

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 14, 2020

			† MASS INTENTIONS †
Sat.	3/14	4:00 PM	Mike and Helen Michalesko by Jack and Lynn Jastremsky
Sun.	3/15	11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Sons of Erin
Mon.	3/16	7:00 PM	Joseph Cukauskas, Sr. by His Wife Helen and Sons
Tue.	3/17	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Banyas and Feschuk Families by John and Kathy Feschuk
Wed.	3/18	7:00 AM	Paul Yurkanin by Mary and Bob DeJohn and Children
Thur.	3/19	7:00 AM	Lorraine and Edward Sharp by Dr. and Mrs. Michael Washinsky
Fri.	3/20	7:00 AM	Joe Baran by His Mother, Brothers, and Family
Sat.	3/21	4:00 PM	Margie Serock by Her Sisters Anna and Helen & Families
Sun.	3/22	11:00 AM	John and Helen Kasarda by Bernadine and Robert Kisatsky



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,763.00; Loose \$205.00; Dues \$706.00; Care and Education of Priests \$210.00; Ash Wednesday \$58.00; Easter Flowers \$58.00; Church in Europe \$42.00; Catholic Relief \$1.00; Poor Box \$157.00

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of John, Rita, and Joseph Denion by the Denion Family

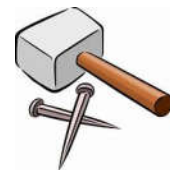


SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in Memory of Paul Yurkanin by Mary and Bob DeJohn and Children

COMBINED PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will take place on Monday, March 16th, in our parish center after the 7:00 PM mass.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be offered at Immaculate Conception Parish every Friday during Lent at noon and again at 7:00 PM beginning this Friday, February 28th. The evening Stations will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 6:00 to 6:55 PM. Stations of the Cross will be offered at Good Shepherd Parish every Friday at 4:00 PM with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 3:00 - 3:45 PM and Benediction at 3:45 PM.



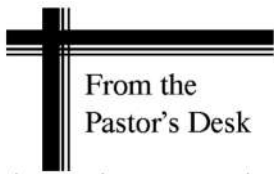
FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Reminder: **No class March 29th.** Classes resume April 5th.

On Sunday, April 5th, we are asking all students and their families to meet in the parish center to take part in the Palm Sunday Procession.

ATTENTION 6th, 7th, & 8th GRADE STUDENTS: The first practice for Living Stations will be Monday, March 16, at 5:30 PM at Good Shepherd Church.



TICKETS FOR GOOD SHEPHERD'S BAKED FISH DINNER on Friday, March 20th, are available in our parish office. The dinner is take-out only from 4:00 - 7:00 PM, and the cost has been reduced to \$12.00.



From the
Pastor's Desk

What appears on the surface is not what is really going on in this weekend's Gospel. The unidentified woman at the well is there to get water. Jesus recognizes immediately that what brought her to this well (one with biblical provenance) was a thirst for something more than physical water. This woman needed FAITH. It is FAITH that will help her recognize who Jesus is and what HE has to offer. I think we all have that deep need within us to for something special. During this Lenten Season I urge you to go to the WELL of your faith and re-find Jesus!



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, FASTING ON ANGER.

Bishop Schlert (Bishop of Allentown) in his Lenten Pastoral Letter for 2020 had an interesting take on the Stations of the Cross and anger. In each station the reflection deals with anger which is overflowing in almost every aspect of our lives in this country. Rather than list them all, I thought the Tenth Station was appropriate, especially for our younger parishioners. The Tenth Station: Jesus is Stripped of His Clothes - "In my anger, do I strip someone of his or her dignity or good name by what I say about them, what I post on social media, or how I act toward them?" Social Media is such an easy way to reach many people, but once your words are out there, they're out there! Maybe a fast on anger isn't such a bad idea!



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP is kept continually lit to indicate and honor the presence of Christ." The red sanctuary lamp is a sign that the Lord is always present. If you would like to have this lamp burning in memory of your loved one, you can schedule it by the week. The cost for each week is \$25.00. If you would like to reserve the Sanctuary Lamp, please call the parish office at 570-636-3035.

FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS are due on the altar or in the parish office by **Sunday, March 28th**, so that we can get them organized and ready for delivery. If anyone would like to volunteer to help deliver bags to our nursing home residents and local Freeland residents, please contact Janet in the parish office.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS: Our next Baptismal Preparation Class with Deacon Jim will be held on **Tuesday, March 24th**, at Immaculate Conception and on **Thursday, March 26th**, at Good Shepherd. This class is mandatory for ALL parents wishing to baptize their children. Please register by calling the parish office of Immaculate Conception at 570-636-3035 or Good Shepherd at 570-788-3141.



REMINDER FOR YOUR SAFETY - Effective immediately, the Sign of Peace will now be exchanged without physical contact. You are strongly encouraged, **BUT NOT REQUIRED**, to receive the Holy Eucharist in your hand. We no longer have holy water at the entrances to the church. Elderly parishioners who are not sick but are concerned about being in crowded spaces are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. Parishioners are also reminded that if they are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home for their own well-being and that of others. If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION for March is red beets, vinegar, and mayonnaise.



