

Altar Candles donated January 11 thru January 17
In Memory of Robert Ross by family

Mass Intentions for January 11 thru 17, 2016

Monday, Jan 11

6:50 am Dorthy Sviatko by Carl Sobeck

Tuesday, Jan 12

6:50 am Leonard Ciaglia by family

Wednesday, Jan 13

6:50 am Claude Fanucci by Roy & Dennis
2:30 pm Lackawanna - Mass for the people

Thursday, Jan 14

6:50 am Chris Ghilardi by Leon & Peggy Bolick

Friday, Jan 15

6:50 am Rose Gilroy by Attilio, Alice and David Vergari

Saturday, Jan 16

4:00 pm Joseph P. Ghilardi & Theresa Gasparini by Eleanor D Ghilardi

Sunday, Jan 17

8:00 am Pallotta & Tittarelli Families by grandchildren
10:00 am Irene Ochal by Ted & Bernadine Kania

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased: Amelia Galantini & Theresa Witko.



double occupancy. Minors are able to attend if accompanied by parent or legal guardian. Catholic Campus Ministry groups are forming on university campuses. The Office for Parish Life will host a young adult delegation. Stay tuned for more information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The next Prayer Shawl ministry meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan 12th at 6pm at the Grunick Center next to St. Michaels Church in Jessup. For more information, please call Livia Clark at 489-6596.

Life-Lines

"Jesus showed us the self-sacrificial nature of love when he laid down His life for us, and we are called to follow in his footsteps. We are called to be his hands and feet, caring for and loving others." - USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program. For those approaching the end of life: May they receive loving care that protects and respects their dignity; *We pray to the Lord.*

Carrying Christmas into the New Year

Article by Anne Mcguire, 2015 Respect Life Program

As we witness suffering in the world around us, we know that many do not have carefree, merry Christmases. With this awareness, one Christmas song, "O, Holy Night," particularly stands out: *Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'Til He appear'd and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn."*

The world is broken. There is suffering. And God Himself comes into that suffering to be with us. This is the true nature of compassion – to suffer with. But awareness of the brokenhearted and God's great gift of Himself could easily become just another insight that comes and goes. So in the New Year, how do we carry the message of Christmas in our hearts? How do we live its truth in our lives, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? We are called to love one another as Christ has loved us, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to share Jesus' love with them. One important way we can do this is through prayer.

A specific invitation to prayer surrounds January 22, when our nation will mark the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in the U.S. throughout the nine months of pregnancy. Since that tragic decision, not only have more than 56 million children been destroyed, but many women and men experience – often in silence – deep and lasting suffering due to their involvement.

The U.S Catholic Bishops are inviting the faithful to participate in **9 Days for Life**, a period of prayer, penance and pilgrimage set aside from January 16-24 to observe this anniversary by taking part in local events and by joining Catholics across the country united in prayer. Each day of the novena includes simple prayers and different brief intentions, reflections and actions. Along with prayers for the end to abortion, the novena also includes prayers for the end to domestic violence and use of the death penalty, for those near the end of their lives, and for children awaiting adoption. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to download a free

Collection for Last Weekend: January 3, 2016

374 Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$7,419.00
Sunday Cash Offerings	187.00
6 Other operating income envelopes	105.00
Total operating income	\$7,711.00

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.

2015 Tax Reports

Parishioners who want a 2015 end of year financial report for tax purposes are asked to please call the parish office.

Faith Formation Important Dates

- Jan 9- 2nd gr First Penance Retreat 9am-Noon
- Jan 10- 8th gr Enrollment practice w/ sponsors 11am-Noon
- Jan 17- 8th gr Confirmation Enrollment Ceremony 10am Mass
- Jan 23- 2nd gr First Penance 11am
- Feb 13- 8th gr Individual Assessments Beginning at 9am
- Feb 14- 8th gr Individual Assessments Beginning at 1pm
- Feb 21- 2nd gr Parent Meeting Re: First Communion 9am

Itinerary Announced for World Youth Day

Reservations are now open for the Diocese's pilgrimage to World Youth Day with Pope Francis in Krakow, Poland. Bishop Bambara will lead the Diocesan delegation from July 23 to August 3, 2016. The itinerary includes visits to religious and historical sites in Poland - such as Auschwitz and the home town of Saint Pope John Paul II - and educational and liturgical events. Pilgrims will participate in Mass and Stations of the Cross with Pope Francis. The travel package is \$3,599 per person based on



app for your Android or iPhone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages. Printable versions of each day's content will also be there. To receive daily text updates, send 9DAYS to 55000*. You can even download a special cover photo and profile picture for Facebook to stand in solidarity and raise awareness. As we begin the New Year, let us remember the brokenhearted and the suffering in our prayers and, remembering Christ's own love for each of us, reach out to be with others in support and in love. Though we may not see the immediate effects of our prayers and good works, we can trust in God's power to work through us.

