

Mass Intentions

MONDAY - February 8

8:00 A.M. - Barbara Sinatra - Husband, Tom

TUESDAY - February 9

8:00 A.M. - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER RICH

WEDNESDAY - February 10

8:00 A.M. - Margaret & George Zigmund - The Family

THURSDAY - February 11

8:00 A.M. - Antoinette Battaglia - Lucy & Tom Quinn

FRIDAY - February 12

8:00 A.M. - Kenneth Kresge - Hanzimanolis Family

SATURDAY - February 13

8:00 A.M. - Bob Fatzon - Hafferman Family

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF VICTORY

5:00 P.M. - Marian Lukas - Joe Sukenick

SUNDAY - February 14

8:00 A.M. - Scott Timothy Millar -Leticia Phillips

9:30 A.M. - Parishioners

11:00 A.M. - Anna Lynch - Bechtle Family

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

- Today..... Helping Hands Sunday
Our Lady's Guild "Tea" - Noon
- Monday..... Liturgy Committee - 7:00 P.M.
Quilting Group - 7:00 P.M.
- Tuesday..... Holy Name Society Gathering - 7:00 P.M.
Adult Choir - 7:00 P.M.
- Thursday..... Senior Citizens - Noon
Compassionate Friends - 7:00 P.M.
- Friday..... 1st Holy Communion Parents - 7:00 P.M.
Pack Food Baskets for Needy - 6:00 P.M.
- Saturday..... Junior Choir - 10:00 A.M.
Bingo - 7:00 P.M.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH

- February 14..... Parish Breakfast
Baptism Class
- February 16..... Social Concerns Committee
- February 17..... Ash Wednesday - Lent begins
- February 18..... Knights of Columbus
- February 19..... Renew Faith Sharing
- February 20-21. Youth Group Hunger Lock-in
- February 21..... Ladies Day Out - Our Lady's Guild
- February 28..... Steering Committee

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: In the old Walt Kelly comic strip "Pogo" every time things would get to be too much for the main characters you could bet on seeing the "Gone fishin" sign posted on a nearby tree. It was a literary device that Kelly used, to bring a break to the previous action and change the story line. In a way, Luke does the same thing in Sunday's Gospel.



After the press of the crowds, Jesus convinces Simon to let Him teach from the boat. He tells him to head out into deep water to fish. We've changed the subject from Jesus healing and preaching. Suddenly, we've "Gone fishin," and while initially that's what is literally happening, it doesn't stay that way for long. It's a setup for the greater point of the story: From now on you will be catching men." It's not just Simon and the sons of Zebedee that get led into this convenient little scenario. Gospels are not just quaint stories. They are good news for us as well. Jesus gets into life with us, much like He got into Simon's boat. He tells us to go out a little farther, that is, to stretch our faith a little more. And even when we want to give up ("we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing") He tells us to cast into the deep. Trusting in Him, we find that wondrous things happen as we witness to the meaning of Jesus in our lives. In the end, the example of our faith is to lead others to Jesus. That's where instead of fish, we'll be catching men and women. It wouldn't be the worst thing in the world if we hung a little "Gone fishin" sign somewhere where we would see it every day, as long as we remember that our faith is the net, and from now on we're out there fishing to bring others to Christ.

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection - \$5,574.50

Second Collection - \$1,273.00

Special Envelopes - \$1,466.00

Total Collection (1-31-10) - \$8,313.50

Number of Envelopes - 453 Issued — 1,350

Campaign for Human Development - \$953.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

"LET'S DO GREAT THINGS TOGETHER" - OUR DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: We are only at 78% of our parish goal of \$53,324.00. Could you help us raise our fair share in supporting our diocese in the many ways it works to care for Catholic and Religious Education, retired priests and seminarian education, Social concerns programs and soup kitchens? We have received 183 pledges or donations which is just 2% of our parish. Could you please help? Envelopes are in the Narthex of the Church. Make your pledge or donation today.



BAPTISM CLASS: The next class for parents wanting a Baptism here is next Sunday, February 14th, at 1:00 P.M. in the Upper Meeting Room. Before a Baptism is scheduled, parents are required to attend one of these monthly classes. You can attend before or after the birth of your child. Godparents are highly encouraged to attend also. The next class will be March 14th. Please call the office to confirm your attendance.



