

Memorials October 23 – October 29, 2017

Tabernacle Lamp and Bread & Wine

In Memory of R.J. Gorton by Rose & Lou Cimini
Altar Candles

In Memory of R.J. Gorton by Dora Keen

Mass Intentions October 23 – October 29, 2017

Monday, October 23

* No Mass

Tuesday, October 24

*12:10 am Emedia Saffko by son George

Wednesday, October 25

*7:00 am William Tasonyi by Daughter

Thursday, October 26

*12:10 am David S. Wargo by Mom, Dad, & family

Friday, October 27

*7:00 am Linda Burak by Gene & Mary Ager

Saturday, October 28

4:00 pm Carol Boros by Paul Cinquegrani

Sunday, October 29

8:00 am Francis Ghilardi by Edward Ghilardi

10:00am M/M Frank Panunzio by J. + M.A. Bacorn & family

Remember in Your Prayers

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



A Word from Fr. Andrew

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

Using a simple coin with the image of Caesar on it, Jesus makes a point which goes far beyond how we use our money or to whom we pay taxes. That coin is a symbol of everything materialistic and worldly. Even on the images that our money displays today, there is a testimony to a type of secularism. And although we can use our funds for the betterment of the church and to help build up God’s kingdom, the ultimate sign of what truly belongs to God cannot be found in money. It can only be found in us... His creation. On our hearts, on our souls, on our very being, is the imprint of our Creator. We are stamped with God’s image. Therefore no matter what we do with all that is material in this world, it pales in light of the fact that we are called to give back to God our very lives and our being.

Regardless of what we do with our dollars or coinage, it is what we do with our lives that matters. In all things, let our very being speak of lives lived well, for the greater glory of God! Love, Fr. Andy



Sunday Offertory Collection for October 15, 2017

Sunday Offertory **\$6,082.50**

Number of Parish Envelopes Used - 357

We offer many thanks to all who are supporting Sacred Heart Parish by the consistent use of their offertory envelopes.

Daily Masses

Please note that our daily mass schedule has been updated recently. Tuesday and Thursdays, mass is celebrated at 12:10. There continues to be a marked increase in attendance at that mass. Mass is also celebrated during the week at 7:00 on Wednesdays and Fridays. The novena to St. John Newman and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton follows the Wednesday morning mass. All are welcome!

Mass Book Opens

Beginning Monday morning, October 23rd at 9:30am, the Mass Schedule Book for 2018 will be open and available at the parish office. Monday will be designated for scheduling Masses in-person only. To schedule masses by phone, please wait until Tuesday morning beginning at 9:30am.

Mass for National Vocation Awareness Week

#Leaveamark17, a gathering of the young church with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera to kickoff National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton, will be held on **Sunday, November 5** with Mass in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton at 5 p.m. and a reception following in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Praise and worship music will begin at 4:45 p.m. For more information, please call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 570-207-1452 or visit facebook.com/scrantonvoc.



Lord Send Down Your Spirit

This past Tuesday retired auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, John Dougherty, confirmed 21 students from Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, along with students from Queen of Angels, Jessup and St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, at an impressive ceremony and Mass in Dickson City. We congratulate the students, their sponsors and their families. We are grateful to Gayle Castellani and Betsy Kondrat or their tireless efforts in so many areas of Faith Formation and we thank their 7th and 8th grade teachers: Maria Kishel, Jack Ehnnot, Wendy Rought, Donna Fazio for volunteering so faithfully. May God bless all of you with a continued faith that constantly brings you closer to Christ! Those who received the Gifts of the Spirit in this Sacrament are: **Girls:** Emma Burak, Alexis Caramanno, Gianna Coleman, Emma Giovagnoli, Jacey Kondash, Alissa Koniszewski, Mauri Kurcin, Eva Marino, Erin McGee, Emily Mondak, Amanda Sherwood, Sarah Solomon, Emily Turlip. **Boys:** Benny Gregorowicz, Aidan Alco, Samuel Castellani, Eric Demkosky, Andrew Duffy, Mark Mariani, Nathaniel McAllister.

It's Official

Last Sunday I was installed by our Vicar General, Msgr. Thomas Muldowney, as your pastor. Although this is a ceremonial formality, I was nevertheless overwhelmed by your attendance and participation. Your warm welcome to “the round church” continued to be most edifying at the beautiful reception in our parish hall. I am so grateful to our parish staff and most especially to the volunteers who made the day one that I will treasure and remember.

With my heartfelt thanks, Fr. Andy

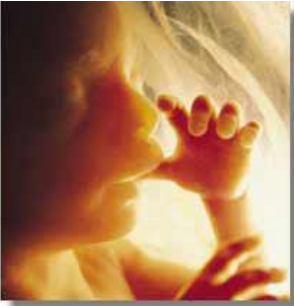
World Mission Sunday

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. Offertory envelopes are included in your packets, but will also be available at the church entrances.

Respect Life Month

We continue to recite the rosary 25 minutes before all the masses this month for Respect Life month. Please note that there is life saving contact information on our website under "Pregnancy Help" tab. If you know anyone considering abortion or in need of healing from abortion check out our website and help connect them to support services.

Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act- Action Alert



From Fr. Frank Pavone: The pro-life majority in the U.S. House of Representatives has taken the next necessary step to end abortion in America. On October 3rd, the House passed the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act by a vote of 237-189. Please contact your senators today and insist they vote in favor of this bill. This bill –

which protects babies because of their ability to feel pain -- has wide support among the public, has been enacted in 16 states, has the support of Congress, and is a bill the President has promised to sign. In other words, *We have the tools we need now to protect children at 20 weeks and beyond! Therefore, we have the duty to do so right now.* Let's seize this moment! Simply go to www.priestsforlife.org/alert and click on this action alert to send an email to your Senators now!

Designer Purse Bingo Fundraiser – November 5th

Sunday, November 5th from 3pm-6pm. Doors open at 2pm. We are grateful for our new Sponsors: Café Colarusso in Jessup, Dr. Joseph Ercolani DDS, Robert F. Caselli - Financial Advisor, and Legacy Sponsor RX Billing Services, Inc. We also thank all those who have come forward so far to donate baked goods and gift baskets! For donations call Elaine 383-8677. Next planning meeting is Monday, Oct 23 at 6pm in the auditorium.

8th Annual Roast Beef Dinner & Cash Raffle Fundraiser

Our take-out dinner is this Sunday, October 22nd from 11am to 2pm. The Cash Raffle Drawing will take place at 2pm. Dinner tickets are available in the main vestibule of the church before and after the 4pm Mass on Saturday only. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 at the door. A limited amount of tickets will be available at the door on Sunday. Please note the cash raffle tickets deadline was on Friday, Oct. 20th. Thank you to everyone who donated **Homemade Cakes!** The cakes can be brought to the auditorium on Sat, 10/21 between 3 & 5:30pm.

Benefit Pasta Dinner for Rick & Beverly Kura

Two members of the Kura Family are battling cancer. We are having a Pasta Dinner to help with the cost of the medical bills and travel expenses. October 29th from 2pm to 6pm here in the parish auditorium. Dinner tickets are \$10 each. There will be a

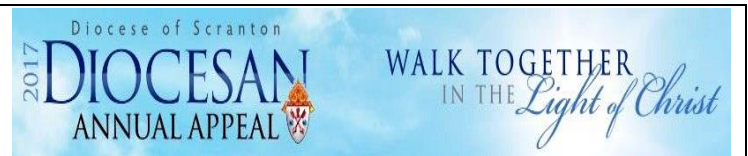
50/50 raffle, basket raffle, and live music by Nowhere Slow Duo John & Rick. To donate or purchase tickets, please call Mary Ann at 840-0456, Mark at 840-1112, or Kim at 357-8243. Tickets can also be purchased at the Ice Cream Shoppe – 310 Main St. Blakely.

Haunted House

The Dunmore Catholic Youth Group will present a Haunted House, Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 7pm to 9pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rectory, 322 Chestnut Street, Dunmore. A \$3.00 donation will be collected to benefit the American Red Cross.

Healing Mass

A Healing Mass will be held at St. Lucy's, 949 Scranton St, Scranton on First Friday, November 3rd at 7pm, with a prelude of inspirational up-tempo healing theme music that will begin at 6:30pm. Anointing and healing prayers will take place during Mass. Music will be provided by the Sacred Heart Singers directed by Jennifer Michel and Ernie Pappa.



Diocesan Appeal Commitment Sunday

This weekend you will hear about our diocesan annual appeal. You have a great reputation for meeting or surpassing your goal each year. This weekend we simply ask those who have not given or made a pledge, to consider doing so by filling out one of the envelopes which can be found in the pews. You are also invited to list your personal prayer intentions on the inside pledge form. Your intentions will be remembered at the Mass of Thanksgiving on November 26. All pledge forms will be collected during the offertory. Please use your mind and your heart as you look into your wallet and decide how you can help our diocese to continue the work that is done in God's name throughout Northeastern and north-central Pennsylvania. This is an appeal where all of the monies that are collected are used to help the people of God who make up the Church right here at home. I am confident that you will be as generous as you possibly can. And I am grateful in advance for that generosity. **As of this week, our parishioners have donated a total of \$21,179.00 and pledged \$6,111 towards our goal of \$44,000.00! We are half way there!**

Charismatic Renewal Formation Day

Formation Day Video Mini-Conference on Saturday, October 28. The event will be held at the Holy Family Center in Nanticoke. Registration and breakfast from 8-9am. Video conference 9am - 5pm. Guest presenters include Father Dave Pivonka TOR of Franciscan University, and Dave VanVickle, the Young Adult Coordinator of the CCR's National Service Committee. Registration fee \$25, includes 3 meals. Registration contact: Bob Valiante 344-2214 or ccrenewal@comcast.net

Medication Take Back Event

Dispose unused / expired over the counter and prescribed medications properly at Blakely Borough Police Department 1439 Main Street Peckville on Saturday October 28, 10am–2pm. Contact Voluntary Action Center at 347-5616 x213 for details.