

Mass Intentions Jan 4 thru 10, 2016

Monday, Jan 4

6:50 am George & Elizabeth Konecny by Theresa Konecny

Tuesday, Jan 5

6:50 am Edward Adams by Bill & Gail Kunda

Wednesday, Jan 6

6:50 am Howard Scone by Jimmy & Debbie Foley

2:30 pm Lackawanna- Mass for the People

Thursday, Jan 7

6:50 am John Harhut by Ed & Susan Zarnowski

Friday, Jan 8

6:50 am Phyllis Ruby by M/M Joseph Lee

Saturday, Jan 9

4:00 pm John R. Taylor by John & Florence Ksiazek

Sunday, Jan 10

8:00 am Robert Ross by Alice & Atilio Vergari

10:00 am Helen Cordelli by Phil & Joan Angeli

Remember in Your Prayers

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

Collection for Last Weekend: Dec 27, 2015

Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$ 6,076.00
Sunday Cash Offerings	360.00
Other operating income envelopes	140.00
Total operating income	\$6,576.00

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.

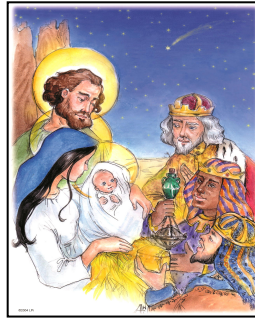


This weekend, my prayers are with all parishioners of Sacred Heart and their extended families for every blessing of God in this New Year 2016. I especially pray for a year filled with growth and progress in the spiritual life, characterized by the sincere and honest setting of spiritual priorities and goals. ~ Prayerfully Yours, Msgr. Madus

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

As part of our Parish Care Campaign, "Time and Talent", we will be offering a Parish Ministry Fair during Lent in which current and other needed ministries in the areas of Word, Worship, Community, Service and Stewardship will be showcased and promoted. In the meantime, if you feel called to serve as an Extraordinary Minister, please call the parish office by Jan 13th for more information about this ministry. Training sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held in Scranton at the Diocesan Center on 3 consecutive Tuesdays: Feb. 2nd, 9th, and 16th from 6:30pm-9pm. Candidates who enroll in the program are required to attend all three sessions. Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are conscientious and devoted adults willing to serve God's people in the context of the sacred liturgy and/or with parishioners confined to their homes or health care facilities.

The Epiphany of the Lord



"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." These Magi did not know the person they were seeking to honor. They had not met Jesus, but had embarked upon a long and arduous journey in order to come into his presence. Although they were not from among the Jewish people who had received the ancient promises of a Messiah, they were nonetheless anticipating his arrival. And when they found him, "they were overjoyed." Their quest had come to its moment of fulfillment when "they saw the child with Mary his mother." For those of us who have been raised Christian since our infancy, it's important to reflect on the joy of the Magi. They found Christ as a result of great effort and expense. The very trials of their journey, and the hope that was fulfilled when it was successful, made them appreciate their encounter with Jesus in a profound way as "they prostrated themselves... and offered him gifts." Converts to the faith may have a kind of advantage in comprehending the experience of the Magi. But cradle Catholics may need to exert a bit more effort to share in the wonder. Even when Jesus has always been a part of someone's life, it is still important to stand in awe of him. On the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we meditate on what it means to "find" Jesus. For some of us, this means remembering a conversion experience, but for others it may mean imagining what life would be like without him, and then rejoicing in the fact that he is truly with us. No matter how we found the Lord, we too should fall down on our knees in adoration and offer him the precious treasures of our lives: our fervent devotion and our will to serve him."

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Faith Formation Important Dates

- Jan 03 -No classes. All classes resume on Jan 10**
- Jan 09-** 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

2016 Contact Information

If your address or phone number has recently changed, please fill out the information below. Send it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket. Thank you for helping us to update our records for 2016.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Envelope # _____ Date _____ Phone _____



Defending Life 2016

The Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life will commemorate the deadly January 22, 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizing abortion on demand by promoting our participation in the March for Life in Washington and with a local Respect Life Prayer breakfast. See details below.

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. 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 30, 2016 beginning at 9am at St Mary's Center at 320 Mifflin Ave. in Scranton.

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, \$10 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: \$ _____

Defending Life Prayer Vigils

Every Friday (except on First Fridays), hosted by the Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team. Held at 1pm in front of the Planned Parenthood Clinic, 316 Penn Ave., Scranton. Prayer gathering includes recitation of the Rosary, pro-life meditations, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet; special intentions include an end to abortion and for all parents of unborn children. Pro-life signs are welcome.



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 research. They provide referrals and assistance to women with problem pregnancies. They also provide referrals for educational programs and qualified speakers to public and private schools, churches, PTA's, college students and individuals in the community. Please help support their cause by picking up a baby bottle in either of the church entrances next weekend. 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 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.

Pro-Life Rosary



Rosary Vigils are held on the First Saturdays of the month at 10:30am, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Held outside the offices of Planned Parenthood, located at 316 Penn. Ave, Scranton. Rosary offered to end abortion.

Life Lines: "Each of us has his or her own personal identity and is capable of entering into dialogue with others and with God himself." Pope Francis, *Laudatio Si*, no. 81 © 2015 Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

Knights of Columbus- Free-Throw Championship

Council #10729 Jessup/Peckville will conduct its annual free throw championship on Saturday Jan 9th at LaSalle Academy Gym on 1st Ave in Jessup for boys and girls ages 9-14. Registration 9:30am, competition at 10am. For more information please call Mike Mullock at 570-489-8016.

Additional 2015 Parish Donations

Those who want to make catch-up donations to be credited toward your 2015 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. Otherwise, such late contributions will be applied to 2016.

2015 Tax Reports

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

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