GUESS WHO HAS A BIRTHDAY ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH!!! HAPPY, HAPPY, FATHER!

OUR LADY'S GUILD "TEA" is today (Sunday) after the 11:00 A.M. Mass. All women of the parish are invited. Some of the ladies will speak about the activities of the Society. Under the guidance and inspiration of the Blessed Mother, this society works for the Church and its members. It provides programs for the parish as well as spiritual and social activities for its members.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: There is a meeting this Friday, February 12th, for all parents of this year's First Holy Communion Class. The meeting will be in the Church beginning at 7:00 P.M. At least one parent or representative should be present. Information, times, practices and other pertinent information about First Holy Communion will be given.



COLLECTION FOR HAITI: A most sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to all who contributed to our collection for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The total amount collected was \$6,453.00. Continue to pray for those suffering in Haiti. Also, pray for those who are out there trying to offer as much aid and support as they can. God bless you!



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

THE DECEASED: John Mulholland; Sergio Terra; John Pesta, father of Carol Wright and **ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED. LORD, GRANT THEM PEACE AND ETERNAL REST.**

THE SICK: Ronnie Simpson, Tom Quinn, Conrad Czachor, Chris Jenner, Vera Setari, Dolores Valvo, Pearl Hammond, Darren Acosta, Barbara Horvath, Virginia Foster, Kathleen Franks, Maureen and David Keller, Jim Hamill, Eleanor Kime, Michael Forzato, Suzy Urban, Joanne Jaccoud, and Infant Ambrose Brown. **LORD, HELP THEM IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.**

LIFELINE: Human persons are not to be understood merely from the perspective of their past histories or from...the present.... We must always see in other human being persons with whom we shall one day share God's joy. We must look upon them as persons who are called, together with us, to be members of the Body of Christ, with whom we shall one day sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and with Christ Himself, as their brothers and sisters, as the brothers and sisters of Christ, and as children of God.

Pope Benedict XVI, "In the Beginning....": A Catholic Understanding of the Story of Creation

PARISH VALENTINE'S DAY BREAKFAST is set for next Sunday, February 14th, sponsored by the Holy Name Society. The menu includes omelets to order, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, waffles, beverage and something sweet. Serving starts at 8:30 A.M. and continues until 1:00 P.M. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children(5-12 years). Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast.



PIEROGIES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: A number of our parishioners worked long and hard to make these pierogies. They will go on sale next weekend, February 13-14, after all the Masses. Cost is \$9.00 per bag of two dozen. We make about eight thousand so hopefully there will be enough for everyone.

SEASON OF LENT is just around the corner. This is a time of spiritual renewal. During this forty-day experience, we should plan to reflect more on the Sacred Scriptures, deepen our prayer life, and look more seriously at our charity. You will be receiving a booklet in the mail about all the parish's activities and schedules for Lent. Read the brochure and plan to take advantage of the times available for prayer, devotion and spiritual reflection.



RENEW - FAITH SHARING: Our Prayer-Faith Sharing Group will begin meeting for another six week session on Friday, February 19th, after Stations of the Cross. Using Scriptures and commentary, we reflect and share our stories and experiences of faith. All are welcome.



SPECIAL MASS AT ST. LUKE'S: His Eminence, Justin Cardinal Rigali, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Scranton will be celebrating a special Mass at St. Luke's Church in Stroudsburg on Saturday, February 13th, at 4:00 P.M. All are welcome to attend this Mass and to meet with Cardinal Rigali afterward.

PARISH CENSUS - JANUARY 2010

NEW PARISHIONERS: Debra Wassel; Pamela Wassel; Amanda Totaro/Joseph Procacci; Jennifer and Roger Masotti; Renee and Jason Schuler; Louise and Ron Frazier

BAPTISMS: Caitlyn Marie Charnley; Matthew James Langdon; Kaitlynn Nicole VanWinkle

DEATHS: George Vega

Today we celebrate **SCOUT SUNDAY** on the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. Please join in praying for the continued success and growth as young boys become young men and leaders in our society.

