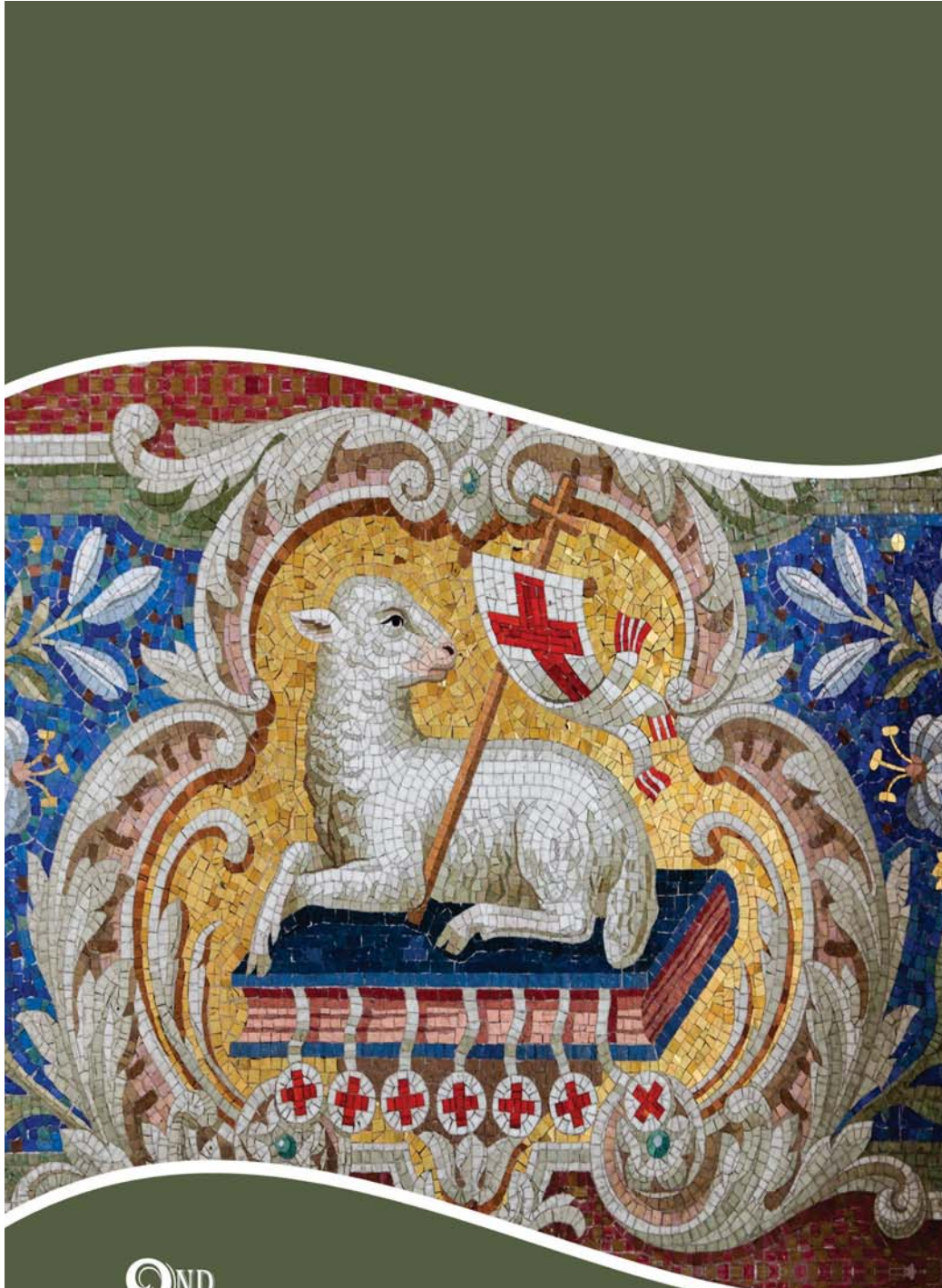


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January | 18 | 2026



2ND

SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

JOHN THE BAPTIST'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29

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Eucharist

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday &
Friday 8:00am

No Mass on Wednesday

Saturday 4:00pm (vigil)

Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am &
5:30pm

Connect with us:



Confessions:

Saturday 3:30-3:45pm or you
may call Fr. Chmil for an
appointment



Worship

Intention

Monday, January 19

9:00am Charlotte Zucca

Tuesday, January 20

8:00am Daniel Brek

Wednesday, January 21

No Daily Mass

Thursday, January 22

8:00am Daniel Stefanides

Friday, January 23

8:00am Stephen Holena

Saturday, January 24

4:00pm Joseph & Barbara Podskoch

Sunday, January 25

8:30am Margaret Aciukewicz

11:00am Eleanor Dolan

5:30pm Francis Talerico

Requested by

Daughter, Stephanie & Dave

John, Kim, & Shelby Jackloski

Marie & Mike

Family

Daughter, Theresa

Prushinski Family

Seton Knights of Columbus

John & Andrea Swircek



ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS



*The Rosary will be prayed
for vocations after daily mass.*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



