



VIGIL-THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sat. Feb. 16 4:00pm For the People of the Parish

Sun. Feb. 17 THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30am Irene Cheek by Ban & Amby Pickarski 9:45am D/M of Blondin & Bruno Families

Mon. Feb. 18 WEEKDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30am Communion Service and Novena of the Miraculous Medal

WEEKDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Thurs. Feb. 21 8:30am **Communion Service and Rosary**

Sat. Feb. 23 **VIGIL-THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 4:00pm Health of Eileen McKenna by Eileen Sullivan

Sun. Feb. 24 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30am Vincent Chiodo by Mary Ann Chiodo 9:45am For the People of the Parish



FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, Feb. 21, 6:30pm



Parishioners who are sick and in need of prayers can be added to our prayer list by calling the Parish Office at 570-842-4995. Please pray for: John Jastrzemski, Tom Kmitch, Gene Frassetto, Ed Cahill, Rose Bremer, Bob Jantz, Ron Natoli,

Mary Duggan, Margaret Hollywood, Father Vito, Gregory Tobin, Reilly Canas, Lenny Olechna, Betsy Kressler, Joseph Ferenczi, P.J. Cappola, Helen Zerbe, Paula Peet, Jerry White, Carmel Ann Maxson, Susan Golombos, Joseph Falchek, Donna Lewis, Jenny Filingo, Donna Jean Marabella, Arline Chumacas, Jamie Jantz, Jennifer Simis, Alan Lemech, Phyllis Braun, Richard Major, Bill Vockroth, Vonette Castelblanco, Jane Colwell, Jeanne Kopyta, Muriel Calame, Joanne Arredondo, Jason Scott Taylor, Vincent Natoli, and all the sick of the Parish.

Our Pilgrim Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary



If she has not yet visited your home and you would like information or to sign up to have the Statue visit your home, please call Pat Manago at 570-848-2284. This is where the statue will be traveling in the weeks to come:

3/24-OPEN

2/17-Giordano Family 2/24-Giordano Family 3/03-Nuzzo Family 3/10-OPEN 3/17-OPEN



Blessed are those who hope in God

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT:

Feb 17, 2019 THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

LECTORS:

Feb. 16th 4:00pm Ed Kosmahl Feb.17th 8:30am Mary Ann Chiodo 9:45am Kathy Fossetta

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Feb. 16th 4:00pm Ron Natoli/Pat Manago Feb. 17th 8:30am Tony Butel/Marilyn Croak 9:45am Tony Butel/Marc Nuzzo

ALTAR SERVERS:

Feb. 16th Alan Hynes 4:00pm Feb. 17th Amanda Proch 8:30am 9:45am Sharon Lenzer

HOSPITALITY & USHERS:

Feb. 16th 4:00pm Andy Kelemen/Victor Benfatti Feb. 17th Tom Volpe/Richard Colwell 8:30am 9:45am Tom Quinn/Richard Erazmus

Feb 24, 2019 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

LECTORS:

Feb. 23rd 4:00pm Lyne Van Houtte Feb.24th 8:30am lim Kohn 9:45am Brielle Ostrowski

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Feb. 23rd Tony Butel/Sharon Lenzer 4:00pm Feb. 24th 8:30am Susan Pilosi/Daria Killian Kathy Fossetta/Pat Manago 9:45am

ALTAR SERVERS:

Feb.23rd 4:00pm Alan Hynes Feb. 24th 8:30am Veronica Yanulavich 9:45am Amanda Proch

HOSPITALITY & USHERS:

Feb. 23rd Andy Kelemen/Victor Benfatti 4:00pm Feb. 24th 8:30am Richard Colwell/Ed Snyder 9:45am Richard Erazmus/Frank Kopyta

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:



ENVELOPES (71): \$ 1534.00 LOOSE: 63.00 UTILITIES (43): 377.00 FUEL(1): 5.00 ONLINE (6): 147.00 TOTAL: \$ 2253.00

02/10 02/03 01/27 01/20

PEOPLE ATTENDING: 4:00PM 47 56 46 42

8:30AM 52 47 43 00 9:45AM 68 78 73 00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



March 6-Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30am Prayer Service 7:00pm

Fridays during Lent-Soup & Stations 6:30pm

Friday-April 12-Soup and Stations at 6:30pm followed by Penance Service

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement.

If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-HourChild Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

<u>Do You Want to Know More</u> About the Annulment Process?

In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.



2ND ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE "REFREH YOUR FAITH, COME TO THE WELL" SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019

Byron Center, University of Scranton

The Conference will begin with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, with The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available all day. The keynote speaker is Teresa Tomeo, radio show host and author. The two featured speakers are: Jill Metz, Artist, Convert and Speaker and Sr. Mercy Marie, SV, who will lead Eucharistic Adoration. And back by popular demand the female music ministry from Nashville, "His Own" will perform. All women of the Diocese are invited.

Admission \$40 (early bird pricing until 6/9/19 \$20 Student admission

Register at CWCNEPA.com.

Faith Formation

UPCOMING CLASSES Feb 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Mar. 17—5th & 6th grade family mass and parent's meeting

First Penance-March 31, after 9:45 Mass

First Communion-May 11, 2:00pm

Wedding Anniversary Mass, 6-30-19

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate the Wedding Anniversary Mass at 2:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, for couples celebrating their 25th or 50th year of marriage (or any anniversary after 50) in 2019. This is an occasion to recognize the role married couples play in the Church's mission to bring God's faithful love into the world. Couples will have the opportunity to renew their commitment to marriage and to receive a blessing on their marriage from the Bishop. A reception will follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, where anniversary couples will be able to have their picture taken with the Bishop. Eligible couples should give their names and an April mailing address to their parish office before April 2.



LUCK OF THE IRISH SOCIAL & BASKET RAFFLE

SPONSORED BY ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH, GOULDSBORO

WHERE—GOULDSBORO FIRE HALL, 490 MAIN STREET

WHAT— LIMERICK HAM BOILED SPICED CABBAGE

AUTHENTIC IRISH SEAFOOD CHOWDER BEVERAGES

MASHED POTATOES WITH SPRING ONIONS & BUTTER

HOMEMADE SODA BREAD DESSERT TABLE

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

WHEN—SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019, FROM 11:30 TO 3:00

COST—PREPAY \$18 OR AT THE DOOR \$20 EACH ADULT (includes meal and \$10 of quarters to enter raffles for unique local gift baskets and gift cards!), KIDS ENTER **FREE!!!**

RAFFLES BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER LUNCH AT 1PM

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY SUNDAY, MARCH 10th

CALL CHURCH OF ST. RITA TODAY TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS: (570) 842-4995

Or email strcgouldsboro@gmail.com

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.... 'And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said...'"

We are so familiar with the Sermon on the Mount, and the beatitudes of St. Matthew. They summarize the entire message of Jesus and provide the pattern for a healthy examination of conscience.

Today we meet St. Luke's teaching, the Sermon on the Plain, addressed to the disciples and to us. Instead of eight positive directives, we are given four, and then four warnings to help us move from the now to the promised reward. How helpful for us to fix our eyes on what the Lord has in store for us, to make us less complacent, eager to 'rejoice and leap for joy on that day!'

We know well the obstacles, barriers and challenges of the Christian life. St. Ignatius asks us to discern both the positive and negative to help us make good decisions.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