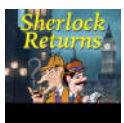


A Separate Past
A Future Together



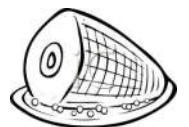
NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE - A year and a half ago we embarked on our capital campaign, "A Separate Past, A Future Together". Our parish has consistently shown how we come together to meet the local community needs not only through ministry but also through our outreach programs such as: the backpacks for children, the giving trees, the winter coats for children, and forget-me-not gift bags as well as birthday and greeting cards for nursing home residents and our elderly shut-ins. We should all be proud of what our parish means to our community. As we roll into the second half of the campaign, we remind all parishioners that there is still time to participate and encourage everyone to contribute to the campaign and ensure we continue our proud history.

LOOKING FOR SOME EXTRA CASH? Calvary cemetery is looking for part time summer help to help with cemetery maintenance Cutting grass and weed whacking. The perfect job for anyone who wants to get outside and make some extra money. The position available pays \$8.00 per hour. The work is 29 hours per week and no weekends. The positions starts around April 13th and ends toward the end of September. All interested applicants should stop in the cemetery office between 8:30 am and Noon and 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM Monday - Friday or on Saturday between 8:00 AM and Noon for an application.



PARISH BUS TRIP to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Thursday, Apr 23rd, to see "Sherlock Returns." Cost is \$85.00 which includes the show, lunch, bus and gratuity. Call Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720. Deadline for tickets is April 3rd.

OUR HAM BINGO is Sunday, March 29th in the Parish Center. Kitchen opens at 11:30 AM, early Birds at 12:30 PM, Regular Bingo starts at 1:00 PM. Baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Come out and play! Enjoy good food, fun, and a chance to win your Easter ham!

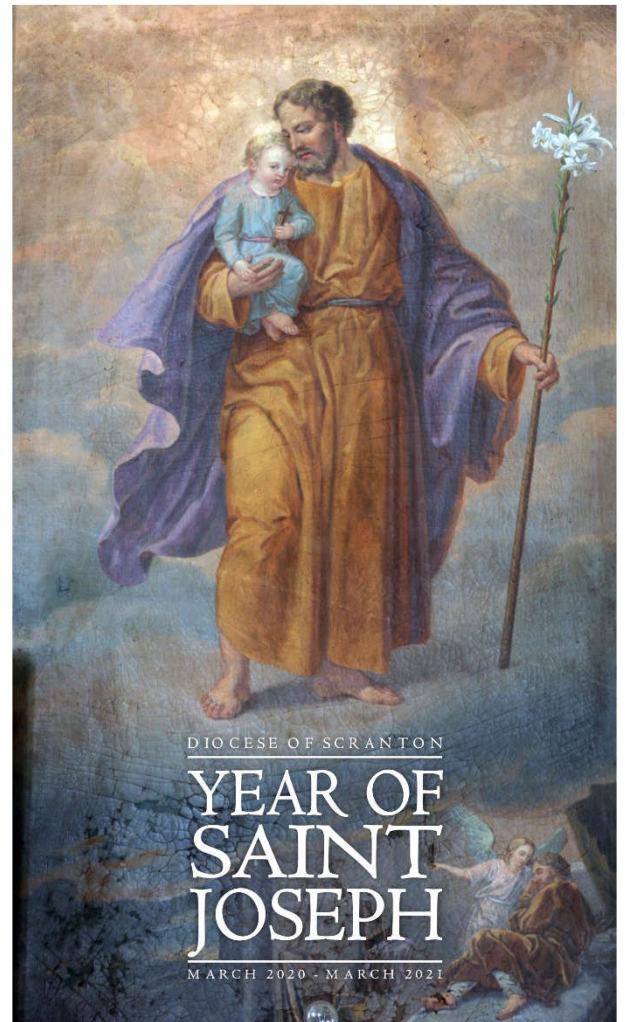


The Oblates to Host the Annual Feast Celebration of St. Joseph - The Annual Feast of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, will be celebrated on **Thursday, March 19th** with a solemn Mass at 11:00 a.m. at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, located on Route 315 in Laflin with His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, as principal celebrant and homilist. The Oblate priests and Diocesan clergy will concelebrate. At the conclusion of the Holy Mass, St. Joseph bookmarks will be blessed and distributed. There will also be a Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Diocese of Scranton
Year of Saint Joseph
Bulletin Announcement

Year of Saint Joseph

This year marks the 150th Anniversary of Pope Pius IX's decree naming Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus, as the Patron of the Universal Church. In commemoration of this anniversary and recognizing the fitting time for the Church to invoke the intercession of this guardian, His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has declared this year as a "Year of Saint Joseph" to be observed in the Diocese of Scranton from March 19, 2020 to March 19, 2021. Bishop Bambera states, "Just as Saint Joseph watched over and protected the Lord Jesus while he was on earth, we need Saint Joseph to watch over and provide for the Church today. His intercession on behalf of the Universal Church is vital as the world faces so much upheaval and pain, and particularly as it confronts the uncertainty and pain of the coronavirus epidemic."



Bishop Bambera invites all of the faithful to renew their devotion to Saint Joseph during this commemorative year, and to seek his powerful intercession to safely guard the Church from all evils, just as he protected the Holy Family from harm. Please look for future opportunities and resources to celebrate this year in your parish.