

✠ Welcome to St. Mary's of Dorrance ✠

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Temple
of the
Holy Spirit

Finances for January 10/11, 2009

Loose \$ 64.00 White Offering \$ 2176.00

Total: \$ 2240.00

Envelopes used: 169/538

Last Year: \$ 2043.00

Thank you.

Mass Schedule

Monday, 1-19-09

8:00 A.M. Mary Hilenski, requested by
John & Johanna Pavlick

Tuesday, 1-20-09

8:00 A.M. Bernard Ceaser, requested by
Margaret Lukashewski

Wednesday, 1-21-09

8:00 A.M. Susan and Alex Bradford, requested by
Calabro Family

Thursday, 1-22-09

8:00 A.M. George Krawchak, requested by
The Estate of Anne Krawchak

Friday, 1-23-09

8:00 A.M. Edward Donnelly, requested by
Mike & Betty Dantone

Saturday, 1-24-09

5:00 P.M. FOCA, That politicians, doctors and
nurses who support abortion will have
a moral change of heart to support and
promote life from conception to natural
death, requested by the Calabro's.

Sunday, 1-25-09

8:30 A.M. Mary Hanko, requested by
The Hanko Family

10:30 A.M. Parishioners

★ Military Prayer List ★

Jonathan Cupina	Michael Rokitko
Peter Dolan	Michael Sanders
John Folmar	Christopher Kishback
Kirk Lehman	Matthew Erwine
Anthony Rodgers	

† Parish Sick List †

Christopher Badman	Miriam Dotzel	Donald Murray
William Baker	Joseph Evancho	Lea Cooper
Carissa Barrett	Dorothy Gandzyk	Alex Ney
Francis Berk	David Honhart	Dorothy Novicki
Richard Briggs	Marion Honhart	Heather Oney
Luke Charton	Jennifer Haydt	Andrea Padden
Michael Columbo	Mr. & Mrs. J. Kosco	Michael Popiak
Mike Kutzmonich	Rose Kutzmonich	R.T.
James Concannon	Harry Ratiniaks	Karen Corn
Dennis Law	Gloria Secoski	John Miller
Henry Davenport	Kim Krakauski	Susan Doty
Phyllis Lukashewski	Abby Cresci	J. P. Magauran
Anna Miller	Romanye Gajdowski	Helen Taney
Andrew Ostrazewki	Adrien Wanyo	Anna Hrevnack Samantha Selecky

✠ Lector Schedule ✠

Saturday, 1-24-09	5:00 P.M.	Rob Rosner Norb Dotzel, Sr.
Sunday, 1-25-09	8:30 A.M.	Jo Gulvas Tina Dolny
	10:30 P.M.	Class Mass Grade 6

✠ Altar Servers ✠

Saturday, 1-24-09	5:00 P.M.	Joshua Phillips Jeffrey Phillips Jaeson Phillips
Sunday, 1-25-09	8:30 A.M.	John Sidonis Justin Lukashewski Christopher Lukashewski
	10:30 A.M.	Class Mass Grade 6

Sweethearts Dance

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Sweethearts Dance on Saturday, February 7, 2009. Come and join in the fun with dancing and a five-piece band, buffet dinner, beer, soda, mixers and many door prizes. Seating is limited to 125 people. The cost is only \$17.50 a person or \$35.00 a couple. Make your reservations early by contacting Marc Mickowski at 868-8566 or see a brother Knight.

“Nite at the Races”

The initial meeting for the “Nite at the Races” will be on Sunday, January 18 at 1:00 P.M. in the rectory meeting room. The meeting will last for approximately 1 hour. Join in the fun and excitement in the behind the scenes events that makes our ‘Nite of the Races’ all the fun it can be.

Pro-Life Rally

Please review the following items for the trip to Washington, D.C. on January 22.

1. Everyone will meet, here at the church, at 6:00 A.M.
2. We will have Mass at 5:30 A.M. for those who can attend.
2. Make sure that you eat breakfast before leaving home.
3. Please bring a sack with a complete lunch and a drink.
4. The 2nd box lunch: We will provide the lunch meat needed for sandwiches. Please bring the bread, drinks, snacks and condiments which you will need.
5. At the end of the trip, we will give our bus driver a tip so all pilgrims should be prepared to make a donation.
6. We are estimating our return to St. Mary’s at 9:00 P.M. and the bus will be in the front parking lot.
7. If you did not sign the letter requesting an excused school day from your school, please contact Patty Heller right away. We will be hand-delivering our letter request on Monday, January 19.

Please call the rectory if you are interested in attending the rally to check for seat availability.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Campaign is a “Hands-Up” in Tough Economic Times. Please use the envelope in this bulletin for Next week’s second collect for Human Development.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection: “Lent–Responding to God through Reconciliation” Feb. 25 –at Fatima Renewal Center Dalton. Guest presenter: Father Richard J. Loch, V.E. Episcopal Vicar for Priests, who will lead participants into the Lenten Season, seen as an opportunity to be attentive to St. Paul’s invitation “to be reconciled to God.” Mass will be celebrated, with the distribution of ashes, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation; Fee \$30.00 which includes lunch. To register call Fatima Center at 563-1131.

Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation Class after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on January 25, 2009. The class will meet from 11:30 until 1 p.m.

Homemade Soups!!

