

Memorials Donated February 8 thru 14, 2016

Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of James DeVivo by Gianna & Nicolo

Altar Candles

In Memory of James DeVivo by Peggy & Jean Anne

Bread & Wine

In Memory of James DeVivo by wife June

Mass Intentions for Feb 8 thru 14, 2016



Monday, Feb 8

6:50 am Elizabeth Pompey by M/M Robert Decker

Tuesday, Feb 9

6:50 am George Lesho in thanksgiving by Anita

Wednesday, Feb 10 ~ Ash Wednesday

6:50 am Mass for the People (& ashes)

12:00 pm Mass for the People (& ashes)

2:30 pm Lacka- Mass for the People

4:00 pm Ashes Only

6:00 pm Ashes Only



Thursday, Feb 11

6:50 am Theresa Witko by Carmella Gruzkeski

Friday, Feb 12

6:50 am Theodore Kempa by M/M Paul Kempa & children

Saturday, Feb 13

4:00 pm Gesto Panettieri by Edward Ghilardi

Sunday, Feb 14

8:00 am Cecelia Taylor by Frank Lesnefsky & Family

10:00 am Irene Castellani by family

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased including **James Douglas Walsh**.

Collection for Last Weekend: January 31, 2016

385 Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$ 6,313.00
Sunday Cash Offerings	158.00
11 Other operating income envelopes	113.00
Total operating income	\$6,584.00

Collection for clergy education and care \$ 847.00

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. as well as those who are being conscientious to their Parish Care commitments.

Pope Francis' Lenten Message

The theme for Pope Francis's Lenten message for 2016 is "The Works of Mercy on the Road of the Jubilee." Pope Francis asks that "the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy." Lent begins February 10. In a particular way during this Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that "remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit." During Lent, the Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. Fasting on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and



households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

In considering our gifts of time and talent, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish we will be conducting our first Parish Ministry Fair on Sunday, March 6th. The fair will showcase current and new ministries, offering information to help you discern where God may be calling you to serve our parish family. So save the date, more information about the fair will follow in the near future!



PRAYER FOR LENT: Lord Jesus Christ, you gather your people during this holy season of Lent calling us to repentance. As we turn back to you once again, open our hearts that we might be transformed into your likeness. Remove all barriers that keep us from you, so that we might live more fully the life we received at baptism. As we carry our crosses each day with the help of your grace, may we turn to you in need, thank you for abundant blessings, and share your love with the world around us. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY: See Mass Schedule above. Ash Wednesday services will also be conducted at Mid Valley Manor, Mid Valley Health Care, Elmcroft and Lackawanna Health and Rehab. Remembering our humble origins and inevitable return to dust, we are reminded to turn away from sin and follow Jesus more and more completely.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: The season of Lent is penitential in nature. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are days of abstinence. Catholics who are 14 years and older are required to abstain from eating meat. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fast. All Catholics ages 18 thru 59 are required to fast by limiting food to one full meal with minimal food at two other meals and no food in between, unless dispensed or excused.

WEEKDAY LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE: Our weekday Mass schedule for Lent remains 6:50 am Monday thru Friday. See schedule on next page for other weekday area Masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday of Lent at 6pm.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS: On the six Fridays of Lent, following the Stations will be adult formation sessions at 6:30pm in the rectory conference room. These sessions go hand in hand with the spirit of Lent. They will consist of a journey through the Old Testament Book of Exodus which finds many similarities with our annual Lenten journey, and even our spiritual journey throughout the whole of our lives. Among other things, the Book of Exodus relates the plan of God to instill greater trust and faith in the Hebrew tribes, despite the 400 years of slavery they endured while oppressed in Egypt, and the years of hardship they met on their way to the Promised Land. It will also be interesting to watch how the more things change over the centuries, the more they remain spiritually and morally the same. **(Continued on next page)**

PENANCE: During Lent, sacrificial penance should be not only internal & individual, but also external & social. Pastors are seriously obliged to avoid scheduling activities that could possibly detract from the external and social penance that is required by Lent. (*Sacrosanctum Concilium* chapter 5,#110)

