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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, December 16

8:00am Kristen Curry

Tuesday, December 17

8:00am Joseph Sincavage

Wednesday, December 18

No Daily Mass

Thursday, December 19

8:00am Joseph Gibbons

Friday, December 20

8:00am Bonnie D. Stiles

Saturday, December 21

4:00pm Marie, John, & Bob Maxwell

Sunday, December 22

8:30am Randolph Allen

11:00am Richard Mizenko

5:30pm Elaine Smith

Requested by

Kira Williams & Family

John, Kim, & Shelby

Sister, Pat Quinn & Family

Family

Virginia & Bill

Godson, Matthew Stoodley

Wife & Family

Cousin, Christine

Prayer



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please join us on

**Tuesday evenings from 5pm to 7pm
in the church. Come spend a few
minutes or longer with Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament.**



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

~~In Memory of~~ **Theresa Jaworski**~~ offered by Lori
Raymond

~~In Memory of~~ **Chester & Helen Czerniak**~~ offered by
Marion & Jerry Pacovsky



**ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS--The Rosary will be
prayed for vocations after daily mass.**

PRAY FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

~~Lorraine Stibgen~~

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

**OPLATKI (Christmas Wafers) is available in the church vestibule on
the weekends of Advent or by calling the rectory. The wafers are
located on the table in the vestibule. Donation is \$5 for each pack
of 4 wafers. It will be done on the honor system, so please bring
the correct amount for the basket next to the Oplatki.**

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes are on Sat. from 9am-10:15am and on Mon. from 6pm-7:15pm.

Saturday Classes: Dec. 14 (no classes on Dec. 21 and 28).

Monday Classes: Dec. 16 (No classes on Dec. 23 and 30).

Classes will resume on Saturday, January 4th & Monday, January 6th.

2025 CHURCH CALENDARS

THANK YOU, WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME!!! Our 2025 church calendars are located on the tables at the church entrance. Please take one home with you. We want to thank **WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 1442 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, for sponsoring our church calendars. May God bless you always!

ADVENT PIROHY SALE SATURDAY, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

We still have some pirohy to sell, and will be selling our frozen pirohy THIS Saturday, December 14th after the 4pm mass in the school cafeteria, while supplies last. Cost is \$12/dozen.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The Appeal is in progress. Envelopes are on the tables at the church entrance, if you haven't already donated. 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. Please check the updates on Page 5.



THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our KofC wants to thank everyone who came out to support us by coming to our Breakfast Buffet with Santa last Sunday. The event was a huge success, and we hope to see you next year! (Also, a huge THANK YOU to Mark Perugino, Grand Knight, and to all the Knights

who did a great job on making this event happen. The breakfast was enjoyed by both adults and children, who also enjoyed being with Santa.)

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING

Our SCC will meet this Thursday, Dec. 19th, at 6:30pm in the church hall.

New members are welcome.

Office Hours

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

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment.

570-287-6624



HELP US GET THE CHURCH READY FOR CHRISTMAS!!

Help us put up the trees and wreaths, garland, and manger on Sunday, December 22nd, at 12:30pm. Lots of hands will mean light work. Please lend a hand if you can! 7th & 8th grade Confirmation students, this is a great opportunity for church service hours. Just come to the church around 12:30.

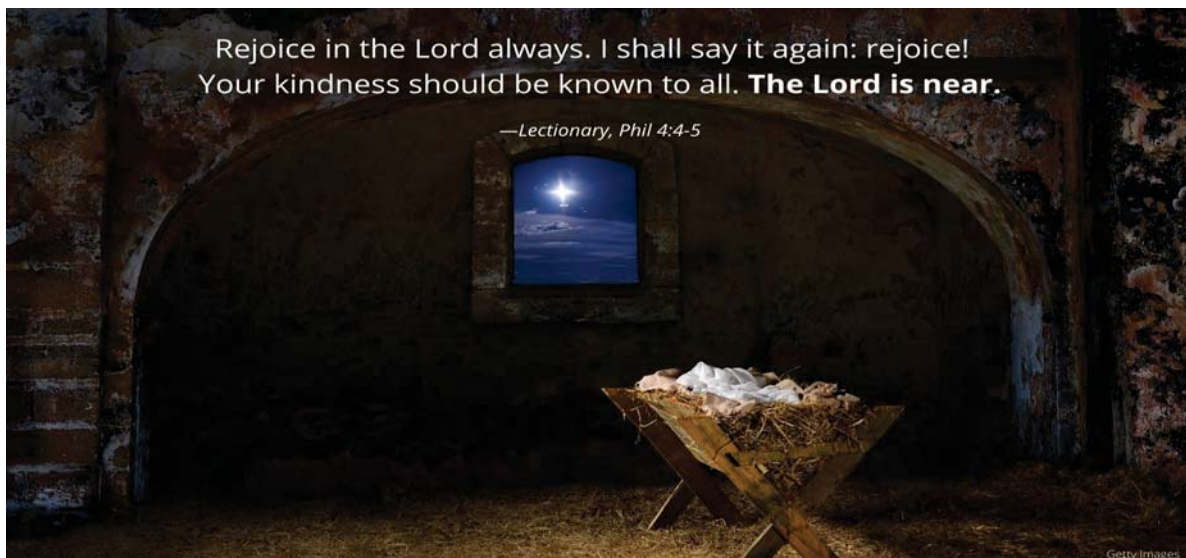
NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE.DAWN--10 DAY CRUISE TO 8 PORTS IN IRELAND, JULY 7TH-18TH, 2025