This weekend after 5:00 P.M. Mass and 10:30 A.M. Mass the CCD will sponsor a “Soup Sale.” There will be ‘take-out’ or ‘eat in’ offered in our social hall. What better way to warm the cockles of your heart than with a hearty bowl of homemade soup. All profits will help with the cost of the trip to Washington, D.C. for the Pro-life Rally.

Thank you to our Parishioners

From the Director and Staff of Luzerne County Children and Youth: Thank you for your generosity. We sincerely appreciate your assistance in providing the children wonderful gifts this holiday season. Without your assistance this would not be possible.

Marriage Encounter

Want to make your good marriage even better? Sure you do! So make the decision to spend this Valentine’s Day with your spouse at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekend is February 13, 14, 15 in Bethlehem. For more information or to register visit the website at www.wwme-nepa.org or call 1-800-787-7679.

January 18 - LifeLine - “FOCA would have...[a] destructive effect on the freedom of conscience of doctors, nurses and health care workers whose personal convictions do not permit them to cooperate in the private killing of unborn children. It would threaten Catholic health care institutions and Catholic Charities. It would be an evil law that would further divide our country, and the Church should be intent opposing evil.”

Financial Statements

We will not be mailing out financial statements to each family in our parish this year for tax purposes. If anyone would like a copy of their statement, please fill out the form below and drop it in the basket or mail it to the rectory. Thank you.



Please mail me a copy of my financial statement.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Boxed Church Envelopes

Please remember to pick up your box of Church Envelopes in the Social Hall. Remind your neighbors also to drop by and pick up their envelopes.

Weekend Retreat

St. Paul and Our Call to Conversion, “Feb. 20-22—at Fatima Renewal Center, 1000 Seminary Road, Dalton. Guest presenter Father Richard J. Locke, V.E. Episcopal Vicar for Priests. In celebration of the Year of St. Paul, the retreat weekend will lead participants into personal conversion through reflection on the life and writings of St. Paul. Weekend begins into person conversion through the reflection on the life and writings of St. Paul. Weekend begins with dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday and concludes with lunch on Sunday afternoon. Retreat includes celebration of Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation. Cost \$115.00 per person, \$95.00 per person for couples. For more information & registration, call Fatima Center at 563-1131.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

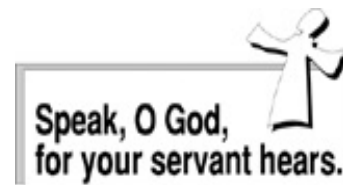
The Diocesan Annual Appeal Office, along with the Communications Office (The Catholic Light and Catholic Television), is pleased to announce that donors can now make an online gift donation to the Annual Appeal by going to the Diocese website (www.dioceseofscranton.org). With the launch of online gift donation capability, the Diocese of Scranton has reached a technological milestone. Donors will go to our website and click on one of the links to donate to the Appeal, located on our homepage. The donor will then submit their billing information on a secure system and will receive immediate confirmation of their transaction and an email receipt for tax documentation purposes. In addition, donors will be able to credit their donation to a specific parish by choosing from the online parish menu.

An Ecumenical Celebration of God’s Word

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to Saint Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton, on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. for an Ecumenical Celebration of God’s Word. Please note the time of this year’s prayer service. The Most Reverend Joseph F. Martino, D.D., Hist. E.D., Bishop of Scranton will preside. The Reverend Samuel R. Zeiser, recently installed bishop of N. E. Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will deliver the message. Clergy and representatives from various Christian traditions and ecumenical agencies will be present. The public is cordially invited to attend. The service will be aired on Catholic Television. (C-TV)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this Sunday, January 18, and continues through next Sunday, January 25. This Sunday is Ecumenical Sunday. This is an occasion to recall that, while our churches are united in baptism and while we recognize each other’s ecclesial community as a source of vitality and vision, we also painfully acknowledge that we do not yet celebrate the fullness of Christian unity. We seek to understand the obstacles that lie in the path toward unity and we firmly believe that through the power of the Holy Spirit, these obstacles can be overcome. We pray that as God, in Christ, has gifted us with life and light by the power of the Holy Spirit, so too will God continue to inspire us by the same Spirit to work for the unity of the Church.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 18, 2009

“John was standing with two of his disciples, and when he watched Jesus walk by, he said: ‘Behold the Lamb of God.’ The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus ... ‘What are you looking for?’ ‘Rabbi’, they said ‘where are You staying?’ ... He said to them, ‘Come and you will see.’”

We have just begun a new year and are reading from the gospel of Mark. The prophet John the bridge of the two testaments speaks and his followers take the hint, someone more special has come upon the scene. The scene shifts to the newly arrived walker. He asks “What are you looking for?” They speak and He answers. They went, they saw and they stayed.

How often have we heard the priest speak the same word of designation “here is the Lamb of God” as we express our faith and prepare to receive the Sacrament of His love. What are its implications?

The lamb was the animal sacrificed to secure forgiveness. The lamb of the Passover meal reminded the people of God’s saving work in their behalf. Jesus is the Lamb who saves us from sin and unites us to Himself in Communion. As the disciples asked where the Lord stayed, He invited them to come and see. On the day we met the Lord in Baptism we responded to His invitation to “come and see.” On the day of our Baptism, He decided to stay with us, in us, through the life of grace.

As the two disciples heard John describe Jesus and they moved on to follow Him, so we today, listening to His invitation recommit ourselves to living a full Christian life.