

Mass Intentions February 20 – February 26, 2017

Monday, Feb 20

6:50 am Eugene Anastasio by Jack & Roseann

Tuesday, Feb 21

6:50 am Deceased Ceci Family members by Lisena Romitelli

Wednesday, Feb 22

6:50 am Anna Fanning by Jack & Elise Gilroy

2:30pm Lackawanna Rehab Mass

Thursday, Feb 23

6:50 am Eleanor Banick by Ron & Maryann Mengel

Friday, Feb 24

6:50 am Robert Ross by family

Saturday, Feb 25

4:00 pm Mass for Parishioners

Sunday, Feb 26

8:00 am Giacomo Sebastianelli by Diane & Jean

10:00am Bernard J Griffin +Dorothy Griffin Wolfe by Gary + Christine Griffin

Memorials for Feb 20 - 26, 2017

Tabernacle Lamp: In Memory of Deceased Ceci Family by Lisena Romitelli. Altar Candles: In Memory of Roger & Florence Canevari by children

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved, and the recently deceased: Pearl Bellan, Evo Cipriani and Elaine Llewellyn.

Collection for last Weekend: February 12, 2017

322 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$7,385.50

Fundraiser Reports

During the first half of each fiscal year we run four parish fundraisers from July thru December. All fundraising in our parish is dedicated to designated major improvements which are tackled as assets permit. Our latest improvement was the installation of the new church boiler completed last October at the cost of \$43,982.00. We sincerely thank everyone who supports parish improvements through our successful parish fundraising efforts. See impressive net proceeds below.

Summer Cash Raffle, July 2016:	\$19,444.00
Flea and Food Fest, August 2016:	\$15,924.00
Annual Beef Dinner, October 2016:	\$7,123.00
Italian Cookie Sale, December 2016:	\$800.00
Net proceeds grand total.....	\$43,291.00

Baby Bottle Round Up

Please return all baby bottles this week (even if unused) so they can be forwarded to other parishes interested in doing this Pro Life Project. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Valley Blood Council Blood Drive

The Valley Council of the American Red Cross will host a blood drive on Thursday, Feb.23rd from 12pm to 5pm at Eynon VFW at 284 Main Street in Eynon. Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh 110 lbs. This drive is in honor and memory of all Veterans of Foreign Wars. Why Donate Blood? Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. Please answer the call to donate!

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow." Today Jesus continues the powerful teaching of his Sermon on the Mount. Typical

of this famous sermon, here he urges us to see things in a new way, specifically regarding situations and people who bother us. First, he tells us not to seek revenge. Instead, we are to demonstrate incredible generosity. Then, he instructs us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." These instructions don't come naturally to most of us. We are much more inclined to want to get even with those who cause us to suffer, and to wish ill for those who have hurt us. But Jesus proposes another way.

In truth, what good does it do to seek revenge or foster hate? It only continues the cycle of evil. Jesus encourages behavior that will stop the cycle short. He gives us a model that--although it may not change the heart of our "enemies"--will nonetheless change OUR hearts for the better. When pressed into service for one mile, if we voluntarily go two, then WE are the ones whose attitude and experience is certain to change. Instead of spending the length of that one mile cursing and complaining, we spend the length of two miles enjoying a surprising kind of freedom: "I chose to do this," instead of "I am being forced to do this."

When we practice the generosity of giving more than we are asked, and the charity of praying for those who persecute us, we will find ourselves in a position to transcend the trouble. It sets us free to not be mastered by the evil around us. Thus, we are able to help end the cycle of evil and begin a new cycle of love and peace.

Blakely/Peckville Crime Watch Mardi Gras



Come Join Us for a Pre Lent Celebration on Friday, Feb 24th at Fiorelli's from 6pm to 10pm. Good food, beer, wine & soda, and many delectable desserts! Two bands will

be performing (all included). For more info and tickets call Mayor Jeanette Mariani @ 570-383-9946 or Jo Ann Berta @ 570-383-0196. **No ticket sales at door.** Come support us while having a great time! Fun for all!

