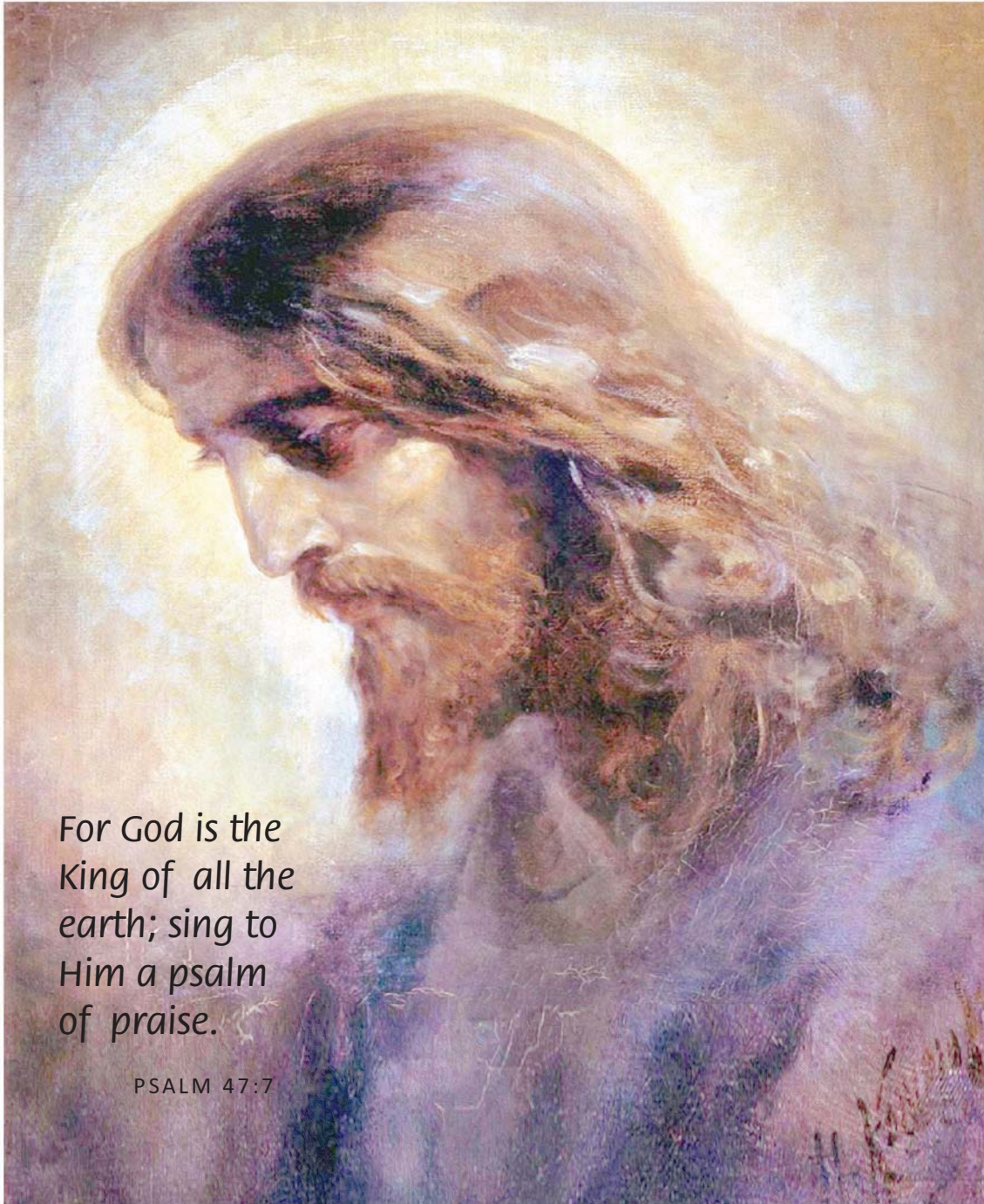


Feast of Christ the King



For God is the
King of all the
earth; sing to
Him a psalm
of praise.

PSALM 47:7

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M A S S *intentions*

Mass Schedule Week of November 23 – December 1

Sat	4:00 pm	FOR THE PARISHIONERS
11/23		
Sun	7:15 am	Kevin Kruk <i>by Barbara Cadden</i>
11/24	8:30 am	Emil & Romaine Kwiatkowski <i>by family</i>
	11:00 am	James Kukol <i>By Pat Horvath</i>
Mon	8:00 am	Sandy Carden <i>by Vince Carden</i>
11/25		
Tues	8:00 am	Jeremiah Garvey <i>by family</i>
11/26		
Wed	8:00 am	Dave Walker <i>by Kathy LoVallo Summa</i>
11/27		
THANKSGIVING DAY		
Thurs	9:00 am	Price, Martin, & Garvey Families <i>by family</i>
11/28		
Fri	8:00 am	Scarantino & Condella Families <i>by Nina Condella</i>
11/29		
Sat	4:00 pm	Colleen Hart <i>by Hart family</i>
11/30		
Sun	7:15 am	Charles Braz <i>by family</i>
12/1	8:30 am	Sheila Davitt <i>by Davitt family</i>
	11:00 am	FOR THE PARISHIONERS

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of ...

