

**Mass Intentions January 30 – February 5, 2017**

**Monday, Jan 30**

6:50 am Janet Shaute by Theresa Konecny

**Tuesday, Jan 31**

6:50 am Josephine Suthers by Orlando Cicilioni

**Wednesday, Feb 1**

6:50 am Pat & Betty Jane Lombardo by Dennis Fanucci

**Thursday, Feb 2**

6:50 am Sarah Simone by daughter Kathy Simone

**Friday, Feb 3**

6:50 am Theresa Cavagnaro by Tom & Amy Wascura

**Saturday, Feb 4**

4:00 pm Nick Burda by family

**Sunday, Feb 5**

8:00 am Yolanda Angeli by Barb Ricketts

10:00 am Ada & Attlio Fanucci by Roy and Dennis Fanucci

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased.

**Collection for last Weekend: Januray 22, 2017**

340 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$5,367.50

*We sincerely thank all who consistently use their regular offertory envelopes while remaining faithful to their commitment in our ongoing Parish Care Campaign.*

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." Here, in a nutshell, is the Christian belief about the afterlife. We trust that heaven is open to believers who accept the gift of salvation and follow the way of the Lord, even (or especially) when that way is difficult!

The beatitudes in today's Gospel give us a program for following the path to heaven. These famous words offer a kind of twofold image. There are, on the one hand, the beatitudes about what we should do and be: poor in spirit, meek, merciful, clean of heart, and peacemakers. Such qualities are reflections of the nature of God in whose image we are meant to live. When we embrace and reflect this image to the world, there is no doubt we are walking on the path of God's will.

Then, there are also the beatitudes about what we are called to endure: mourning, hunger for righteousness, persecutions and insults resulting from our belief in Jesus. These are the trials that often beset the life of a faithful Christian--admittedly more so in some ages and areas than in others. But Jesus makes it clear that even these trials and struggles are a sign that a Christian is on the right path, not that God has abandoned him or her, but that the reward of heaven lies around the corner.

One of the greatest consolations of our faith is that even

when life does not unfold according to our own perfect designs, even when there is suffering to deal with, even when we do not have great success in the eyes of the world, we can maintain hope and peace as we await the "reward" of the just. The eternal happiness of heaven will be worth every ounce of temporary trial here on earth.

**National Catholic Schools Week Jan 29 – Feb 4**



The theme this year is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Through Catholic education, children benefit from the religious guidance, prayer, and the support the parishes provide to build a strong faith-based community. By focusing on faith, knowledge, and service, the children learn the importance of family, community, and serving others. Celebrate Catholic Schools Week by attending one of our Catholic School Open Houses! You are invited to come experience the communities of faith and academic excellence. From Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade, our students live their faith, challenge their minds, serve their communities, and build lifelong friendships. For specifics about the Open Houses or for more information about our Diocesan Catholic Schools, including tuition assistance opportunities, visit [www.DioceseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools](http://www.DioceseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools).

**Catch Our Spirit...Celebrate Our Catholic Schools**

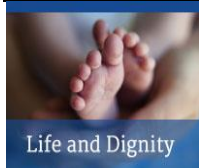
As families register their students for the upcoming school year, consider becoming an Academic Angel! Your contribution is an investment in a child's future...the outcomes speak for themselves. Our schools offer an instructional environment that challenges the mind, while inspiring and strengthening the spirit. Please consider supporting our students for the 2017-18 school year. You can designate the gift as a memorial or as an honor for someone special; you can also select a particular school to receive your gift, or allow us to allocate it to the area with the greatest need. Contributions can be sent to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation, 300 Wyoming Ave, Scranton PA 18503.

**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 \$4,866,041 in gifts and pledges – and reaching 97% of the overall goal of \$5 million. At Sacred Heart Parish we have currently reached **99.3%** of our parish goal at **\$43,680.25!** We are very grateful to all parishioners who have supported the Diocesan Annual Appeal thus far. We encourage others to follow their lead wherever possible. New donors as of January 23: M/M Alan Angelini, Mrs Rena Romitelli & Son, M/M John A. Wargo.

**Respect Life Baby Bottles**

Please help support the local efforts of Pennsylvanians for Human Life in Lackawanna County by filling your baby bottle with loose change, currency or check and returning it to a basket on the altar steps by February 5<sup>th</sup>.



### Pro-Life Action Alert!

Sunday, January 22, 2017, marked the 44th anniversary of the deadly *Roe v. Wade* decision. Yet, even while we mourn the lives lost and hearts broken by legal abortion we can recommit ourselves to building a culture of life where everyone is welcomed in love and protected in law. *We must, and together we will continue to advocate for public policy that protects life and liberty.*

On Monday, January 23, 2017, President Trump has taken the first step towards seeing that *none of your tax money* pays for abortion. With the stroke of a pen, President Trump restored the Mexico City Policy by executive order. The Executive Memorandum to reinstate the Mexico City Policy stops taxpayer funding of groups that perform and promote abortions *overseas*. It does not stop, however, non-abortion international assistance. The order ensures U.S. foreign aid will continue to go to health care and humanitarian relief in the millions of dollars.

