


<p>MONDAY - January 9 8:00 A.M. - Dorothy Freel - Franzo Family</p> <p>TUESDAY - January 10 8:00 A.M. - Helen Johns - Judy and Vince LaGuardia</p> <p>WEDNESDAY - January 11 8:00 A.M. - Msgr. Kevin O'Neil - The Eber Family</p> <p>THURSDAY - January 12 8:00 A.M. - Carmen Maria Diaz - Teresa Musumeci</p> <p>FRIDAY - January 13 8:00 A.M. - Christopher Costaglio - Appello Family</p> <p>SATURDAY - January 14 8:00 A.M. Thomas Rolland - Frank Dennis</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF VICTORY</p> <p>5:00 P.M. - Susan Farmer - John and Sylvia Connor</p> <p>SUNDAY - January 15 8:00 A.M. - Parishioners 9:30 A.M. - James Sparrow, III - Mary Ellen & Jim Weichel 11:00 A.M. - Anthony Detroia - Sal DiGiovine</p>	
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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

- Sunday..... Confirmation Retreat - 9:00 A.M.
 Ministries Retreat - 2:00 P.M.
 Youth Group - 6:00 P.M.
- Monday..... Quilters Club - 7:00 P.M.
- Tuesday..... Holy Name Society - 7:00 P.M.
- Thursday..... Senior Citizens - Noon
 Compassionate Friends - 7:00 P.M.
- Saturday..... Junior Choir - 10:00 P.M.
 Folk Group - Noon
 Bingo - 6:45 P.M.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH

- January 15..... Baptism Class
- January 16..... Liturgy Committee
- January 17..... Social Concerns Committee
- January 19..... Knights of Columbus
- January 22..... Service of Light for the Unborn
- January 29..... International Dinner
 Parish Pastoral Council
- January 30/31.. Pierogi Making

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: The prophet Isaiah returns one more time in this Christmas season, now on the Feast of the Epiphany. In the final chapters of Isaiah (chapters 56—66), the prophet is proclaiming God’s word to the Israelites who have returned to Jerusalem after the Exile in Babylon. What at first was a joyful return, has turned inward. Those who have taken up positions of power after returning to Jerusalem have



marginalized even the Israelites who remained in the land during the Babylonian Captivity, not to mention the people of other nations whose defeat of Babylon actually facilitated Israel’s restoration. In response, Isaiah proclaims that God’s salvation is for all.

Every nation will stream to Jerusalem to worship the Lord. Isaiah’s message is reflected in Matthew’s Gospel as he tells the story of the birth of Jesus. Christ comes for everyone! The followers of Christ in Matthew’s community are not only the Jews who became Christians, but also the Gentiles who came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. In Matthew’s Gospel this latter group is represented by the Magi, who came from afar, while the Jewish Christians, who believe in God’s word, are represented by Joseph, the faithful spouse of Mary. While the Epiphany is a great and joyous feast, it contains a cautionary message as well. God’s salvation is for everyone. That means that no one can be excluded from the invitation to follow Christ. And once they choose to do so, they become our brothers and sisters in the Lord. If that is the case, when we demean, cast aside or ignore others, we open ourselves to the same condemnation with which Isaiah castigated the powerful in Jerusalem in the sixth century BC. If we add statues of the Magi to our Nativity scene, it also means that we must add the stranger, the foreigner, the person not like us, to our life in Christ.

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

- Sunday Collection - \$6,447.00**
- Second Collection - \$1,509.00**
- Special Envelopes - \$920.00**
- Total Collection (1-01-12) - \$8,876.00**
- Envelopes Used — 336 Issued — 1330**
- Care/Education of Priests - \$715.00**
- Thank you for your support and generosity**

BAPTISM CLASS: Sunday, January 15th, is the next Baptismal class for parents planning a Baptism here. This class shares with parents (godparents are most welcome) the responsibilities of Baptism as they raise their children in faith. The class can be attended before or after your child’s birth. If you are planning to attend this class, please call the office to register.



SERVICE OF LIGHT FOR THE UNBORN: January 22nd is the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in our nation. Nearly four thousand babies are aborted daily because of this decision. On Sunday, January 22nd, at 5:00 P.M. we will have our Prayer Service for an end to abortion and a greater appreciation of life. A living



Rosary will be part of the moving and prayerful service. All are welcome.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT: If you would like a contribution statement for tax purposes, please call the office. Give your name and envelope number, and the statement will be mailed to you.