Monsignor David L. Tressler, Pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston, & Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, will serve as Chaplain on this 10-day Ireland Cruise. The trip will depart on Monday, July 7, 2025, and return on Friday, July 18, 2025. We will have roundtrip motorcoach to & from Newark Int'l Airport. The flight will be on United Airlines nonstop to Southampton & depart from Southampton to Newark nonstop. We will visit 8 ports in Ireland which include: Waterford, Cork (Cobh), Dingle, Foynes (Limerick), Galway, Killybegs, Dublin and Belfast, Northern Ireland. The island is approximately 300 miles north to south and 175 miles east to west. Although small, it has so much to offer with its beautiful scenery, welcoming people, and many historical sites. Also included is a highlight tour of London on the 18th! The cruise includes a beverage package, specialty dining, & 150 free internet minutes, transfers & fees is priced starting at \$4495.00 /person based on double occupancy for an Oceanview stateroom. To obtain a brochure, further questions, or to make a reservation, call John Madden 570-342-5790 at Travelworld.

“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me.” God is empowering you for a specific purpose! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? **Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 570-207-1452 or email: info@dioceseofscranton.org**

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Kate Leahy, a fellow member of the Scranton Diocesan Chapter of Catholic Mental Health Ministers, along with the mental health ministry committee at Divine Mercy Parish, Scranton (Minooka), will be hosting a very special service, *Blue Christmas*, on **Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.** in **Divine Mercy Parish Church, 312 Davis St., Scranton**, which is intended to bring comfort, spiritual word and song, and accompaniment to those who may be troubled or experiencing mental or emotional stress at the holiday time. In brief, the service is a mix of sacred readings and music, scripture, congregational prayer, reflection time, congregational candle lighting, etc. The service follows the Saturday Vigil Liturgy; Blue Christmas does not include Liturgy of the Eucharist.





3rd Sunday of Advent

A certain priest, known for his girth, returned to his former parish to visit, minus much of his sizable frame. When asked about his weight loss, he told everyone that chest pains and the fear of a heart attack motivated him to lose weight and take better care of himself. He felt better, had more energy and was more active than he had ever been. Once he made up his mind, he did what was necessary to stay fit.

John’s listeners are convinced by the Baptist’s message that announced the coming of the Messiah. They want to do something to prepare for the coming of the Lord. It was not possible or practical to become like John. So, John tells them to do what they can. In their jobs, communities and daily lives, they were to live in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah, practicing the virtues of the Kingdom by treating people fairly and with respect.

To prepare once again for the celebration of Christmas, we must root out sin and evil in our lives and renew our commitment to God and holiness. Look for those opportunities everyday and live your life according to your beliefs. Make up your mind that you will do whatever it takes to get right with God and prepare for the coming of Christ. ~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT
11/30/2024

DAA 2024 Goal:	\$55,801.00
Total Committed:	\$38,622.00
% to Goal:	69.21%

Balance to Achieve Goal: \$17,179.00

No. of donors: 240 %of parishioners: 21.43%



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

WEEKEND OF Nov. 30/Dec. 1, 2024

REGULAR: \$8100.25 DUES: \$2915.00



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: \$655.50

DIOCESAN:

Campaign Human Dev.: \$31.00

MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Ways to Give:

-  Online: www.setonpa.com
-  Mail to: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
116 Hughes St.,
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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ,
Pray for us!

Please return all gifts for the **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**, wrapped and with the tag attached by this weekend. May God bless your generosity and kindness!



2024 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Confessions

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 21, 2024 3:30 pm-3:45 pm

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2024

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Feast Day of the Holy Family: Saturday, December 28, 2024 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 29, 2024 8:30 am, 11:00 am, & 5:30 pm

New Year's Eve, Mary Mother of God, Tuesday, December 31, 2024

4:00 pm

New Year's Day, Mary Mother of God, Wednesday, January 1, 2025

10:00 am

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Our Pro-Life Ministry meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the church hall after Holy Hour. The rosary will be said at 6:45 in church to end abortion. We will meet this Tuesday, December 17th, after the Rosary. Please join us!!!

“Let us remember that every child at its very conception is created for greater things--to Love and to be Loved.” ~~Mother Teresa



PEACE IN THE WOMB CHRISTMAS CAROLING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 2PM, AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD, 101 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, across from King's College. Abortion pill is sold at this facility. Free street parking available. Organized nationally by the Pro-Life Action League. Sponsored by: Order of Alhambra, A Catholic organization dedicated to assisting those with special needs. Live music by Ernie Pappa.
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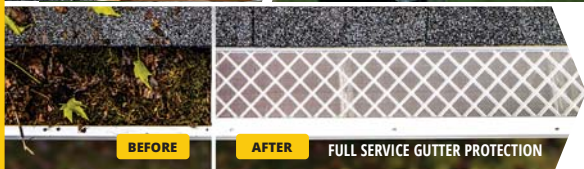
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