Second Annual Parish Ministry Fair

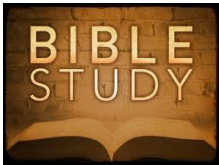
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish will celebrate its Second Annual Parish Ministry Fair the weekend of March 4-5. The fair will be celebrated after all the masses this year to give everyone a convenient opportunity to attend. This is the second year of our successful Parish Care Campaign, in which



many of you have generously expressed your parish support through financial contributions and offering your time and talent. The ministry fair invites parishioners to explore the many ways you can share your gifts of time and talent in the service of our parish community! Ministry leaders represent-

ing our various ministries will be present to provide you with more information. This year we offer a new opportunity to explore your gifts 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 hors d'oeuvres and desserts, beverages, music and door prizes. Bring the kids! It will be a special opportunity for community for all of us!

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 Hahn, 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 & 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.

"Come and See" Young Men's Vocation Retreat



How are you answering the call to *'Leave a Mark'*? This retreat is designed to help young men aged 18+ to understand God's call to diocesan priesthood through prayer, discussion and presentation. The retreat will be

held at Villa of Our Lady Retreat House in Mount Pocono on Friday, Feb 24 beginning at 7pm through Saturday, Feb 25 until 7pm. Presentations will include: practical steps for discerning a vocation to Diocesan Priesthood, seminary life, academics, spiritual life, pastoral ministry and vocation stories from seminarians and priests. There will also be free time to read, rest, exercise and/or engage in informal conversations. RSVP by contacting Fr. Don Williams at 570-207-1452 or at vocations@dioceseofscranton.org by February 19.

Altus Women's Course

The diocesan women's group, Altus, will be hosting a book study, *Beholding His Glory*, by Lisa Brenninkmeyer of Walking with Purpose. The study will show us how all Scripture points to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We'll encounter problems that only Christ will solve, needs that only He will satisfy, and promises that only He can deliver. We'll learn to recognize and appreciate God's plan for our own lives and His desire for personal intimacy with each one of us. *Beholding His Glory* will begin on March 8th and will conclude on May 10th, with one week break in the middle of

the course (on April 12th) to celebrate Holy Week. Primary meeting location: Our Lady of the Abington's, Dalton. For more info and to register go to www.altusforwomen.com

Little Sisters of the Poor St. Patrick's Day Celebration



The Little Sisters of the Poor are kicking off St. Patrick's Day in the city of Scranton at their fourth annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Dinner on Sunday, March 5, at Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton, located adjacent to Marywood University. The event will begin with Mass at 11am with a bagpipe processional and recessional in the chapel followed by the dinner & entertainment from 12pm to 4pm in the auditorium. Proceeds will be used to purchase patient lifts and standing and raising aids for the residents. Entertainment from Kearns Drum and Pipe Band, D.J. Dr. Dragon, and Irish step dancing by the Crossmolina School of Dance. A Bake sale will include the Sisters' famous homemade scones and an assortment of other baked goods, and raffles for gift baskets and gift certificates for area restaurants businesses as well as a 50/50 raffle. Free & convenient parking. Handicap accessible van will provide shuttle service from Marywood University parking lot on the corner of Adams and University Avenues to the dinner. Tickets for adults are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets for children 10 and younger are \$6. Tickets and sponsorship can be purchased in advance by calling Jackie Galvin at 343-4065 or online at www.littlesistersofthepoorscranton.org.

Ash Wednesday Retreat



The Office for Parish Life will offer a Retreat on Ash Wednesday, March 1, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. The day will begin at 9am and end at 2:30pm Sister Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M. will lead the retreat "Living with a Lenten Heart." Sister serves as a writer, presenter, and spiritual guide through her Mobile Spirituality Ministry. Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter's Cathedral with distribution of ashes. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to Mass. The fee is \$30, which includes lunch. To register, call Mary Anne Malone at the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

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: *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.