

**Tabernacle Lamp donated January 25 thru January 31**

*In Memory of Theresa Witko*

**Altar Candles donated January 25 thru January 31**

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**Bread & Wine donated January 25 thru January 31**

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**Mass Intentions for Jan 25 thru 31, 2016**

**Monday, Jan 25**

6:50 am Ray Cordelli by M/M Carlo Celli

**Tuesday, Jan 26**

6:50 am John & Mary Burke by Dennis Fanucci

**Wednesday, Jan 27**

6:50 am Josephine Suthers by Orlando Cicilioni

2:30 pm Lackawanna Health and Rehab Mass

**Thursday, Jan 28**

6:50 am Robert Wearne by family

**Friday, Jan 29**

6:50 am Maria & Dominic Puccio & Family by Puccio & Aniska Family

**Saturday, Jan 30**

4:00 pm Josephine Suthers by Bill & Debbie Dunstone

**Sunday, Jan 31**

8:00 am Marie Varzaly by husband Eugene

10:00 am Glenn Beneski by Judy & John Kielar

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased Janet Shaute and Carolyn Wojewodski.

**Collection for Last Weekend: January 17, 2016**

351 Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,582.00
Sunday Cash Offerings	225.00
36 Other operating income envelopes	309.00
Total operating income	\$6,116.00

*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 year end financial report for tax purposes are asked to please call the parish office

**Celebrate Catholic Schools Week: Jan 31 – Feb 6, 2016**



**Catch Our Spirit...** Celebrate Catholic Schools Week by attending one of our Catholic School Open Houses! You are invited to come experience our communities of faith and academic excellence. From Pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, our students

live their faith, challenge their minds, serve their communities, and build lifelong friendships. For more information about Open Houses and our Diocesan Catholic Schools, including tuition assistance opportunities, please visit [www.DiocesefofScranton.org/CatholicSchools](http://www.DiocesefofScranton.org/CatholicSchools).

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**



The Prayer Shawl Ministry is celebrating their 7th year and is welcoming new volunteers. The next

ministry meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb 9th at 6pm at the Grunick Center next to St. Michael's Church in Jessup. For more info please call Livia Clark at 489-6596.

**Faith Formation Important Dates**

Feb 13- 8<sup>th</sup> gr Individual Confirmation Assessments---starts 9am

Feb 14- 8<sup>th</sup> gr Individual Confirmation Assessments---starts 1pm

Feb 21- 2nd gr Parent Meeting for First Communion 9am

**Confirmation Enrollment**

The following 25 eighth grade students took part in the annual Confirmation Enrollment Ceremony at the 10:00 am Mass on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>. Please keep these young parishioners in your prayers as they move into their last 12 weeks of preparation for Confirmation and for taking their place in our community of faith as young members of parish outreach and service. Zachary Benson, Olivia Blockberger, Joshua Castellani, Samuel Cole, Jaden Duplessis, Anthony Ferraro, Andrew Hall, Julia Koniszewski, David Kuzmick, Brittany Maddage, Matthew Magistro, Zachary Manchak, Skye McAndrew, Giavana Mercatili, Mia Mercatili, Karli Muto, Patrick O'Malley, Nadia Palevac, Allison Pavlowski, Carlo Possanza, Taylor Seprosky, Adrianna Swoyer, Emily Tolerico, Francesca Villano, Danielle Warhola.

**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. 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 or [calmofnepa@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Liturgical Ministry - Lector Training**

The Diocesan Office for Parish Life will offer a two-part formation session for new (or current) Lectors on February 18th & 25th (Thursdays) from 6:30pm-9pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. Please call the parish office by February 11th if you would like to attend or learn more about becoming a lector for Sacred Heart Church.

