

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 SAMUEL. 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23. David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him.
 PSALM 103. The Lord is kind and merciful.
 1 CORINTHIANS. 15: 45-49. We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam.
 LUKE. 6: 27-38. Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back.

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

FEBRUARY 24, 2019	
OFFERTORY	\$3,679.95
ONLINE GIVING	\$225.00
SALARY/DUES	\$315.00
INITIAL OFFERING	\$16.00
CARE & ED FOR PRIESTS	\$35.00
FUEL	\$507.00
SECOND COLLECTION	\$137.75

WEEKLY ENVELOPE STATISTICS:

\$1.00-\$5.00=82
\$6.00-\$10.00=50
\$11.00-\$20.00=54
\$21.00-\$30.00=34
OVER=20

TOTAL
 ENVELOPES USED=240
 FROM 627 MAILINGS



WEEKLY DUES STATISTICS:

ABOVE \$5.00=5
\$5.00=52
BELOW \$5.00=2

TOTAL ENVELOPES USED=59
 FROM 627 MAILINGS



INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES

- SAT. 4:00 P.M. Patricia & Frank Senofonte (Grandchildren)
- SUN. 8:00 A.M. Joseph E. Matte (Rosemary Riberdy)
- SUN. 10:30 A.M. People of the Parish
- MON. 8:00 A.M. Mary Perry (Maureen Barbour-Smallacombe)
- TUES. 8:00 A.M. Richard Cicci (Judy Hine & Fam.)
- WED. 8:00 A.M. Rita Carter-Screen (Joan McDermott)
- THU. 8:00 A.M. Jane Carrighan-Klembecki (Sheila & Pete Wilkes)
- FRI. 8:00 A.M. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
 Eleanor Grant (Michael & Carrie Grant)
- FRI. 8:30 A.M. Eucharistic Adoration Begins
- FRI. 4:00 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration Concludes
- SAT. 4:00 P.M. David Falbo (Wife & Children)
- SUN. 8:00 A.M. Nicholas Serniak (Family)
- SUN. 10:30 A.M. People of the Parish

WORD OF LIFE: "Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God's design that 'the two shall become one' (Mt. 19:5)." *"Healing within Marriage from an Abortion"* USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities NABRE ©2010 CCD. Used with permission.

2ND ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

The Second Annual Catholic Women's Conference will be held on **Saturday, June 22, 2019**. This year the Conference is again hosted at the University of Scranton and the focus is "Come to the Well". The day will be filled with faith, hope and joy for Catholic women of all ages. Included in the program for the day will be: Speaker Teresa Tomeo, syndicated Catholic talk show host; Jill Metz, artist and personal faith witness; and Sr. Mercy Marie, Sister of Life. The Nashville music group, His Own, will be providing music ministry again this year. More detailed information and registration is available at Catholic Women's Conference.



Come to the well. Refresh your faith!
 2nd Annual Catholic Women's Conference NEPA-2019

PARISH SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

Donations to this fund have been made in memory of Stanley Rzucidlo Joe & Julie Rzucidlo. In memory of Frank Ryczak, Sr. by: Joe & Julie Rzucidlo, Mrs. Sandra Mullen, Mrs. Mary E. Malec. Thank You!!



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM BEGINS:

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. His heart began to beat on the 21st day and is pumping blood through its own circulatory system. The blood type can be different from his mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his mother to give him the most precious gift of all—the gift of life.



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!

DO NO HARM: We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture’s way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history. In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: Our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus’ teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.



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.



ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT:

The Office for parish Life will offer a Retreat on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. The day will begin at 9:30 A.M. and end at 2:30 P.M. The faithful of the Diocese are invited to share in this day of prayer. Father Joseph Sica, a priest of the Diocese of Scranton for over 36 years currently serving as senior priest at Immaculate Conception Parish in Scranton, will lead the retreat. He is the author of several books including Embracing Change: 10 Ways to Grow Spiritually and Forgiveness: One Step at a Time. He has also published booklets of daily prayer and reflection for Advent and Lent. Father Sica is a well-known speaker and retreat leader. The Ash Wednesday Retreat will be planned around this theme:



Unhappy with Life? Change It!

It takes a combination of confidence and courage to step away from what isn’t adding to your life or isn’t working and change it! Do it now! Ignore the critics who will tell you, “You never change—you were always this way.” “People will laugh at you.” “This is not for you.” Whether it’s relationships, family, career, or simply yourself---unhappy? Change it! You can! Father Sica will offer the retreat in three parts with time for reflection and personal prayer. The day will include the 12:10 P.M. Mass celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Peter with distribution of ashes, The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to Mass, and lunch will be served after the Mass. The fee is \$30 which includes lunch. To register, call Mary Anne Malone at the Office for Parish Life, 570-207-2213, or e-mail Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org.

UNICO HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION:

The Keystone Chapter of UNICO National is sponsoring a local High School Choral Competition at Lackawanna College on march 24 at 2 P.M. The profits from this event will be used for local charities and Chapter Scholarships. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for students, and children 5 and under are free. For tickets or information, call Michele @ 570-343-7009 or Toni @ 570-344-2388 or any Keystone Chapter Members.

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE TO PRAY IN FRONT OF THE NEW PLANNED PARENTHOOD:

March 1, 2019 Pro-lifers will pray each First Friday of the month in front of the New Planned Parenthood location: 101 N. Main Street, Wilkes-Barre (across from King’s College). 5 decades of the rosary at 9:00 A.M. for an end to abortion & to close this particular Planned parenthood location. Peaceful, prayerful witness on Planned parenthood sidewalk.