LIGHT OF CHRIST - SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will be burning in reverence and petition (Sunday thru Saturday)

Ann Marie Franey.....*by Garvey Family*
Eileen Connelly.....*Family*



For the last week in the month of November, let's pray for our newly elected leaders whether we voted for them or not. We pray that the Holy Spirit fills them with wisdom and discernment. Dear Lord, heal and restore our divided nation and give our leaders sincere hearts ready and willing to be open to listen to each other so we can work for peace and justice. Amen.

Here is our next **Question of the Week!** Take it home and discuss it with your family during the week:

GIVEN THE KINGDOM

Key Passage: To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Revelation: 1:5b-6)

Adult Question: In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?

Child Question: How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king in your life?

WORD OF LIFE

“Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.”

**USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities,
“The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”**

BOOK OF FAITHFUL DEPARTED



The Book of the Faithful Departed is now displayed in the sanctuary. It will remain there for the month of November in memory of all our loved ones. May they rest in Peace..

PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

Are you in need of prayers for surgery, sickness, or for healing? Mary, Mother of God Parish has a Prayer Ministry Team that will pray for you or someone you know who requires additional prayers. **Please call Jean at (570) 955-5226** and the Prayer Ministry Team will pray for your needs.



KEYSTONE MISSION NEWS

Looking for a positive way to start off your New Year 2025? How about helping to feed the homeless? **Dates are available for 2025 from May through December.** Meals are delivered at 4:30 pm on the second Sunday of every month. Families, friends, groups, etc. can work together to provide a to-go lunch for homeless patrons at Keystone Mission. Please **call Jennifer Pitts with any questions or to sign up at (570)947-0291.**

*Advent is a season of anticipation and preparation. With that in mind, we encourage everyone to reconcile their hearts to God to prepare a place to welcome the most precious Christ Child. **Opportunities for Advent confessions will be held***



7pm Monday, December 16th and Wednesday, December 18th

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS FAMILY FAITH FEST!!

Come join in the fun! All are welcome **TODAY, Sunday, November 24th from noon until 3 pm at Holy Rosary Center.** Help make this the best Advent/Christmas season ever for you and your family. Make Christmas decorations, learn about Advent Saints, traditions, Advent Calendars, Christmas Countdown activities. Share the joy of the season by making ornaments and cards for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or homebound. Brighten the season for our veterans at St. Francis Commons by making them a gift. There will be a Christmas Bingo for the little ones, guessing how many candies in the jars, and coloring activities. Santa will be there too!! Refreshments include pizza, hot dogs, pasta, cupcakes, and cookies. **Everything is free! Mark your calendar! Sunday, November 24th at Noon!!**



Christmas Oplatke

Oplatke (Christmas Wafers) will be available in the Parish Office beginning on

December 2nd during regular business hours, 8 am until 2 pm.



In the next couple weeks, you will receive your "12 Days of Christmas" raffle tickets to buy or sell. Each ticket is \$5 and enters you into 12 drawings for CASH PRIZES beginning on Christmas Day with a \$500 payout! The drawing then continues daily with \$100 payouts until January 5th. On New Year's Day, the payout is \$250! These raffle tickets make great stocking stuffers and are a successful fundraiser for us. Be sure to get your tickets returned as soon as you can to be eligible for the 12 drawings. Additional tickets can be also purchased in the rectory office during normal business hours.

GOOD LUCK!!!



THANKSGIVING DAY 9 AM MASS

LECTORS

Elizabeth Kutsher

MINISTER

Jean Rodney

FOR THE WEEKEND OF November 30 & December 1

LECTORS

MINISTERS

Mass-----4:00 pm

Gary Behle
Mary Ann Abdo

ALTAR SERVER

Patrick McDonnell

Mass-----8:30 am

Mauri Burda

Mass-----11:00 am

ALTAR SERVER

Molly Fenwick



Love. Grow. Serve.

OUR PARISH IN THE MINISTRY OF SERVICE THIS WEEK

Assist us in living your Gospel of compassion and love in service to those in need.

November 23/24 (Sunday Home Communion) –

Joe Berardelli & Nancy Miler

December 1 (Sunday Home Communion) – Paulette Powell

December 2 (Allied Rehab Communion) 5 pm

Decemberr 6 – First Friday Communion

December 7 (Allied skilled Nursing) 2 pm – Sandy Georgia

Paulette Powell

December 8 (Sunday Home Communion) – Anne Sweeney

Carol Hapstak



Please keep in mind that our collection on Thanksgiving Day will be donated to the North Scranton Food Pantry.

