

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023



MASS INTENTIONS



Sat	12/02	5:00 PM	Mary Marotta by Dave and Bernadette Passeri
Sun	12/03	10:15 AM	Bernadette M. Senape by Atty James V. Senape, Jr. & Family
Wed	12/06	8:00 AM	Mary Jo Scotti by Bernie and Joanne Perch
Thu	12/07	8:00 AM	Ann Marie Della Croce by Alberta Mariner
Fri	12/08	6:00 PM	Therese Harashic by Bernie and Joanne Perch
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

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is Friday, December 8. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick at 6 PM on the Holy Day. There will not be an 8 AM mass that morning.

**Masses at Our Lady of Immaculate Conception: Thursday Vigil: 7 PM - Friday, 7 AM
Good Shepherd: 6 PM - Friday, 8 AM**

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

OFFERINGS: Wkly: \$3,531 Outreach: \$375 TOTAL: \$3,906



Children's Mass is December 10. Pre-K and Kindergarten students will lead us in prayer.

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



Message from Fr. Mike Kloton- Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." These words from the opening lines of this weekend's Gospel are meant to move us to take stock of our lives. Take time to look at where you've been and where you are going. It would be so easy to relate these words to the coming of the Christ child. We know Jesus is coming (he's already here). God wants us to focus on changing those things in our lives that lead us away from God.

So, let me challenge you this week. Our theme for the Advent Season is **CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**. Look for the Light! That term has a different meaning for each of us. Maybe a light display will awe us or a ray of sunlight will cause us to ponder. Look at

the light of the moon or the stars shining at night. See the bright smile in your child's face or the warm glow of your spouse. Christ **IS** our light. Look for it this week.

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. Please see the Bulletin insert for details.

Advent Scripture Sessions on the Infancy Gospels: Rev. Connell A. McHugh's last presentations on the Infancy Gospels of Luke & Matthew is Wednesday, December 6 at 9AM in Good Shepherd parish hall. He will discuss the persons in the Infancy Narratives, the differences & similarities between Luke's & Matthew's versions & how the Infancy Gospels of Luke & Matthew fit the theology of their entire gospels. Registration is preferred since notes will be provided. Call the parish office at 570-788-3141 to register.

CHRISTMAS CARD LIST:

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



Christmas Card Sale: This is the last weekend to purchase Christmas cards sponsored by The Voice of John ministry. Cards are \$20 per pack of 15 cards, available in the foyer of the church. All proceeds will be used for our educational efforts, age specific programs for grades K through adult.

John Frank announced the winner of the contest, Noah Bauder, a student at Marian Catholic High School who inspired the beautiful verse for this year's card.

A special congratulations to Olivia Fritz, a 7th grade CCD student from St Patrick Church who placed 2nd in the competition with her contribution of art and verse.



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.



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.



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 BINGO is on Wednesday, December 13. Progressive jackpot is \$1,000. Food is available at 5 PM. Games begin at 6 PM. Come join us for a fun-filled evening.



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

Woody's Restaurant, 632 Centre St., Freeland. All are invited to a delicious homestyle Christmas dinner and music show. Featured are local musicians, Jack James on vocals & Frank Balon on trumpet. Tickets are \$25 which includes a drawing for gift certificates & door prizes. Please call 570-636-3333 for more information.



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

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

PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLY DAY.