

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023



MASS INTENTIONS



Sat	12/09	5:00 PM	Francis and Tony Lisella, 15 Years, RIP by Celine Nauman
Sun	12/10	10:15 AM	Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Best by Mary E. Gallagher
Wed	12/13	8:00 AM	Jimmy Mariner by Al and Debbie Higgins
Thu	12/14	8:00 AM	Francis Falatko by Mrs. Leonard Swankoski
Fri	12/15	8:00 AM	Mary Marotta by Joe and Ellie Schwab
Sat	12/16	5:00 PM	Mary Agnes Wierzbowski by the Higgins Family
Sun	12/17	10:15 AM	James V. Senape, Sr. by Atty James V. Senape, Jr. & Family

CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Sat, 4:00 to 4:45 PM – Sun, 9:00 to 9:45 AM or By Appointment

OFFERINGS: Wkly: \$2,929 Outreach: \$310 TOTAL: \$3,239 Care & Education of Priests: \$88



St. Patrick Choir Practice: Mondays, 6:30-7:30 PM. Adults & children, Grades 3 & Up are invited.



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

Message from Fr. Mike Kloton- *“A voice crying in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord.”* I can remember as a child preparing for Christmas. We didn’t know it at the time, but we were poor. There was always food on the table, and I learned to like liver & onions, chicken gizzards and cow tongue (all foods that were inexpensive). Right after Thanksgiving we began to cut boughs of ferns from the tall pine trees around our house. We took them to the basement (the basement still had a dirt floor). Mom and Dad would transform those boughs of ferns into beautiful sprays for the front door. We took pine cones and sprayed them different colors. These sprays were not for our front door. We sold them. I was told we needed to do this to make Christmas nice for others. In reality, my parents needed the money to buy us gifts. How I miss those times. I long for the voice of my parents crying out in the wilderness: ***Prepare the way of the Lord!***

HEALING MASS: In support of our "joint parishes", a Healing Mass is scheduled for 2 PM on Sunday, December 10 at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church. This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

CHRISTMAS CARD LIST:

**Sr. Jane Gaughan
Our Lady of Peace Residence
2300 Adams Avenue
Scranton, PA 18509**



St. Patrick’s 150TH Anniversary Celebration will be Sunday, August 18, 2024. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fantastic event. More volunteers are needed. The January meeting will be announced at a future date. Call Joan (570) 401-9815 or Ed Gower, (570) 401-9814 for more information.

ST. PATRICK CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Please see the Bulletin insert for St. Patrick’s schedule. Next weekend the schedule for Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd will be available.



The Giving Tree Project is an annual effort to serve families, who could use some extra caring for Christmas, in the White Haven Community. To participate, you take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift on the tag, place the tag on the wrapped gift with the Family Number showing, and put it under the Giving Tree by 11:15 AM on Sunday, December 17! IF the gift is a gift card of any kind for a family, or a monetary donation to the McAuley House, please put it in an envelope with the tag taped to it, & hand it to Joan or Ed Gower, Jean or Ed Price, or bring it to the Parish Office. We do not want to leave envelopes under the tree. **THANK YOU** in advance for participating & sharing with our neighbors. The McAuley House is a home for women and children. The staff provide counseling and resources to help Moms get back on their feet to care for and provide for their children, on their own, when they leave this home. St. Patrick's gives annually to this home through the Giving Tree.

MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6 PM on Thursday, January 11, 2024, in the St. Joseph Room at Good Shepherd Church. Please register by calling the St. Patrick Parish Office at 570-443-9944. Please plan to attend the Baptismal Preparation class well in advance of your baby's birth so that you are aware of all the information necessary to schedule your baby's Baptism.



SANTA IS BACK! Sunday, December 17 from 9 to Noon - Adults: \$10 Children (5-12): \$5 Ages 4 and Under: Free
Breakfast Includes: Pancakes, French Toast Sticks, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Tater Tots, Donuts and Beverages. There will be Tree Decorating, Gifts for the Children, & Pictures with Santa & His Elves. Come join the fun!

ST. PATRICK CHRISTMAS BINGO NIGHT is this Wednesday, December 13. Progressive jackpot is \$1,000. Food is available at 5 PM. Games begin at 6 PM. Many surprises are in store for the evening! Come join us for a fun-filled night....



HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS DINNER MUSIC SHOW: December 16 ~ 5:00-8:00 PM

All are invited to a delicious homestyle Christmas dinner and Music Show on Saturday, December 16th, from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Dinner includes mashed & sweet potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, your choice of Turkey, Beef, Ham, or Haddock and homemade pumpkin pie or rice pudding. Coffee, tea, various soft drinks are included. A Classic Christmas music show will feature our local musicians, Jack James on vocals and Frank Balon on trumpet. The dinner show will be at Woody's Restaurant, 632 Centre Street, Freeland. Tickets are \$25 which includes a gift certificate drawing and door prizes. Please phone (570) 636-3333.

ADVENT BOOKLETS AND 2024 CALENDARS are on the tables at both sides of the Church in the back. Please take them as you enter or exit the Church.

PARISH HALL RENTAL: Contact Debbie, 570-406-9954 Email: higgs158@icloud.com



To dedicate a Rose for Life, call Roseann Kolensky, 570-443-8688.