

DECEMBER 31, 2017

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH

SIRACH. 3: 2-6, 12-14. Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins.

PSALM 128. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

COLOSSIANS. 3: 12-21. Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

LUKE. 2: 22-40. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

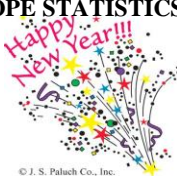
RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 31, 2017

OFFERTORY	\$4,275.60
ONLINE GIVING	\$125.00
DUES	\$312.00
CHRISTMAS 2017	\$10,359.00
CHRISTMAS 2016	\$11,641.56
FLOWERS	\$15.00
SECOND COLLECTION	\$234.20

WEEKLY ENVELOPE STATISTICS

\$1.00-\$5.00=87
\$6.00-\$10.00=54
\$11.00-\$20.00= 50
\$21.00-\$30.00=36
OVER=10



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WEEKLY DUES/SALARY STATISTICS:

ABOVE \$5.00=6
\$5.00=24
BELOW \$5.00=1

**TOTAL ENVELOPES USED =237
FROM 627 MAILINGS**

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CHILDREN'S =15 FROM 125 SETS

INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES:

SAT. 4:00 P.M. Mary Tochelli (The Family)
SUN. 8:00 A.M. People of the Parish
SUN. 10:30 A.M. Alan & Paul Morcom (The Family)
SUN. 4:00 P.M. Christmas Novena Intentions
MON. 10:30 A.M. Christmas Novena Intentions
TUE. 9:00 A.M. Michael & Anna Kitchura (The Family)
Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
WED. 8:00 A.M. Christmas Novena Intentions
The Holy Name of Jesus
THU. 8:00 A.M. Raymond & Marie Bruce (John & Ann Potis)
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
FRI. 8:00 A.M. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Christmas Novena Intentions
St. John Neumann
FRI. 8:30 A.M. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION BEGINS IN THE CHAPEL
FRI. 4:00 P.M. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CONCLUDES
SAT. 4:00 P.M. Joseph Cucura (The Pittack Family)
SUN. 8:00 A.M. People of the Parish
SUN. 10:30 A.M. Heather Margaret Harvey (Mother)



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WORD OF LIFE: "Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing--USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

HAVE YOU MOVED?: Have you changed your address recently? If so, please contact the Rectory Office @ 570-876-1061 so your envelopes and other communications will be delivered to you. The Envelope Company cannot forward them through the postal service. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

2018 MASS BOOK OPENED: The Mass Book for next year, 2018 is now available to schedule your masses.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION:

Your spiritually adopted baby is growing quite beautifully now. His weight is approaching 2 pounds.

Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed!



PARISH SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

Donations to this fund have been made in memory of Jean McDermott by M/M James Perry, The Lavern Battenberg Fam, Joan Iva Buchinski, Ellen & Ron Zeshonski, Bottler's Staff, Joseph M. Petorak M/M Robert Caselli, Mrs. Judy Hine, Joan Williams, Jean & Jerry Tolerico, Ann M. Kitchura, M/ M Henry Stachura, Joyce Albert, M/M Kevin Pittack & Fam. Thank You!

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS:

Please make sure all of your contributions will be in by January 28th. **ALL PARISHIONERS** Will be given a contribution statement for 2017.

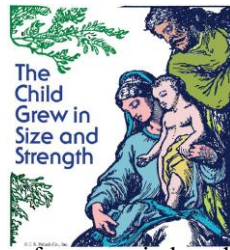
TO ALL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION, LECTOR'S AND

ACOLYTES: The New schedule is available to be picked up in the Sacristy.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST AND RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY JANUARY 2ND.

BEARERS OF THE WORD:

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas, the feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate. We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself. Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.



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.

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.



TELESPOND SENIOR SERVICES, Inc. "Senior Companion Program" : Do you know that Telespond offers a no-cost program to help qualified older adults who want to remain independent in their own homes as long as possible? This a FREE Service to residents of Lackawanna County!

- Do you need a friend, someone to talk who really cares?
- Are you homebound or unable to manage completely on your own?
- Would you like us to provide short periods of relief to primary caregivers?

We are there to help you! For more information call Kathy Coyne @ 570-347-7911.

TELESPOND SENIOR SERVICES: Are you 55 years of age or older? Do you reside in Lackawanna County? Do you enjoy spending time with older adults? As a Senior Companion Volunteer you will receive many benefits including: A tax-free stipend, paid Holidays & Vacation Time. For more information, please call Kathy Coyne @ 570-347-7911.

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. **AFTER 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!

