'll learn more about what our parish has to offer and meet the many other members already involved in parish ministries. Come enjoy complimentary snacks, beverages, music and door prizes. Bring the kids! It will be a special opportunity for community interaction for all who take part!

Welcoming Our New Greeter



This weekend we welcome Benny Gregorowicz to the Greeters ministry. We thank him for joyfully coming forward to offer his time and talent for building up the body through his welcoming presence. May God bless Benny and nurture his faith through his willing service to our parish.

Spring Faith Formation Opportunity



Lenten Bible Study: A Great Bible Study for beginners! How are we to read the Bible as Catholics? What is the connection between the Old Testament and the New?

What are the covenants and why are they important for understanding God's revelation in the Bible? This bible study, created by renowned scholar, Dr. Scott Haun, and presented by Brendan Murphy, M.A., will answer these questions and more this lent. Learn how to read the Bible in this six week course. Begins Thursday, February 23, from 6pm-7pm. Come and join us... bring your Bible and a friend! Dates: Feb. 23, Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, & Apr 6 (no class Mar 2). There is no cost for this study. Questions? Call Brendan at 280-7881 or email murph50@hotmail.com.

Nation Wide Pro Life Rally, Scranton



On February 11, thousands of pro-lifers across the country held rallies at Planned Parenthood facilities and town squares, calling for an immediate end to the organization's federal funding and

transferring those funds to clinics who truly serve women by providing pre-natal care. In all, more than 60 pro-life organizations were lined up behind this rally effort. Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion chain and annually receives over \$500 million funded by taxpayers. Pro-life leaders in Washington are now moving to end that government subsidy.

Please pray for those who see the grave injustice of destroying defenseless human beings growing in the womb. Do not be afraid to raise your voices with tens of thousands of other pro-lifers across the nation demanding change to end our

government investment in the culture of death. Stand by for other opportunities to publicly participate in the national movement to end discrimination against the unborn.

In the meantime, we are strongly encouraged to be in contact with legislators by making our public positions known while assuring them that we are behind them when they truly represent us.

Remember, the Gospel of Life calls us to be conscientious citizens. As we consider Catholic advocacy concerning so many issues of social justice, we must always begin with study and prayer, which ideally should lead us to action. We must not be afraid to take peaceful action. We do that when we send messages to elected officials about legislation that has to do with human life and the need to safeguard and enhance its quality especially around the marginal edges. The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) has numerous action alerts on a variety of issues. Citizens are encouraged to let their legislators know they care deeply about these important public issues. Be courageous and go to the website www.pacatholic.org where you can sign up to become part of the network and receive their action alerts on important public policy issues that affect: catholic education, religious liberty, life & dignity of human persons, marriage & family, social justice, health care and faith & politics. You can also find contact information for your elected officials to call, write, visit, or send your own e-mail messages.

Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities Awareness



You are cordially invited to a special liturgy with Bishop Bambera on Sunday Feb 19th at 10am at the Cathedral. We will prayerfully celebrate the many gifts those with developmental or intellectual disabilities bring to the Church and the community. All are welcome: anyone with developmental or intellectual disabilities, their family members, and friends, anyone who works or lives with them. Ministers are needed to serve as readers, greeters and gift bearers. If a person with a developmental or intellectual disability would like to volunteer to help in one of these roles, contact Jennifer at the Office for Parish Life at 207-2213 by Tues. Feb. 14, to be included in the Mass program.

LTP Virtual Workshops

LTP Virtual Workshops Liturgy Training Publications is offering several different series of online workshops for cantors, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Communion, liturgists, teachers and catechists throughout the year. These virtual workshops invite participants to engage with the presenter and one another in providing feedback, reflections on the topic at hand, and discuss best practices and strategies for enhancing engagement in their ministries. Here are some of the upcoming virtual workshops: *The Liturgies of Holy Week: Increasing Attendance & Participation* - Tuesday, February 14 at 1pm. *Proclaiming the Seasons: Entering into the Lenten Scriptures*— February 23 at 7:30pm. The cost for each session is \$10. For more info, to register, or to see other sessions available throughout the year, please visit www.ltp.org/virtualworkshops.