

Mass Intentions January 16 – January 22, 2017

Monday, Jan 16th

6:50 am Versallia Warren by Robert Decker Funeral Home

Tuesday, Jan 17th

6:50 am John & Mary Burke by Dennis Fanucci

Wednesday, Jan 18th

6:50 am Donna Williams by Robert Decker Funeral Home

Thursday, Jan 19th

6:50 am Eleanor Banick by Chick & Tina Keating

Friday, Jan 20th

6:50 am Donna Manchak-Rudolph by John & Mari C. Acculto

Saturday, Jan 21st

4:00 pm Pallotta & Titarelli Families by grandchildren

Sunday, Jan 22nd

8:00 am Yolanda Angeli by Jeff, Felicia, Jeffrey & Joey Mills

10:00 am Janet Shaute by Andrea Kempa

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased: Charles Culnane, Ann Boles Mitchell.



Secondly, let us consider whether or not we are willing to give testimony to who Christ is to us? It's one thing to believe in Jesus; it's another thing to share that faith with others. But like John the Baptist, we are called to share the truth so that others may come to believe.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity~January 18-25, 2017



"Reconciliation - The Love of Christ Compels Us" is the theme for the 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is observed annually in January. Pope Francis, in his 2013 Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*, cited the quote "The Love of Christ Compels Us" from *2 Corinthians* 5:14-20. The biblical text emphasizes that reconciliation is a gift from God, and those who have been reconciled in Christ are called in turn to proclaim this reconciliation in word and deed. This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity coincides with the commemoration of the 500th anniversary year of the beginnings of the Lutheran Reformation. In that context, it provides an opportunity for us to reflect upon the concerns and divisions that have afflicted the unity of the Church, and encourages us to take steps toward reconciliation.

Additional Donors to the Diocesan Annual Appeal

The 2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal: Living Faith, Serving with Mercy, has raised more than \$4.5 million in gifts and pledges, recording \$4,795,965 in gifts and pledges – and reaching 96% of the overall goal of \$5 million. We have currently reached **98.9%** of our parish goal at **\$43,500.25!** We are very grateful to all parishioners who have supported the Diocesan Annual Appeal thus far. We encourage others to do likewise wherever possible. New donors as of January 9th include: M/M Kurt R. Bauman, M/M Kyle Burak, Mr Michael Carson, M/M Charles Colarusso, M/M Phillip Crapara, M/M Gregory Dolhon, Mrs Helen Evans, Mrs Louise Gregorowicz, M/M Ronald Klem, M/M William Kobrynich, M/M Jack Kubash, Ms Mary Jean Margotta, M/M Chester Merli, Ms Wendy Mitchko, M/M Edward Rabel, M/M Thomas Rainey, M/M Edward Sumski, and M/M John Yarema.

January 20th – Inauguration Day



Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed your glory to all nations. God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through you authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed.

Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude the incoming President of these United States, Donald Trump, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides. May he encourage due respect for virtue and religion. May he execute the laws with justice and mercy. May he seek to restrain crime, vice, and immorality. We likewise commend to your unbounded mercy all citizens of the United States. May we be preserved in union and that peace which the world cannot give. We pray for this to you,

Collection for last Weekend: January 8, 2017

356 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$7,369.50
Care and Education of Priests Total \$407.00

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 ongoing Parish Care Campaign.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." John the Baptist had an important message to impart. He was called by God to prepare the people of Israel to recognize Jesus' true identity. In a sense, he helped establish credibility for Christ by confirming that he was in fact the Messiah. Jesus didn't just have to claim it on his own; John also "testified" to the fact. We, of course, also benefit from the witness of John the Baptist recorded for us in the Gospels. And we have additional witnesses from the rest of the people throughout the Gospels who knew and recognized Jesus as the Son of God. But we also have the benefit of two thousand years of Church history! We have countless testimonies of saints and believers throughout the centuries who have known Jesus in their own lives and acted accordingly.

This raises two questions. First, are we willing to believe these testimonies from those who have gone before us? Consider how much credence we give to the experiences and the stories of our forefathers and foremothers in the faith--whether they are blood relatives or members of the larger communion of saints. Sometimes these personal accounts of coming to know the Lord are much more powerful than any "proof" or intellectual proposal about Christianity. They do require a degree of faith and trust, but they nonetheless provide us with real evidence about the impact of being close to Christ.



our Lord and God, living and reigning for ever and ever.
Amen.