Weekday Mass in Surrounding "Churches" During Lent

Sacred Heart of Jesus Peckville: Mon thru Fri at 6:50 am
St Thomas Archbald: Mon-Wed & Fri 7:15am & Noon; Sat 7:15a
St Mary's Eynon: Mon- 7:30pm; Thurs- 7:15am & Noon
St. Mary's Visitation Dickson: Mon thru Fri - 7:30am; Sat- 8am
St Michael's Jessup: Mon thru Fri at 7:30am
St Anthony's Throop: Tues & Thurs at 7:30am
St Patrick's Olyphant: Mon, Wed & Fri at 8am

Ash Wednesday ~ Day of Reflection

The Office for Parish Life will offer a Day of Reflection on Ash Wednesday, February 10th, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center on Wyoming Avenue in Scranton, from 9am-3pm. Dr. Marie Noël Keller RSM, Ph.D, will lead the Day of Reflection with the theme, "*The Works of Mercy According to Luke.*" Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral with distribution of ashes. Confessions available prior to Mass. The \$30 fee includes lunch. To register, call 207-2213.



As we begin this season of Lenten preparation, each of us is invited to reflect on those choices which will bring about the new life we hope to celebrate during the fifty days of Easter. For this reason, the Church invites us to experience Lent as a time for deepened prayer, personal sacrifice, and self-giving – all so that we can be raised to new life in Christ! The Church encourages us to make confession a regular part of our spiritual life, especially during the holy season of Lent, as we reflect on our baptism and repentance. Every Monday evening during Lent, each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their "Lights On" for confession from 5:30pm to 7pm so that Catholics can come to or return to this incredible source of God's grace, mercy and healing. So let us turn to the Lord and leave our sins in the past that we might be filled with the joy of salvation.

World Day of the Sick– Thursday, Feb 11th

Although World Day of the Sick is slated for February 11th, we're actually observing it at Sacred Heart Parish during these first two weeks of February. This weekend, immediately following the Blessing of Throats after Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered to those who gather in the front four or five rows of the two middle sections of the church. The Anointing will also be given after the 6:50 am Mass on Thursday morning, February 11th. Our homebound parishioners have already received it this past week on our

First Friday visits. (*On Monday morning, February 8th, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion will be given to the Catholic residents at Mid Valley Manor, Mid Valley Health Care Center, and Elmcroft. Anointings will be given at Lackawanna Health Care and Rehab Feb 17th at the regular Wed afternoon Mass.*)

Area Healing Masses



Healing Masses will be celebrated on Feb 12th and March 14th by Msgr. John Esseff at St. Mary's in Eynon at 7:30pm. Confessions will be heard starting at 6pm.

Parish Liturgical Ministry - Lectors Needed



The Diocesan Office for Parish Life will offer a two-part formation session for new (or current) Lectors on Feb 18th & 25th (Thursdays) from 6:30pm-9pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. There is no fee for this training. Please call the rectory by February 11th to register.

The Word Among Us

The free daily meditations for Lent are available once again to help you enter into the prayerful depths of this holy season. The supply is limited. Please take only one copy per family. On the last page, note the post card for enrolling in a yearly subscription.

Lifelong Learning Institute Senior Program

Marywood University's Lifelong Learning Institute Senior Program will hold its Spring Preview of course offerings on Saturday, February 13 at 1pm in the Swartz Center for Spiritual Life. For additional info call 570- 348-6213.

Faith Formation Important Dates

- Feb 13-** 8th gr Individual Assessments Beginning at 9am
- Feb 14-** 8th gr Individual Assessments Beginning at 1pm
- Feb 21-** 2nd gr Parent Meeting for First Communion 9am

Respect Life Baby Bottles

Please place baby bottles into the Respect Life basket on the sanctuary steps or the collection basket this weekend. Thank you for your generosity to this worthy cause!

Adult Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction

CALM of NEPA will begin another round of Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction classes for adults. Classes are now forming, and will begin on Mon Feb 15th at 6:30pm in the church auditorium. To register contact Phil Sallavanti at calmofnepa@gmail.com or 570-351-5611. Seating limited.

U.S. Bishops Request Special Collection

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked all dioceses to conduct a one-time special appeal for victims of numerous 2015 storms as well as those likely to affect our country in 2016. One of the more devastating storms caused great damage and distress just before Christmas for faithful in the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi, which is entrusted to the care of our own Bishop Kopacz. This collection will enable Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, to respond to immediate emergency needs for those affected by such disasters. The collection will be taken up on the weekend of Feb 21st.