

Altar Candles donated January 18 thru January 24
In Memory of Donna Wilson by Diane and Frank

Mass Intentions for Jan 18 thru 24, 2016

Monday, Jan 18

6:50 am Joseph Collins by M/M Adrian Gooch

Tuesday, Jan 19

6:50 am Edward Adams by Maggie Casagrande

Wednesday, Jan 20

6:50 am Phyllis Ruby by Joe & Yvonne Mazzoni

Thursday, Jan 21

6:50 am Irene & Herman Zarnowski by family

Friday, Jan 22

6:50 am Irene Castellani by family

Saturday, Jan 23

4:00 pm Mary Cicilioni by family

Sunday, Jan 24

8:00 am Donna Wilson by Joyce Swoyer

10:00 am Sarah Simone by daughter Kathy

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased including: Tom Osieski and Ray Bulger.

Collection for Last Weekend: November 1, 2015

362 Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$ 7,292.00
Sunday Cash Offerings	141.00
25 Other operating income envelopes	<u>239.00</u>
Total operating income	\$7,672.00

The 2015 Christmas Collection has held its own once again this year and amounted to \$23,304.00 so far. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our parish on solid financial ground as we move forward into the New Year.

At the same time, 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 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Many thanks to all who have supported the 2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal thus far. Overall to date, the Diocese has received **\$4,892,863** in pledges and gifts from 30,043 donors, bringing it to 97% of the Diocesan goal of \$5 million. We are pleased to report that our parish has now exceeded its goal of \$44,000 by \$536.00! Thank you for all of your generous support to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We continue to thank all our donors and acknowledge the following new donors as of January 30th.

M/M Thomas Chmielewski, Mrs Harriet Aniska, M/M Matthew Zelno, M/M Leonard Warholic, M/M John A. Wargo, Mrs. Marlene Smith, Mrs. Pamela Savitski, Mr Jeffrey Linde, Mr Paul Kraycer & Dr Julie Speicher Kraycer, M/M David Haas, M/M Foster Gambucci, Mr Mark Ferraro, Mr Brian Dunleavy, M/M Kyle Burak, M/M Alan Angelini. Parish reports will now be posted every 2 weeks. For more information on the Diocesan annual appeal go to our website and click on the tab Diocese of Scranton.

Faith Formation Important Dates

- 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 for First Communion 9am

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ~ Jan 18-25

An Ecumenical Celebration

The Diocese of Scranton will again participate in the worldwide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is celebrated this each year in January. The theme for the 2016 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord" (1 Peter 2:9). It reflects the relationship between baptism and proclamation, and the calling shared by all the baptized to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord. As Christians seeking the unity of the Body of Christ we are all called to recognize the mighty acts of God in our own lives and the life of the Church.

The Diocese will host an Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word on Monday, January 25th at 12:10pm at St. Peter's Cathedral In addition Catholic Television (CTV) will broadcast the service live. All are welcome to attend. Bishop Bambara will preside, and Bishop Jeremiah Park of the Methodist Church Susquehanna Conference will deliver the homily. Clergy and representatives from various Christian traditions and ecumenical agencies will be present.

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

Teen Mindfulness Workshop

Parents and teens ages 13 to 16 are invited to a Mindfulness for Teens workshop, free of charge, on February 9, 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Auditorium Willow St. Peckville, PA. This 6 week course called Mindfulness for Teens will give teenagers a range of simple mindfulness practices within a coherent framework that can empower them inwardly and outwardly. The curriculum provides a precious opportunity to develop greater awareness and self-compassion at a crucial phase of life along with the ability to make wiser choices and to respond more appropriately in difficult situations, rather than to react in habitual and often harmful ways. The workshop and classes will be conducted by Phil Sallavanti, Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Teacher, *Calm of NEPA*, LLC, and Gayle Castellani, Mindful Schools/practitioner. For more information please contact Gayle at 570-766-1886 or Phil at 570-351-5611; calmofnepa@gmail.com. The classes will begin on Tuesday Feb 16 at 6:30pm, meeting for 1 hour a week. The cost for the 6 week course is \$100. Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish attend free of charge.

Respect Life Baby Bottles



We 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. Fill the bottle with your loose change or

other currency and return it no later than February 2, 2016. Please place the bottle into one of the Respect Life baskets or drop the bottle into the regular collection basket.

faithful to participate in the annual novena, **9 Days for Life**: a period of prayer, penance and pilgrimage set aside from January 16-24.

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, for children awaiting adoption, and for many other aspects of respecting each other as ones whose "true identity is found in the unchangeable, permanent fact that we are created in God's image and likeness and called to an eternal destiny with God". For your convenience, an insert of the novena is found in your bulletin today.

43rd Annual March for Life Registration Form- Due 1/17

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 this Sunday, Jan 17th**. The cost is \$40 for adults, \$20 for students.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Amt enclosed: \$ _____

Annual Respect Life Prayer Breakfast

Lori Kehoe will present the facts about Planned Parenthood's scandal of the selling of baby body parts 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. Sign up below.

Reservations for Sacred Heart Parish Table - Due 1/17

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 this 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: \$ _____

January 22

For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Each January 22 our nation marks the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court case which legalized abortion during all nine months of pregnancy. Since that tragic decision, more than 56 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and many suffer that loss—often in silence. As Catholics, we recognize the inherent dignity of every person in every circumstance and at every stage of life—from conception to death. Yet we continue to see many threats to life and violence against it. We cannot look the other way. As Pope Francis noted during his visit to the United States, our "care for one another is care for Jesus himself." The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children". In a specific invitation to observe this anniversary, the U.S. Catholic Bishops are inviting the

Jan 22 ~ Day of Prayer ~ Eucharistic Holy Hour

A Holy Hour for Reparation and Healing will be held on Friday, January 22 at 11am in our parish church at Sacred Heart. In this way we join in prayer and solidarity with Catholics across the country and especially with those in Washington participating in the 43rd March for Life. The Holy Hour will consist of exposition, prayers, readings, reflections, pro life rosary, petitions, silence and closing benediction. Try to make the sacrifice and join us.

The Wedding Feast at Cana

In John's Gospel today, we hear the familiar story of the wedding at Cana. Marriage has long been the analogy of God's intimate love for his people. It is in a fitting marital context then that Jesus performs the first miracle of his public ministry at a wedding.

Mary notices the problem with the wine and decides to intercede. She doesn't do so because the couple will be socially punished for running out of wine. It's simply that Mary exemplifies God's tender and personal loving care so well that she wants to protect this young couple from any undue anxiety. She steps in, and is persistent with Jesus, who first denies his mother's request for help.

At last, Jesus doesn't just give this couple ordinary wine. He provides them with the best wine. The important truth here is that our God utterly delights in each of us and loves us unconditionally and without limits. Some of the ways God shows his love for us are by giving us special graces that allow us to serve each other; giving us his own mother Mary who watches for our slightest need and anxiety and who intercedes for us; and by giving us more than we desire.

God's tender and compassionate love for us extends throughout the centuries to today. Let us all pray that we become more open to his transformative love in our lives.

Pre-Lent Mardi Gras Celebration

Blakely Borough's Blakely/Peckville Crime Watch will have a Pre Lent Mardi Gras Celebration on Friday, Feb 5th at Fiorelli's in Peckville from 6-10pm. It's an informal evening of fun with good food, good entertainment and Blakely Borough residents & friends. Support your Borough's Crime Watch by attending! For more information and tickets please call Mayor Jeanette Mariani at 570-383-9946.