TEN DAY TRIP WITH TWO NIGHTS IN LONDON AND 8 DAY CRUISE FRANCE, PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND LONDON WITH

MONSIGNOR TRESSLER: The trip will depart on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 and return on October 26th. We will fly from Philadelphia International Airport arriving in London for two nights prior to our cruise and we will also have a tour of the city. On Saturday, October 19th we will board Royal Caribbean Independence of the Sea to set sail. The cruise will have port calls in LeHavre, France (allowing for a day trip to parish and Normandy), Vigo, Spain, Lisbon, Portugal and then return to London for our flight home. The entire trip including hotel, cruise, transportation, transfers and fees is priced starting at \$2,995.00 per person based on double occupancy. For further information or to make your reservation, please contact Debbie Freas at 570-288-9311 or John Madden at 570-342-5790 at Travelworld.

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.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MARCH 2/3
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
E. MINISTER
LECTOR
ACOLYTES

SAT. 4:00 P.M.
Mr. Joseph Esgro (Host)
Mrs. Arlene Hemak (Host)
Mr. Ted Prusinski (Host)
Mrs. Ann M. Prusinski (Host)
Mr. Vince O'Bell
Ryder Clark
Tyler Moncinelli

SUN. 8:00 A.M.
Deacon Pat Massino (Host)
Mrs. JoAnn Massino (Host)
Mrs. Marie Spataro (Host)
Mrs. Mary Malec
Kathryn Shipshinski
Michael Pidgeon

SUN. 10:30 A.M.
Mr. Vince Bullet (Host)
Mr. Charles Barlow (Host)
Mrs. Ann M. Kitchura (Host)
Grace Fawcett
Bella Martin

PRESENTERS OF GIFTS

MARCH 2/3
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT. 4:00 P.M.
Falbo Fam.

SUN. 8:00 A.M.
Serniak Fam.

SUN. 10:30 A.M.
OPEN

FAILED MARRIAGES AND HEALING:

When marriages fail, Catholics may be unclear about their relationship to the Church.

"I am civilly divorced and not sure whether I can continue to receive the Eucharist or be a part of the parish Community."

"I am not sure about the status of my marriage." "It would be helpful to talk to someone who could explain it to me."

"My spouse and I would like to explore having our marriage blessed by the Church." "I don't know what an annulment really is and why I would want one. Also, I've heard their expensive." Do any of these voices sound like you or someone like you or someone you know? In the Diocese of Scranton, the Annulment Process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to the answers to these questions and to renew your connection to the Church.



DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS SUNDAY:

The Diocese of Scranton is celebrating Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Sunday with a Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant and homilist. The Mass will be sign-language interpreted for the hearing impaired. This liturgy prayerfully celebrates the many gifts those with developmental or intellectual disabilities bring to the Church and the community. Partners in this celebration include Saint Joseph's Center in Scranton, the Diocesan SPRED Community (Special Religious Education) and the Catholic Deaf Community of the Diocese of Scranton. All are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE: The Fifth Annual Catholic Men's Conference for the Diocese of Scranton will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes, Barre.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: The next Diocesan Theology on Tap event will be held on Tuesday, February 29, from 7-9 P.M. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Emma Gallagher, Associate Campus Minister at King's College, will speak on the topic of "New Year, New Me: Creating Healthy Resolutions and Healthy Expectations." All young adults ages 21-40 are welcome to attend. There will be a suggested donation of \$7 to cover food and soft drinks. Contact Katy Windels or Shannon Kowalski for more information.

SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER PERFORMANCE OF "JESUS":

Carl's Tours is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster Pa. for a matinee performance of "Jesus" on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. The bus leaves from Eynon, Pa. (the old Burlington parking area). The trip includes dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord and the cost for all (bus trip, Theater performance and dinner is \$115.00 per person payable in advance). Phone 570-347-5687 or 570-347-4284 for reservations and further information.

"COME AND SEE": A Unique Opportunity to Answer the Call to Missionary Discipleship

This retreat is designed to help men (High School Seniors and older) understand God's call to Diocesan Priesthood. It will be held March 8-9 at Villa of Our Lady Retreat House Mount Pocono, starting at 7:00 P.M. on Friday and concluding with dinner on Saturday. (Participants are welcome to stay through Sunday lunch.) Interactive presentations include:

- ❖ Practical steps for discerning a vocation to Diocesan Priesthood
- ❖ Seminary life, academics, spiritual life and pastoral ministry
- ❖ Seminarians and priests sharing their vocation stories

There will be free time to relax, pray and connect with others throughout the Diocese. There is no charge; RSVP to Father Don Williams, Diocesan Vocation Office by February 28: 570-207-1452 or vocations@dioceseofscranton.org

LITTLE SISTERS' "THIS THAT, & THE OTHER SALE":

The Little Sisters of the Poor will host a "This, That, and the Other Sale" from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. on Wednesday through Saturday for the month of February at Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Avenue, Scranton. This sale includes small furniture, desks, beds, lockers, decorations and much more. There will be different items every week. All remaining items from the convent must go. All items must be taken on the day they are purchased. Delivery is not available. For more information, please call 570-343-4065.

SAVE THE DATE:

A Community Blood

Drive will be held at St.

Rose Family Center

(Lower Church) on Tuesday, March 5 from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

For an appointment, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Walk-ins also welcome. Donors receive a St. Patrick's Day T-Shirt while supplies last. Please give the gift of life!



FOR PEACE:

O God, source of all holy desires, right counsels and just works, grant us that peace which the world cannot give, so that we may be obedient to your commands and under your protection enjoy peace in our days and freedom from fear of our enemies.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

