

DECEMBER 30, 2018

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

1 SAMUEL. 1: 20-22, 24-28. Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel.

PSALM 84. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1 JOHN. 3: 1-2, 21-24. See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called children of God.

LUKE. 2: 41-52. The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers.

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

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OFFERTORY	\$3,657.66
ONLINE GIVING	\$22.00
CHRISTMAS ,2017	\$12,099.00
CHRISTMAS, 2018	\$10,009.00
SALARY/DUES	\$446.00
CARE & ED FOR PRIESTS	\$10.00
SECOND COLLECTION	\$215.26

WEEKLY ENVELOPE STATISTICS

\$1.00-\$5.00=	107
\$6.00-\$10.00=	51
\$11.00-\$20.00=	50
\$21.00-\$30.00=	39
OVER=	12



WEEKLY DUES/SALARY STATISTICS:

ABOVE \$5.00=	0
\$5.00=	84
BELOW \$5.00=	1

**TOTAL ENVELOPES USED =259
FROM 627 MAILINGS**

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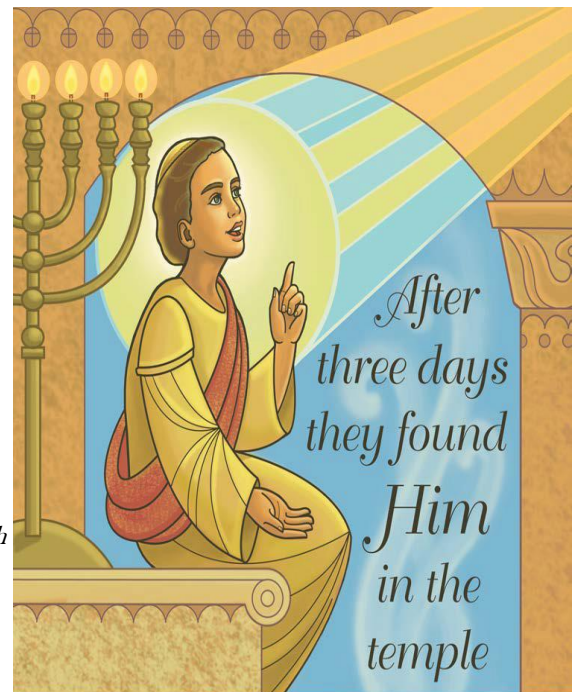
Mass Intentions

INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES:

- SAT. 4:00 P.M. Alan & Paul Morcom (The Family)
- SUN. 8:00 A.M. Christmas Novena Intentions
- SUN. 10:30 A.M. People of the Parish

DAILY MASS IS HELD IN THE CHURCH

- MON. 4:00 P.M. Christmas Novena Intentions
St. Sylvester, I, Pope
SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD
- TUE. 10:30 A.M. Mary Perrault (Women's Guild)
- WED. 8:00 A.M. Michael & Mary Mroczka (Phil & Maryann Tochelli)
Ss. Basil the Great, Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctos of the Church
- THU. 8:00 A.M. Christmas Novena Intentions
- FRI. 8:00 A.M. **FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**
Anna Newberry (Knights of Columbus Council # 7622)
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- FRI. 8:30 A.M. **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION BEGINS IN THE CHAPEL**
- FRI. 4:00 P.M. **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CONCLUDES**
- SAT. 4:00 P.M. Walter Pagoda (The Family)
- SUN. 8:00 A.M. People of the Parish
- SUN. 10:30 A.M. Chistmas Novena Intentions



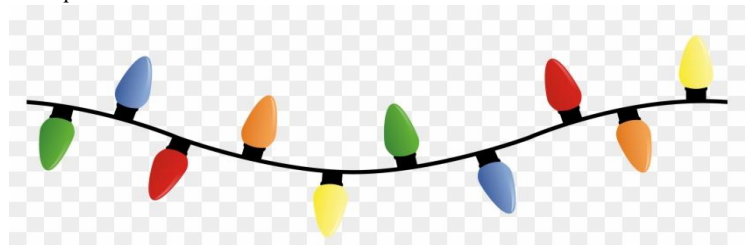
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WORD OF LIFE: "Blessed Joseph, you took Mary and Joseph into your home. You followed the prescripts of the Law, presented Jesus in the Temple, taught him skills at the plane and the lathe, and daily, you shared traditions which were built on the covenants he came to fulfill. Hear the prayers of the siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and entire families of children who have been adopted. May they be a source of loving welcome and a fount of faith. Through Christ our Lord. St. Joseph, descendant of David, pray for us."

WALL CALENDARS, 2019: Special Thanks to Battenberg Furniture Store and Funeral Home for sponsoring our Wall Calendars for 2019. They are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

CLOSING THE BOOKS/YEARLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The Church books for contributions will close January 28, 2019. If you are behind in any of your envelopes, please include them by that date. Financial Statements will **NOT** be mailed to everyone, only to those who call or write to request them.