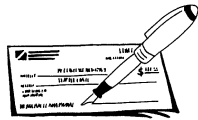
"A TASTE OF ITALY" will be this year's International Dinner sponsored by our High School Youth Group. Plan to come on Sunday, January 29th, anywhere from noon to 5:00 P.M. and enjoy the Italian ambiance in our Parish Hall. Then dine on a delicious menu of chicken parmigiana, baked ziti and sausage and peppers, with a full salad bar and served by our special waiters and waitresses. It will be a dinner you will enjoy and remember.



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: His Excellency, Bishop Bambera invites couples celebrating their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries in 2012 to a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 3rd. The event includes a 2:30 P.M. Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Please call the Church office before March 9th, if you would like to be part of this celebration.



DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: We're getting very close to reaching our parish goal of \$55,000.00. With a little more help, we can successfully do our part in working with parishes throughout the diocese to support one another in this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. Many throughout the Diocese are supported by the Appeal: our young people, hurting people, homebound and elderly, our retired priests, as well as programs that support religious education and Catholic schools. We have hit 86% of our goal. It would be great if we could make 100%. Envelopes are in the Narthex or just place your donation in a plain envelope and mark it APPEAL. We will do the rest. Thank You and God Bless you for your generosity.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE DECEASED: JOSEPHINE KAPRIELIAN, mother of Carol Baker, and ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED. LORD, GRANT THEM PEACE AND ETERNAL REST.

THE SICK: Donna Talcove, Bruce Vogt, Tracy Altemose, Maria Cusumano, Kathleen D'Alessandro, Shana Robinson, Jane Hess, Rich Meckes, Anthony and Mildred DiBenedetto, Margaret Space, Edward Steffens, Marie Ebeling, Salvatore and Giovanni Sereno, Barbara Sgambelluri, Lucille Constantino, Claudia Catanzaro, Kathleen and Eileen Cullen, Violet Quinn, Kelly Lynch, John Blauvelt, Logan Herring, Keira Herring, Baby Zachary Garrett, Joanna Walker, Vera Setari, Eleanor Kime, Ambrose Brown, Maureen and David Keller, Amanda Geiger, Lynne DiGuglielmo, Socorro Lugo, Bernice Mleczo, Frank Galka, Anna Mezzasalma, and ALL THE SICK. LORD, GIVE THEM COMFORT.

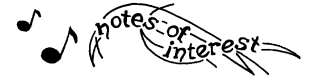


2012 CATHOLIC CALENDARS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.

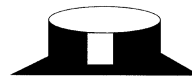
PIEROGI MAKING: Our Lady's Guild is planning a pierogi making session on Monday and Tuesday, January 30th and 31st for pierogies to be sold for Lent. Mark the date and come help. Monday at 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. and Tuesday at 9:00 A.M.



JUNIOR CHOIR AND FOLK GROUP: If you would be interested in joining either of these groups, come to one of the Saturday rehearsals. Junior Choir is open to children third through eighth grades and the Folk Group is open to all adults and children from eighth grade on. Come share your talents with the parish and praise our God.



VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT WEEKEND is being hosted by the Diocese the weekend of February 10-12 at Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton. It is open to young men from high school age and beyond (16-30 years) who may be interested in finding out more about the priesthood and religious life. For further information, contact Father Rafferty at 570-207-1452 or email at Rev-James-Rafferty @dioceseofscranton.org.



PARISH CENSUS -DECEMBER 2011

PARISHIONERS: Ann-Marie and Matthew Kelly; Janina and Josef Bernatowicz; and Shashonna Kelly

BAPTISM: Christopher Gavin Ortiz, Jordan Xavier Ortiz, and Ethan Hugh Cornman

DEATHS: Michael Forzato and Josephine Kaprielian



SUPER BOWL PARTY: The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Super Bowl Party on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th. Come see the game on the 10 foot projection screen. Full dinner is served with food and snacks all evening.

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE - POCONO CHAPTER is sponsoring a bus to Washington, DC for the Annual March for Life on Monday, January 23rd. Donation for adults is \$20 and \$15 for teens. Please call Pat at 570-420-8083 for more information.

The Annual Pro-Life Prayer Rally will be on Sunday, January 22nd from 2 to 2:45 P.M. at Courthouse Square, Stroudsburg. Please join in prayerful support of the innocent unborn. For information, call Joan 421-8636.



I again thank you for your generosity to your parish. This year's Christmas collection totaled **\$18,275**. Your continued support helps in many areas of the parish as we serve one another and those in need. **God Bless You!**