9 Days for Life ~ DAY ONE: Saturday, January 16

Intercession: For the conversion of all hearts and the end to abortion. **Prayers:** *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be.*

Reflection: Today's Gospel reading (Mk 2:13-17) recounts Jesus dining with tax collectors and sinners. When the Pharisees question Jesus about this, he responds, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." In a society where millions of people have fallen prey to the false promises of the culture of death, let us witness to the mercy of Jesus and invite all who've been wounded to experience his abundant love and healing.

Acts of Reparation (choose one): Go to an abortion clinic and pray. Set aside an hour today to pray for those who are struggling with a decision of life or death for their unborn child. Spend some time reflecting upon today's Gospel passage given above. Use Facebook or another form of social media to post something that builds up the culture of life.

43rd Annual March for Life Registration Form

The bus for our parishioners will be leaving for Washington D.C from the Keyser Oak Shopping Center in Scranton at 6:45am on Friday, January 22, 2016 and return about 11:45pm. Please clip and return this reservation form to the rectory with a check payable to: "Pennsylvanians for Human Life" no later than Sunday, Jan 17th. The cost is \$40 for adults, \$20 for students.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Amt enclosed: \$ _____

Annual Respect Life Prayer Breakfast

While the nation still reels from the shocking videos of living babies being harvested for parts and sold for medical research, efforts continue to cover up and twist the truth about what goes on at Planned Parenthood. Lori Kehoe will present the facts about this horrific scandal and today's degenerating medical ethics. She is the senior Congressional liaison for the Robert Powell Center for Medical Ethics at the National Right to Life Committee. Mrs. Kehoe has lobbied Congress on abortion, euthanasia, cloning, and healthcare rationing and has appeared on CNN and Fox news. The prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 30th at 9am at the St Mary's Center on Mifflin Ave in Scranton. (See reservation form next column.)

Reservations for Sacred Heart Parish Table

Please clip and return this reservation form and send it to the rectory with a check payable to: "Pennsylvanians for Human Life" no later than Sunday, Jan 17th. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$12 for children ages 6-12, and no charge for children 5 and under.

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
_____ Adults _____ Children 5 & Under (free)
_____ Children 6-12. _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____



Choose Life

Respect Life Baby Bottles

Sacred Heart and Queen of Angels Parishes are being asked to join with local efforts once again in helping to support the Pennsylvanians for Human Life in Lackawanna County. Please help support their cause by picking up a baby bottle in either of the church entrances this weekend. Fill the bottle with your loose change or other currency and return it no later than February 2, 2016. When you come to church, please place the bottle into one of the Respect Life Baskets that will be found on the steps at either side of the altar. You may also drop the bottle into the regular collection basket when it comes around and the collectors will take care of the rest. Last year, this worthy project in our parish alone brought in \$1,301.00. This proved to be of great assistance to our local Respect Life organization and a wonderful credit to our parish in our ongoing respect for human life.

Reflection on the Power of Baptism



The great saints recognized the power of baptism. St. Louis, King of France, seeing one of his subjects baptized, said, "a few moments ago you were only my son, but now you are a child of God." Many remember the beautiful moment in 1979 when Pope John Paul returned to Wadowice, his birth-place. People in the parish had placed flowers around the fount where he was baptized in 1920. The Holy Father knelt down and reverently kissed the baptismal fount where it all began. It is beautiful when Christians embrace their baptism, because the sacrament has inexhaustible power.

I have been baptized.

Even if I die, how can the cold grave do me harm?
I know my homeland and my inheritance,
which I have with God in heaven.

After I die, there is prepared for me the joy of heaven
and the robes of glory.

I have been baptized.

I stand in covenant through my baptism with my God.
So say I always with glad lips,
In crosses, tribulations, troubles and needs:

I have been baptized.

I rejoice in that.
The joy remains forever.