

SETON SENTINEL

January |21| 2024



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Mark 1:17

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Eucharist

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday &
Friday 8:00am
No Mass on Wednesday
Saturday 4:00pm (vigil)
Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am &
5:30pm

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Confessions:

Saturday 3:30-3:45pm or you may call Fr. Chmil for an appointment



Worship

Intention

Monday, January 22

8:00am Jack Romanowski

Tuesday, January 23

8:00am Monsignor Polcha

Wednesday, January 24

8:00am **No Daily Mass**

Thursday, January 25

8:00am Paul Suda Jr.

Friday, January 26

8:00am Daniel Stefanides

Saturday, January 27

4:00pm Raymond & Elizabeth Podskoch

Sunday, January 28

8:30am Charlotte & Mario Zucca

11:00am Anna Stefanko

5:30pm Edna & Charles Romanoski

Requested by

Mike & Carol Romanowski

Theresa Yurko & Daughter

Janush Family

Mike & Marie

Theresa Schaeffer

David & Stephanie Walski

Niece, Dolores Brominski

Children

Prayer

Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is held each Thursday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Evening Prayer and Benediction conclude the night. All are welcome to come, even just for a quick visit on Thursday evenings here in church.



Special Intentions



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

~~In Memory of ~~**Ray Gustave** ~~offered by wife, Donna & daughters, Hilary & Ashley

~~In Memory of the unborn babies who have died through abortion

PRAY FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

~~**Thomas Hudak**~~

May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

The rosary will be prayed for vocations after daily mass.

Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Chmil x105

Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban

Assisting Celebrant

Deacon John Bankus

Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler

Permanent Deacons

Lori Raymond x100

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Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30am to 3:00pm

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment.

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DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATES

If you haven't already donated, the Diocesan Annual Appeal envelopes are on the tables at the church entrance. If you already received a letter in the mail, please respond. Gifts of any size are welcome and participation is important. God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

DAA goal: \$44,000.00

Total raised: - \$40,970.02

over/under: - \$ 3,029.98

We have reached 93.11% of our goal.

Number of donors: 273 24.25% of our parishioners gave

VOCATIONS

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ's Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 570-207-1452 or email: info@dioceseofscranton.org

WORD OF LIFE

There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected official alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living the Gospel of Life," 1998 USCCB

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS (cont'd)



Mrs. Rosemarie Barton

Ed & Carol Niewinski

Deborah Ann Proleika

Mrs. Shirley Proleika

Mr. Gerard J. Weihbrecht Sr.



CLASSES FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY:

SATURDAYS: JANUARY 27, FEBRUARY 3, 10, & 24 (No Class on Feb. 17th (Presidents' Weekend))

MONDAYS: JANUARY 22, 29, FEBRUARY 5, 12, & 26 (No Class on Feb. 19th (Presidents' Weekend))

Lenten Mission Envelopes 2024

Before Lent, our students will receive an envelope for their Lenten sacrifice. All of our students' Lenten offerings will be sent to our very own, Father John Ostrowski, who has worked with the Missions in El Salvador for many years. Students may return the envelopes with their offering to their teachers anytime during Lent or after Lent.

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE JANUARY 25

When the Jewish Pharisee Saul set out from Jerusalem to Damascus, his aim was to persecute the fledgling Christian community. The dramatic story of St. Paul's miraculous conversion is told several times in the Acts of the Apostles and New Testament letters. Paul became the apostle to the Gentiles and carried Christ's message around the Roman Empire. He also shares a feast day with St. Peter on June 29. The January feast was known as the "translation" of St. Paul in the martyrology of St. Jerome; it may originally have commemorated the moving of Paul's relics. Now, it appropriately closes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Paul is the patron saint of Greece, Malta, and the Cursillo movement.



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations



Thursday,
February 1st

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

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EZRA 10:4

**A RETREAT FOR MEN DISCERNING THE
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**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

**By Dr. Scott Hahn
Following Him**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 25:4-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah (see 1 Kings 19:19-21).

As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus.

Jesus' promise - to make them "fishers of men" - evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send "many fishermen" to restore the Israelites from exile, as once He brought them out of slavery in Egypt (see Jeremiah 16:14-16).

By Jesus' cross and resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see Luke 9:31). And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church - a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will (see John 1:12-13; Matthew 12:46-50).

From now on, even our most important worldly concerns - family relations, occupations, and possessions - must be judged in light of the gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle.

The first word of Jesus' gospel - *repent* - means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God.

And we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have a greater than Jonah (see Matthew 12:41). We have God come as our savior, to show sinners the way, as we sing in today's Psalm. This should give us hope - that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him.

But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance - striving daily to pattern our lives after His. *A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology* www.SalvationHistory.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING RED CLAM CHOWDER SALE

Our KofC will be having their famous Red Clam Chowder Sale on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Cost is \$10/quart. Sign up sheets will soon be available on the tables at the church entrance. More details to follow.....

FEAST OF THE HOLY SPOUSES will be held at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin, today, Sunday, January 21, 2024 with a special Mass at 3:00 pm. This annual celebration honors the spousal role of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Joseph exalting the sanctity of marriage and family life within our modern world. This Feast was officially approved in 1989 by the Vatican for the Congregation of the Oblates of St. Joseph. Celebrant and homilist for this year's celebration is Rev. Anthony J. Generose, pastor of Most Precious Blood & Queen of Heaven Parishes, Hazleton. He also serves in the Tribunal Office of the Diocese of Scranton. The public is invited to attend, a social will follow the Mass. For more information, contact the seminary office at 654-7542.

HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:

Soups w/meat (chunky soups), canned pasta (ravioli), canned fruit, jelly



OFFERINGS

Weekend of January 6/7, 2024

REGULAR: \$ 6873.00

DUES: \$ 4319.00

CHRISTMAS (additional): \$460.00

Solemnity of Mary (Jan. 1): \$337.00

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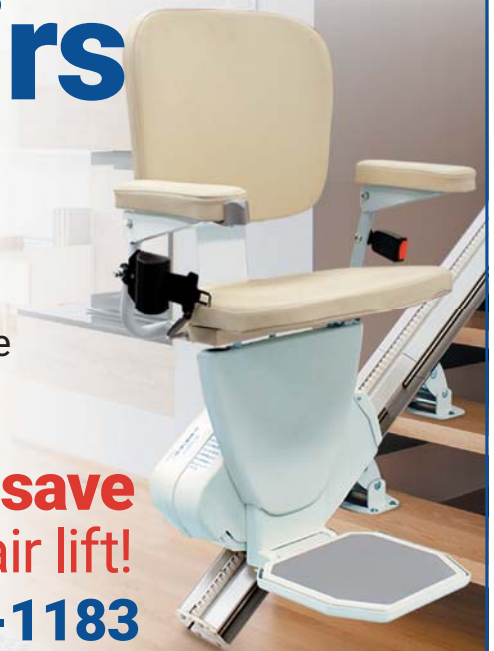
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