On Tuesday, Jan. 24, U.S. House of Representatives voted 238 to 183 to permanently ban taxpayer funding of abortion in America, supporting the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7). This important pro-life legislation will make the protections of the consistent federal policy known as the Hyde Amendment and other current abortion funding prohibitions permanently part of the law to be enforced government-wide. It will even ensure that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) does not force taxpayers to fund abortion. There is a long-standing consensus in our nation – even among those who identify themselves as "pro-choice"--that taxpayers should not be coerced into paying for abortions. Since 1976 this policy has enjoyed bipartisan support and has been embodied in the Hyde Amendment and other policies regarding funding. However, there are inconsistencies in its application and most of these policies including the Hyde Amendment must be renewed every year. H.R. 7 will correct these inadequacies.

Right Now, Your Help is Needed ... and here is one quick

step we can take. Urge our PA Senators to support H.R. 7 to permanently protect our tax dollars from paying for or promoting elective abortions. It's unclear when exactly the Senate will vote on HR 7, so when it comes to calling our Senators, time is of the essence. Dial 202-224-3121 and follow the simple prompts. Encourage Senators Bob Casey and Pat Toomey to vote YES on H.R. 7 in order to promote a culture of life that includes all human lives—including and especially the lives of the defenseless unborn.



### Tenth Annual Night At The Races

Holy Cross High School Friends of the Crusaders invite you to their 10th Annual Night at the Races on Saturday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at 501 E. Drinker St. Dunmore. Basket preview/raffle sales begin at 5pm, doors open at 5:30pm. Admission tickets \$15: includes a gourmet buffet and refreshments. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Reservation forms are available at hchspa.org or by calling Krista at 499-7639. Must be 21 or older.

### Attention Business Owners



A representative from LPI, Victor Verbiest, will be working on advertising sponsorships for our bulletin this week. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased for thanking parishioner patronage for supporting community service organizations. We need and appreciate your help! If you are interested or would like more info, please call Victor at (973) 634-0586. Thank you in advance for your generous support. Please patronize our advertisers!



### First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held Friday February 3, from 7:20am to 12 noon. All are invited to come and sit in silent prayer with our Eucharistic Lord. The Rosary will be led by the Prayer Line Ministry at 9:30am. Please remember the people of our parish in your prayers. To sign up, please use the holy hour lists at the church entrances.

### February 2017 Assignments

**Lacka H&R Center:** Feb 1-- Maria Ceccacci Feb 8-- Silvia Passeri Feb 15—Maria Ceccacci Feb 22—Sharon Gallo

#### Liturgical Assignments (Please arrange your own substitutions when necessary.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SERVERS &amp; CROSSBEARER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MIN OF HOLY COM</u>
Feb 4	4:00pm	Andrew, Edward, Matt Gregorowicz	Kim Gregorowicz	Donna Fazio, Mariclare Berardelli, Pete Setta
Feb 5	8:00am	Joseph Krishanda, Giavana Villano	Chet Merli	David & Gail Haas
	10:00am	J & A Koniszewski, Paige Redman	Frank Lesnefsky	Jean & Tom Conigliaro, Ann Koniszewski
Feb 11	4:00pm	C Laboranti, Neve & Sophia Skapyak	Frank Blasi	Nadine Greco, Donna Fazio, Lori Kopa
Jan 12	8:00am	Caroline & Nick Burak, Nina Collarini	Maria Neri	Mark Horn, Joan Angeli
	10:00am	M Farrell, S Ferraro, Jenna Loomis	Dennis Fanucci	Matthew Horn, Frank Ghilardi,
Feb 18	4:00pm	Andrew, Edward, Matt Gregorowicz	Bill Nalevanko	Silvia Celli, Mariclare Berardelli, JoAnn Berta
Feb 19	8:00am	Joseph Krishanda, Giavana Villano	Maggie Lund	David & Gail Haas
	10:00am	E Kozlowski, Aidan Alco, P Redman	Lisa Kozlowski	Jean & Tom Conigliaro, Paul Kraycer
Feb 25	4:00pm	C & Sophia Laboranti, Neve Skapyak	Sal Urso	Nadine Greco, Lori Kopa, Silvia Celli
Feb 26	8:00am	Caroline & Nick Burak, Nina Collarini	Steven Skierski	Joan Angeli, Helene DeLeo
	10:00am	Brianna & M Zipay, J Koniszewski	Frank Lesnefsky	Matt Horn, Ann Koniszewski, Frank Ghilardi