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES: These are discontinued since not enough of our young children are using them. The envelopes are a great cost to the parish.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA ENVELOPES: These are found in your packets and are for any of your Christmas Intentions. They will be placed on the altar for you intention to be celebrated in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

WALL CALENDARS, 2018: Special Thanks to Battenberg Furniture and Funeral Home for sponsoring our Wall Calendars for 2018. They are also available on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

BOLD CHOICES RETREAT:

(Finding Your Passion and Living It Fully)

Join us for a young adult (18-35) retreat at Saint Gabriel's Retreat Center, Clarks Summit January 5-6. The 24 hour retreat will include presentations and interactive sessions on prayer, making choices based on faith, finding your passion, the art of discernment, small group discussion & more. Cost is \$65.00. For more information and/or to register, visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452. bonds among wach other sustaining our life in Christ, and we are transformed through solidarity as Christ's missionary disciples.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 6/7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD E. MINISTER LECTOR ACOLYTES	SAT. 4:00 P.M. Mr. Joseph Smith (Chalice) Mr. Joseph Esgro (Chalice) Mrs. Diane Mosley (Host) Mr. Vince O'Bell (Host) Mrs. Mary Fran Smith	SUN. 8:00 A.M. Mr. Greg Selvenis (Chalice) Mrs. JoAnn Massino (Chalice) Mrs. Geraldine Hine (Host) Mrs. Ann Selvenis (Host) Mrs. Suzanne Serniak Thomas Pidgeon Michael Pidgeon	SUN. 10:30 A.M. Mr. Jamie Owen (Chalice) Mrs. Kylene Owen (Chalice) Mr. Vince Bullet (Host) Mrs. Sue Baka Elizabeth Pittsman Maggie Pittsman
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PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

JANUARY 6/7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	SAT. 4:00 P.M. Pittack Fam.	SUN. 8:00 A.M. OPEN	SUN. 10:30 A.M. Harvey Fam.
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A BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, as we now face the Next Year,

Let it be a time of grace:

For family and friends;

A year of blessings that increase;

A year of favor and your peace for all the human race.

For a new start I pray;

Let it begin this very day:

A time of healing our woes,

A time of mercies when pardon flows for those who go astray.

A time of goodness for those held dear,

A time of pardon for those we fear.

Lord, let this be a blessed year. Amen.

DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE IN LAY MONISTRY PROGRAM, 2018

The Office for Parish Life encourages parish leaders to consider application for the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry for January, 2018! The Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry is a ministry formation program designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals serving their parish in areas such as:

- Pastoral Council,
- Director of Religious Education and Catechist,
- Liturgical Coordinator,
- Parish Staff,
- Volunteer Ministry teams,
- And others!

Through independent online study with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation, as well as regional workshops and opportunities for prayer and reflection, Diocesan Certificate candidates enrich their knowledge base, while also learning practical tools for effective parish ministry in their faith communities. The Office for parish Life anticipates welcoming new candidates into the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry program in the New Year. Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, at 570-207-2213, or by email at Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org for application information, materials and application submissions. Deadline to apply is Monday, January 15, 2018

NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE, THE BREAKAWAY FOR A NINE DAY SCANDANAVIAN BALTIC & ST. PETERSBURG CRUISE:

Join Msgr. Tressler for the Cruise. The trip will depart on Monday, July 2, 2018 and return on July 13. We will fly from Newark international Airport arriving for an overnight stay in Copenhagen prior to our cruise and we will also have a tour of the city. On Wednesday, July 14th we will board the NCL Breakaway for our 9 day cruise. The cruise will have port calls in Berlin (Germany); Tallinn (Estonia); St. Petersburg (Russia) (overnight); Helsinki (Finland); Stockholm (Sweden); Copenhagen (Denmark) and return to Copenhagen for our flight home. The entire trip including hotels, cruise transportation, transfers, and fees is priced at \$3,195.00 per person based on double occupancy with an added special bonuses. For further information or to make your reservation, please contact Mr. John Madden at Travelworld at 570-342-5790.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: 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 2018 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass **on Sunday, June 10**. 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 the Parish Office before **March 12th**.

THANK YOU FROM MSGR. TRESSLER:

THANK YOU! Please allow me to extend my sincere gratitude for the dedication and support of so many individuals who assisted in the preparation for Christmas here at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish. I am so grateful to the many who assisted in making our Christmas celebrations so beautiful.. The countless volunteers who spent so much time cleaning, setting up and decorating the Church both inside and out, the music ministry under the direction of Mrs. Patricia McMyne, lectors, extraordinary ministers of communion, altar servers, sacristans, ushers, seamstresses, decorators, cleaners, and so many others who assisted in any way as well as our parish staff Annette O'Bell and Stanley Koval. On behalf of the entire parish community I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude! Finally, to the entire parish community thank you for your presence and generous support of our parish.

PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR

Almighty God, with you there is no beginning and no end for you are the origin and goal of all creation. May this new year which we dedicate to you bring us abundant prosperity and growth in holy living.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever, Amen.