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST. AND RE-OPEN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2ND. THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL THEN BE CLOSED FRIDAY JANUARY 4TH, 2019. Annette will be on half days the following week due to surgery.



WORLD YOUTH DAY, 2019

World Youth Day will be held in Panama City, Panama from **January 22-27, 2019**. World Youth Day is an Initiative from St. John Paul II to gather



Young Catholics of the world every two to three years in a celebration of faith and culture. The World Youth Day events gather millions, including Pope Francis, young Catholics, clergy, and religious brothers and sisters. The Diocese of Scranton is sponsoring two separate pilgrimage packages for young adults ages 18-35. If you, or a young adult you may know are interested in learning more about the World Youth Day Pilgrimage, contact Shannon Kowalski, Coordinator for Youth & Young Adult Ministry at 570-207-2213 x 1155 or email Shannon-Kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org

HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS:

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is the best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families.



The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family. Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father's work—but he also returned home with his parents.

DID YOU KNOW? There is a small group of men and women who come together before daily mass here at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish to pray. Any and all who come are most welcome to join us occasionally or daily to petition God for various needs of individuals, for life, for liberty and peace and for God's grace and protection. **BEFORE THE 8:00 A.M. MASS EACH DAY.** Our "Morning Grace Rosary Prayer Group" prays the Rosary, Novena prayer to Christ the King; to St. Michael the Archangel; prayers for Pope Francis, for Religious Liberty; the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Come and Join Us!

PRAYER DAYS:

Prayer days are special gifted times During the Prayer Day the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the Altar. Coming into the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. The Prayer Day is a time of silence, adoration, thanksgiving and petition before the Blessed Sacrament. Please accept this announcement as an invitation to take advantage of this time with the Lord. Prayer days are **EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE CHAPEL.** Prayer days begin after the 8:00 A.M. Mass and conclude at 4:00 P.M. There are **SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCH. SO, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SIGN IN FOR WHATEVER TIME YOU CAN SPEND WITH OUR LORD.** We are ALWAYS in need of people who will promise at least a half an hour to an hour to stay before the Blessed Sacrament during the day.



TRAVELING CHALICE PROGRAM: This program is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The purpose is to increase prayer that will hopefully foster an increase in vocations by our youth to become Priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters. The Chalice is used during the Mass on the First week-end of every month.



At the end of the Mass, the chalice is placed in a carrying case along with a copy of the prayer to be said. This in turn is given to a parishioner to keep for a week or more. The person receiving the chalice places it on a table or similar place in their home and recites the provided prayer at least once a day (the prayer takes about 15 seconds to say). The Chalice, carrying case, and the copy of the prayer are returned to the parish Priest before the first week-end Mass of the following month so that it can be used at the appropriate Mass and given to the next person on the list. This list is available at the back of the Church where parishioners can sign their names for the month during which they will be taking the chalice. The coordinator for Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish is Tony Spataro.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless your church with an abundance of Holy and Zealous Priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters. Give those you have called who have chosen to live as a single person in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form them all in the likeness of your Son, so that in Him and through Him, they may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere with Mary. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Donation for the Altar Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Candles

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish has begun accepting donations for the Altar Bread and Wine as well as the Sanctuary Candle each week to remember a loved one, in gratitude, or a special intention.

This is a wonderful way to remember your loved ones or offer gratitude for a blessing received or for a special intention. During the week, and at all the weekend Masses, your intention will be remembered as the bread and wine you donated become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Another special way to make a donation is to make an offering for our Sanctuary Candle to burn for one week. This is another wonderful way to give thanks for your loved one, and pray that your loved one be with God in heaven, where the light of God's happiness and peace will always be bright. Again, the Sanctuary Candle can also be offered in thanksgiving or for a special intention.

• If you wish to make a donation please fill out the form below or call the Parish office 570-876-1061,

_____ Altar Bread and Wine	\$25.00
_____ Sanctuary Light	\$10.00
Intention:	

Requested by:	

Specific week: _____	
Phone #: _____	
Amount enclosed:	

"Of all the devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." St. Alphonsus Liguori

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: Ann Moskovitz. A parishioner who died and was buried this past week. *Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DEC. 31/JAN 1
SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD
E. MINISTER
LECTOR
ACOLYTES

MON. 4:00 P.M.
 Deacon Pat Massino (Chalice)
 Mrs. Julie Rzucidlo (Chalice)
 Mrs. Judy Hine (Host)
 Mr. Michael Serniak (Host)
 Mrs. Janice Joyce
 Ryder Clark
 SAT. 4:00 P.M.
 Mr. Joseph Smith (Chalice)
 Mr. Joseph Esgro (Chalice)
 Mr. Ted Prusinski (Host)
 Mrs. Ann M. Prusinski (Host)
 Mrs. Mary Fran Smith
 Tommy Johnson