**Know a Marriage That Needs Help?**

Throw them a lifeline and tell them about **Retrouvaille**, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all

couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins Feb. 26 - Feb. 28, 2016, at The Ramada Inn in Clarks Summit. For more information or to register, please call 800-470-2230 or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

**Lighthouse Catholic Media**

Check out our selection of inspiring titles this weekend on our media rack, located in the Willow Street Vestibule, and take advantage of these low-cost Catholic resources to deepen your knowledge of the faith and help bring the Good News of Christ to others! Titles include Ways of Forgiveness, How to Get the Most Out of Mass, Explaining Islam, and much more!

**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.

**2nd Annual Catholic Men's Conference - Save the Date**

The Diocese of Scranton will hold their 2nd annual men's conference on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 8am to 3pm at King's College, Scandlon Physical Education Center 149 N. Main St. Wilkes-Barre. The Conference Theme this year is: *Be A Man: Jesus Christ, The Face of True Manhood.* Featured presenters include: Dr. Scott Hahn, Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio; Msgr. Charles Pope, Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.; Michael McGlinn, former Notre Dame football offensive lineman. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available and closing Mass celebrated with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Exhibitors will be offering a full array of Catholic books, CDs and DVDs. Registration instructions will be available in January. Anyone interested in serving as a Parish Captain or a volunteer at the conference should contact Michael Kilmer at 570-746-0100 or [MKilmer@thekilmergroup.com](mailto:MKilmer@thekilmergroup.com).

**Jubilee Year of Mercy**



This Holy Year offers a plenary indulgence. Integral to the Church's tradition of a Holy Door is the granting of a plenary indulgence to those who pass through it, provided they are in a state of grace, have received the sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist, and have offered prayers for the intention of our Holy Father. Shortly after the opening to the central door of the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Dec. 13th, Bishop Bambera explained "My brothers and sisters – how much we need this year! Our world seems far more broken and wounded than ever. Peace seems so elusive. And left to ourselves, our own efforts to move forward in life are often mired in doubt, fear, guilt and self-absorption." He cited the call of Pope Francis to embrace the

Year of Mercy as "the time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone the way of forgiveness and reconciliation." "My friends, this season of grace in our Church will provide us all with countless opportunities to experience God's welcome, forgiveness and mercy – here in our Cathedral Church, in parishes, and throughout the Catholic world... ..May each of us who seek something more in our lives than this world can provide, come to experience that mercy as a blessing that, as our Holy Father tells us, 'knows no bounds and extends to everyone without exception. No one is excluded from God's mercy.'" In an effort to allow pilgrims from all over the Diocese to enter the Holy Door and experience the mercy of God, the Cathedral of Saint Peter has designated several Saturdays throughout the Year of Mercy for parishes to make a pilgrimage. The first one will be on February 27th. For more information please see the December edition of the Catholic Light which can be found on the diocesan website. More information will follow in February's bulletin.

**World Youth Day**

Youth and young adults from throughout the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton will have the unique opportunity to join Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on a pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland, for World Youth Day 2016 with Pope Francis. The 12-day pilgrimage is from July 23 to August 3, 2016. The pilgrimage will consist of catechesis, evening cultural events, Stations of the Cross with Pope Francis, Eucharistic Adoration, speakers, confession, and a closing Mass with Pope Francis. In addition, pilgrims will see and experience some of the most moving religious sites in the world, such as the origins of Saint Faustina, boyhood home of Saint John Paul II, and Saint Maximilian Kolbe in Niepokalanow.

Mass will be also be celebrated in Czestochowa in front of the Black Madonna icon. The travel package includes roundtrip airfare from the United States, airport and hotel transfers, one night stay in Warsaw, a visit to Czestochowa, nine-night hotel accommodations at a three-star hotel in downtown Krakow, breakfast daily, day trips to Auschwitz and Zakopane, luggage tags, four group dinners, and World Youth Day registration (which includes lunch, dinner, and public transportation). Dube Travel is handling the travel arrangements and the itinerary for the Diocese of Scranton pilgrimage. For more information, please call the Office for Parish Life, 570-207-2213.

**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 foods, good entertainment and Blakely Borough residents and friends. Support your Borough's Crime Watch by attending. For more information and tickets please call Mayor Jeanette Mariani at 570-383-9946.