ATTENTION: PARISH COUNCIL, CHOIR, MARIAN SOCIETY MEMBERS, COORDINATING TEAM MEMBERS:

Members OF THE ABOVE TEAMS/COMMITTEES are asked to **donate 5 lbs of potatoes and 2 lbs of carrots** for the parish Thanksgiving baskets.. **Due date is TODAY, Sunday, November 24TH!!** Thank you for your generosity.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!!!



Come have breakfast with Santa on **Sunday, December 8th** in our auditorium from **11:30 am**

until 1:30 pm.!! The cost of breakfast will be \$12 for children under 10 and \$15 for adults. Our special guest: *The Conductor from the Polar Express!!*

TICKETS ARE PREPAID ONLY!!

THERE WILL NOT BE TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR!!

**DEADLINE FOR TICKETS
DECEMBER 4th!**

GIVING TREE

Giving Tree



Ornaments will be **available NOW** for you to take from the Giving Tree. This is a wonderful opportunity to buy a present for a child in our

area who otherwise may not receive a gift for Christmas. **Gifts are due back by December 8th.** Your generous participation in this popular parish project is essential for its success. You will be helping many needy families in our area.



The **20th annual Christmas Charity Raffle** will be held on **Sunday, December 8th at Stirna's Restaurant beginning at 5pm.** We will again be collecting children's hats, scarves, and gloves. We will also collect canned goods to be provided to our local North Scranton Food Pantry. The children's items will be distributed to area schools. We will have basket raffles and 50/50 drawings available. Any monetary proceeds go to the MMOG Social Concerns Committee, as well as local agencies and families.



**Remember
Our Homebound Members**

Our Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring a collection of gift items for our homebound parishioners. Collection boxes will be available in the rear of the church for your donations.

The following items are requested:

- *TISSUES: "decorator" (fancy boxes) unscented
- *BAR SOAP: moisturings, unscented bar soap (Caress, Olay, Dove)
- *PUZZLE BOOKS/CIRLCLE WORD
- *MINTS/HARD CANDIES
- *MINI FLASHLIGHTS

Please make donations by **December 1st!**



SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Please clip and save this calendar!!

Monday, November 25th at 6 pm

Separate and pack Thanksgiving food baskets Holy Rosary School Auditorium

Committee members are reminded to bring potatoes and carrots!

Tuesday, November 26th starting at 9 am

Pick up Thanksgiving baskets at Holy Rosary School

Monday, December 2nd

Prepare gifts for homebound parishioners

Sunday, December 8th

Giving Tree gifts due in Church or Parish Office

Sunday, December 15th at 1 pm

Separate and pack Christmas gifts in Holy Rosary School Auditorium

Wednesday, December 18th at 9 am

Pick up giving tree gifts in Holy Rosary School Auditorium

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING



The Advent season begins **NEXT weekend of December 1 & 2.** If you and your family

would like to light the Advent wreath at one of the weekend Masses, please call the parish office at (570)342-4881.



The office will be **closed on Thanksgiving and Black Friday for the holiday.** We will reopen on Monday, December 2nd. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

WINTER MASS MESSAGE

As the cold weather starts to settle in on us, please keep in mind that there will **NOT** be a **8 am DAILY MASS** if there is a school delay or cancellation from the Scranton School District. Thank you



To remember those less fortunate...Help Me Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
 When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
 When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;
 When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,
 And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency;
 bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;
 By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.
 Amen.
 — Samuel F. Pugh

Storytime with La Befana
 The Italian Christmas Witch

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024 at 11 AM -1 PM
 (Befana arrives at 11:30)
 San Mango D'Aquino Italian Club
 1258 Providence Rd. Scranton, Pa

FREE EVENT

- FREE Hot Cocoa and Cookies
- Meet the legendary Italian Christmas Witch - La Befana and learn about her magic & Italian Christmas traditions.
- Basket Raffles, Bake Sale, Italian Gifts for Sale \$\$
- Coloring Station and Face Painting for the kids



Sunday, November 17, 2024

Collection.....	\$7,008.00
Groundskeeping.....	84.00
Care of Priests.....	40.00
All Saints Day.....	30.00
Human Development.....	460.00
World Mission.....	15.00
Total.....	\$7,637.00



Funded through November 8th\$2,319.00



IMPORTANT

NOTICE

.....PLEASE READ

For several years our parish has prepared an Advent Reflection Booklet for all of us. We have been fortunate to have the Career Technology Center print them free of cost. This year their machines are down, BUT we have decided we can again offer them **FREE OF COST**. Thank you for considering helping defray the cost of printing but we got this covered. We hope you use and enjoy your booklet this Advent season.

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