2017 Respect Life Prayer Breakfast

This year's prayer breakfast will be hosted at Fiorelli's Catering in Peckville, beginning at 9am on January 28th sponsored by the Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life (PHL). This year's theme is "The Brutality of China's One Child Policy: Forced Abortion as National Law. Principal speaker Steven Mosher, will address China's "One-Child Family" policy which coerces women to abort further pregnancies against their will. He is president of the Population Research Institute in VA and has written and lectured on "The Myth of Over-population."



research. They provide referrals and assistance to women with problem pregnancies. 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 5, 2017. Please place the bottle into one of the Respect Life Baskets that will be found on the steps at either side of the altar.

Defending Life 2017

"Abortion should be listed as a weapon of mass destruction against the voiceless." - E. A. Bucchianeri

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The next Prayer Shawl gathering will be held on Tues, Jan 17th at 6pm at the Grunick Center Jessup. For more info, call Livia at 489-6596.

Calm of NEPA – Mindfulness Classes

Two new Mindfulness practices are coming to CALM of NEPA. *Eat Right Now*: If you are looking for a new path on your journey to a healthy and balanced approach to food and eating, this program is for you. The combination of 24-hour app support, daily mindfulness practices, and group sessions offers a comprehensive approach to helping you transform your relationship with food. *Craving to Quit*: This is a 21-day program for your mobile device based on a successful quit smoking curriculum proven to be 5 times as effective as the American Lung Association *Freedom from Smoking* program. Cost: App \$25/month, Weekly drop in class FREE. For a 3 day free trial go to the app store and download 'Eat Right Now' or 'Craving to Quit'. Both classes begin this Tues, Jan 17th from 7pm-8pm. This is a drop in class so once you buy the app you can start the class at any time. For more info: contact Phil at 351-5611 or calmofnepa@gmail.com.

Breakfast 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 22. The cost is \$21 for adults, \$10 for children ages 6-12, children 5 years and under are free. (Supplemental funding is available).

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

2017 March for Life



Pro-life advocates throughout the Diocese of Scranton will join tens of thousands of their counterparts from across the nation for the 44th Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 27th. Join us and be a part of the nation's LARGEST Pro-Life Rally and Civil Rights Demonstration.

43rd Annual March for Life Registration Form

The bus for our parishioners will be leaving for Washington D.C. from the Keyser Oak Plaza Shopping Center in Scranton at 6:45am on Friday, January 27 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 22. The cost is \$40 for adults, \$20 for students. (Supplemental funding is available).

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
___ Adults # ___ Students Amt enclosed: \$ _____

Respect Life Baby Bottles

Sacred Heart and Queen of Angels Parishes are once again invited and encouraged to help support the local efforts of the Pennsylvanians for Human Life in Lackawanna County. Pennsylvanians for Human Life provides resources on abortion, alternatives to abortion, post-abortion healing and euthanasia as well as other pro-life issues like chastity education, human cloning, and stem cell



2016 Tax Reports - Parishioners who want a 2016 end of year financial report for tax purposes are asked to please call the parish office.

Additional 2016 Donations - Those who want to make catch-up donations to be credited toward your 2016 parish contribution statement, please be certain to mark this on the outside of your envelope and return it to the parish office on or before Jan 16th. Other-wise, such late contributions will be applied to 2017.

Auditorium Heating Update

Last Sunday morning, a strange gaseous odor was detected in the parish auditorium and hallway. Our 11:00 Faith Formation classes were evacuated to the church. A UGI emergency serviceman quickly assessed the situation and discovered a significant presence of carbon monoxide entering the building. Our HVAC contractor arrived promptly and found a cracked heat exchanger in one of our 20 ton rooftop units as the source of the foul odors and carbon monoxide. Closing down the unit and opening all the doors for ventilating the building swiftly cleared the area of all dangers and odors. The second rooftop unit was enough to keep kitchen and rest room pipes from freezing during the cold nights. A new heat exchanger and crane to install it are expected here this week.