TUES. 10:30 A.M.
 Mr. Vince Bullet (Chalice)
 Mrs. Kylene Owen (Chalice)
 Mr. Jamie Owen (Host)
 Mr. Charles Barlow
 Michael Pidgeon
 Kathryn Shipshinski
 SUN. 8:00 A.M.
 Mrs. Marie Spataro (Chalice)
 Mr. Tony Spataro (Chalice)
 Mrs. Katie Hosie (Host)
 Mrs. Mary Malec
 Antonio Spataro
 Giovanni Spataro
 Dominico Spataro

JANUARY 5/6
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
E. MINISTER
LECTOR
ACOLYTES

SUN. 10:30 A.M.
 Deacon Pat Massino (Chalice)
 Mrs. Sue Baka (Chalice)
 Miss Mary Golden (Host)
 Mrs. Mary Vadala
 Grace Fawcett
 Bella Martin

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

DEC. 31/JAN 1
SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD
 JAN. 5/6
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MON. 4:00 P.M.
 OPEN
 SAT. 4:00 P.M.
 OPEN

TUES. 10:30 A.M.
 OPEN
 SUN. 8:00 A.M.
 OPEN

SUN. 10:30 A.M.
 OPEN

LEARNING FROM THIS CHILD:

"Mary gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7).

In these plain clear words, Luke brings us to the heart of the event that changes our history forever. Everything, that night, became a source of hope. Mary and Joseph, for whom there was no room, are the first to embrace the one who comes to give all of us our document of citizenship. The one who in his poverty and humility proclaims and shows that true power and authentic freedom are shown in honoring and assisting the weak and frail. That night, the one who had no place to be born is proclaimed to those shepherds who had no place in the town. The faith we proclaim makes us see God present in all those situations where we think God is absent. God is present in the unwelcomed visitor, often unrecognizable, who walks throughout cities and our neighborhoods, who travels on our buses and knocks on our doors. In the child of Bethlehem, God comes to meet us and make us active sharers in the life around us. God offers himself to us, so that we can take him into our arms, lift him and embrace him. So that in him we will not be afraid to take into our arms, raise up and embrace the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned (Mt. 25:35-36). In this child God invites us to be messengers of hope and agents of God's hospitality.



PRINCE OF PEACE MARDI GRAS:

Saturday, March 2nd 2019 at 6:00 P.M.
 At arcaro & Genell Banquet Room
 Main Street, Old Forge. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and includes: Hors D'Oeuvres and a full course dinner with one choice of Roast Beef, Veal Marsala, Baked Haddock Italian Style or chicken Francaise. Beer, Wine and Soda included. accepting reservations for tables 8 or 10. Seating is limited to 130-Reserve your seats early. Payment and menu choice is due with reservation. All reservations close February 20, 2019. For reservations call Francis 570-451-0112. Entertainment by Frankie Gervasi of "The Poets".



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Do you have an hour a week to spare? The Visiting Nurses Association is seeking caring, compassionate, and dynamic individuals to join our volunteer team. The volunteer would share their unique skills and talents to enhance the patient's quality of life. Currently, we are seeking individuals to provide companionship services for our out-patients, caregiver relief and supportive services, and in-office volunteer time. The volunteer visit would be either in the patient's home, in a facility or at the office at 301 Delaware Avenue, Olyphant. If you are considering making a change and adding a rewarding experience to your life, please consider volunteering with us. For more information, please contact Marina Suche Pambianco, VNA Volunteer Coordinator, at mpambianco@vnahospice.org or 570-383-5180.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION JUNE 30,

2019: His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30. The event includes a 2:30 P.M. Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through Annette at the parish Office before April 2.

HOPE FOR THE NEW YEAR:

Gracious God, as a new year begins, we place our trust in you. May the time come to bringing us closer to recognizing our need to love and cherish and closer to one another. May those in power understand the importance of cultivating peace and being an end to war. May those who struggle with disease, loss, poverty, and despair find light in the midst of their struggles and suffering. And may we grow stronger in our desire to imitate the love and compassion of Jesus Christ, your Son, in whom our hope abides. Amen.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE DIOCESE OF

SCRANTON COUNSELING: The Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where your privacy is always respected. Counseling is about self-discovery and can be used for personal growth or when distressing conditions exist and you need a bit of extra support. Help is available. Anyone who struggles with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, life transitions, or a variety of emotional or psychological conditions is welcome. Catholic Social Services accepts Medicaid plans and some insurance plans. Counseling is made affordable for everyone. For more information or to make an appointment, call 570-207-2283.