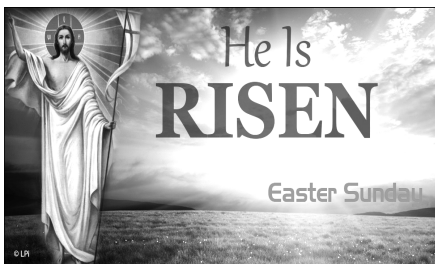


EASTER GREETINGS



Let us give thanks to God for bringing light into the darkness and victory over sin and death. We realize today that what we experience and achieve in our earthly lives is not the end. We have a greater purpose yet to be revealed. Because of the gift of Christ's resurrection, we can clearly see that our lives do not end in death, but in death they take on an eternal dimension. All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty also, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14).

On this happy Easter weekend, we rejoice again in the Savior's glorious resurrection and in his promise of resurrection to all of us who follow in his ways. With even firmer hope, we reach out for that new life he came to bring us, as we strive to contemplate in our Easter celebration his wondrous presence under forms of bread and wine—as well as his living presence in the gospel proclaimed at every Mass.

In the meantime, we delight in knowing that Christ is here. Our Risen Savior greets us in our celebration of his resurrection! Here, all that wounds us and afflicts us, in Christ is healed. In Christ, darkness, sin and death are healed. And we have only to take his hand and walk with him this day and every day, and ask him to shepherd us day by day into that eternal kingdom of the Father.

Sincere and many thanks to all those who contributed their time and talents to prepare for all that goes into prayerfully celebrating Lent, Holy Week and Easter. As the fifty days of Easter continue, may the Risen One bless us all with a rich and Happy Easter Season.

Msgr Madus

The Octave of Easter



The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday of Easter. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Easter. The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for all Christians of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the World. The Paschal Candle is the primary symbol of Christ as divine light. It is kept near the ambo throughout the fifty days of Easter and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

"Our life must be centered on what is essential, on Jesus Christ. Everything else is secondary." - Pope Francis

Life-Lines: For public servants: may God grant them the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human life; we pray to the Lord.

Memorials for March 28 - April 3, 2016

Tabernacle Lamp, Altar Candles and Bread & Wine
In Memory of Janet Shaute donated by Michael Shaute

Mass Intentions for March 28 - April 3, 2016

Monday, Mar 28

6:50 am Robert Wearne by family

Tuesday, Mar 29

6:50 am Elizabeth Pompey by Mary Ann & Thomas Jackson



Wednesday, Mar 30

6:50 am Sophie Lupini by Children

Thursday, Mar 31

6:50 am Michael Petrohoy by Diane & Richard Petrohoy

Friday, Apr 01

6:50 am Diomira Ceci by Ann, Lisena, & Evo

Saturday, Apr 02

4:00 pm Madeline Cicilioni by Chuck & Mary Ann Colarusso

Sunday, Apr 03 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 am Rose Gilroy by Karen Sparks

10:00 am Michael & Inez Deleo by Children

Remember in Your Prayers

In the charity of your prayers please remember the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased.

Collection for Last Weekend: March 20, 2016

410 Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$ 6,831.00
Sunday Cash Offerings	177.00
35 Other operating income envelopes	352.00
Total operating income	\$7,360.00

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.

Meeting for Parish Councils

Members of both our Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council are scheduled to meet together on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 in the rectory conference room at 6:30 pm regarding parish and diocesan updates.

Faith Formation Important Dates

Apr 3	Registration packet sent home w/student	
Apr 3	8 th gr Confirmation practice	11am
Apr 9	2 nd gr First Communion Retreat	9am-Noon
Apr 10 & 17 - Registration during class time for 2016-2017		
Apr 10	8 th gr Confirmation practice	11am
Apr 12	8 th gr Confirmation	5pm
Apr 24	Last Class for all grades	
May 1	2 nd gr First Holy Communion	10am Mass

Divine Mercy Novena ~ March 25 - April 2

Divine Mercy Sunday is next Sunday, April 3rd. In the *Diary of St. Faustina*, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy, known today as Divine Mercy Sunday, be preceded by a novena to the Divine Mercy. A novena is nine days of prayer in preparation for a feast. In the case of the novena to the Divine Mercy, we pray the chaplet

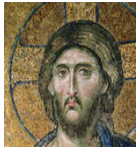


of the Divine Mercy each day for a specific intention. Our Lord told St. Faustina, "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw ... strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (*Diary*, 1209). Let us bring to our Lord various intentions during these days of prayer.

The Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the Hungry † Give Drink to the Thirsty † Clothe the Naked † Shelter the Homeless † Visit the Sick † Visit the Imprisoned † Bury the Dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy: Counsel the Doubtful † Instruct the Ignorant † Admonish Sinners † Comfort the Afflicted † Forgive Offenses † Bear Wrongs Patiently † Pray for the Living and the Dead

Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference



The Diocese of Scranton will hold their 2nd Annual Men's Conference on Sat, April 23 from 8am-3pm at King's College, Wilkes-Barre. The Conference Theme this year is: *Be A Man: Jesus Christ, The Face of True Manhood.*

Fathers, sons, grandsons and friends are all most welcome to attend. Renowned speakers include: Dr. Scott Hahn, Msgr. Charles Pope, & Michael McGlenn (former Notre Dame football offensive lineman). Registration fee is \$35 per adult (\$30 if paid by April 1) & \$15 for students. For more info or online registration see www.beamanconference.com. Anyone interested in serving as a Parish Captain to raise awareness at the parish level or to volunteer at the conference should contact Michael Kilmer at MKilmer@thekilmergroup.com or 570-746-0100.

Catholic Media Rack

Check out our media rack in the vestibule for the new Easter materials available that will be sure to help you enter more deeply into this Easter season.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Needed



Our parish is in need of additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to serve at weekend masses. Extraordinary Ministers are persons who believe in, and have a deep reverence for, the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. They serve the parish by assisting the priest in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to worshippers gathered in the assembly or to those who are confined at home. This ministry requires that a person be at least 18 years of age, in good standing and in full communion with the Catholic Church. Ministers are assigned as needed to weekend Masses based on their availability. If you feel God may be calling you to be an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, the Office for Parish Life will offer another training course on April 4, 11 & 18 (Mondays) from 6:30pm-9pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 330 Wyoming Avenue in Scranton. Please note that it is necessary for candidates to attend all three sessions. Please call the parish office if you would like to be considered for this ministry and register for training. Please also spread the word about this opportunity to others whom you see as a good fit for this ministry.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Friday April 1st from 7:20am to 12pm. All are welcome to come and sit in silent prayer with the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up on the sheets provided in the vestibule or call the parish office so we can be sure all the time periods are covered. Please remember the people of our parish and those who are sick or bereaved in your prayers. The adoration chapel at Queen of Angels is open to all in the community every Saturday from 8am to 9pm. The chapel is located in the Grunick Center next to St Michael's Church on First Avenue in Jessup.



April 2016 Assignments for Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center

Apr 06-- Maria Ceccacci Apr 13-- Silvia Passeri Apr 20-- Ginny Yazinski Apr 27-- Sharon Gallo

April 2016 Liturgical Assignments

(Be sure to arrange your own substitutions when necessary)

DATE	TIME	SERVERS & CROSSBEARER	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MIN OF HOLY COM
Apr 2	4:00pm	Chloe Laboranti, Neve Skapyak	Sal Urso	Jo Ann Berta, Nadine Greco, Donna Fazio
Apr 3	8:00am	J. Redman, J. Krishanda, C. Cotroneo	Chet Merli	Joan Angeli, Silvia Celli
	10:00am	S. Ferraro, M. Farrell, Jenna Loomis	Dennis Fanucci	Tom & Jean Conigliaro
Apr 9	4:00pm	Andrew, Edward, Matt Gregorowicz	Kim Gregorowicz	Mariclare Berardelli, Silvia Celli, Pete Setta
Apr 10	8:00am	C. Burak, G. Villano, Nina Collarini	Stephen Skierski	David & Gail Haas
	10:00am	Paige Redman, Brianna & Michael Zipay	Frank Lesnefsky	Kim Wolfel, Elissa Pompey
Apr 16	4:00pm	Chloe Laboranti, Neve Skapyak	Frank Blasi	Jo Ann Berta, Silvia Celli, Donna Fazio
Apr 17	8:00am	J. Redman, J. Krishanda, C. Cotroneo	Maria Neri	Joan Angeli, Silvia Celli
	10:00am	S. Ferraro, M. Farrell, Jenna Loomis	Lisa Kozlowski	Tom & Jean Conigliaro
Apr 23	4:00pm	Andrew, Edward, Matt Gregorowicz	Kim Gregorowicz	Mariclare Berardelli, Nadine Greco, Pete Setta
Apr 24	8:00am	C. Burak, G. Villano, Nina Collarini	Frank Lesnefsky	David & Gail Haas
	10:00am	Paige Redman, Brianna & Michael Zipay	Dennis Fanucci	Kim Wolfel, Elissa Pompey