*Please join us on
FRIDAY MORNINGS from
8:30-10:00am in the church.*

*Come spend some quiet time with Jesus,
adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament.*

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

~~In Memory of~~ **Gloria Pelliccia**~~ offered by
Barb & Bob Asklar

~~In Memory of~~ **Kristy Chervy**~~ offered by
Marijo & Mary Mack



FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

*In Memory of~~Theresa Yurko~~ offered by
daughters, Susan & Lorraine*



Let Us Pray for the Recently Departed:

~~Domenica DeFazio~~Joseph Pacovsky~~

*May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.*

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Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban

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Deacon John Bankus

Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler

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Lori Raymond

**Pastoral Associate/Director of
Religious Education**

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Marge Semanek

Director of Liturgical Music

Joseph Sabol

Accompanist

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Accompanist

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Sacristans and Maintenance

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Office Hours

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8:30am to 3:00pm

CLOSED FRIDAY

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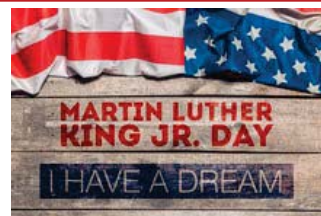
Religious Education classes

Saturday classes: January 24,31 (closed 17th Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

Monday classes: January 26 (closed 19th Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

OFFICE CLOSED

Our parish office will be closed on Monday, January 19th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Please note that our daily mass will be held at **9:00am** on Monday. Emergency calls for Fr. John will be attended to as soon as possible.



LENTEN PIROHY-MAKING DATE

We are making Lenten pirohy on **Saturday, February 7th**. Potato ballers come at 7am and pinchers at 8:15am. Sale dates are February 14th & 15th after all masses, while supplies last. Cost is \$12/dozen.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Our Pro-Life Ministry will meet Tuesday, January 20th, at 7pm in the school cafeteria. New members are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASH WEDNESDAY

RED CLAM CHOWDER SALE



Our Kof C will be having their famous Red Clam Chowder Sale on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, in our school cafeteria. Cost is \$10/quart---pay at the door. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church hall entrance. Pick up times are after the 7:30am ashes, 11am to 1pm, & 4pm to 6pm. Or call Mark Perugino at 570-262-2896 to place your order.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS/DECORATIONS cont'd

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Stanislow

Mr. & Mrs. William Wright



Saint Maria Goretti Church

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SUNDAY, February 1

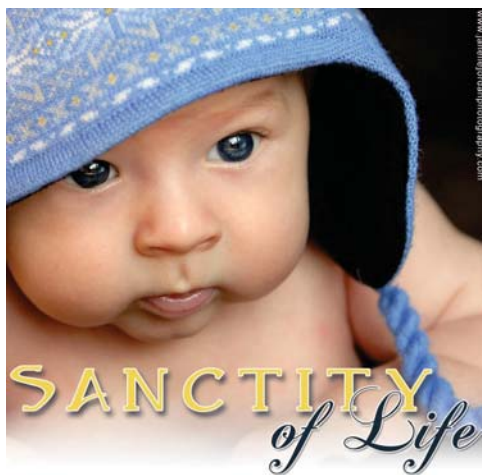
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WEEKLY OFFERING

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Holy Day, Solemnity of Mary: \$2656.00

Thank you & may God bless you abundantly!



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APPEAL 2025-2026

GOAL: \$72,234

TOTAL COMMITTED: \$48,088.16

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Thank you also to our parishioners & friends, Knights of Columbus, Swoyersville Kiwanis & Forty Fort Lions, who donated gift cards for those in need, & boxes of food. Thanks to our Social Concerns Committee for donating the beautiful poinsettias for our homebound & nursing home residents. MAY OUR INFANT JESUS BLESS YOU ALL ABUNDANTLY IN THIS NEW YEAR-2026!

JOB OPENING: DIOCESE OF SCRANTON, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SPECIALIST

The Accounts Payable Specialist is a key member of the Diocesan Finance Office team and will be responsible for managing all aspects of the accounts payable process for multiple departments within the Diocese of Scranton. The ideal candidate is a detail-oriented, self-motivated team player who thrives in a fast-paced environment and will help the team achieve department goals, while at the same time ensuring excellent service to our affiliated entities, internal managers, and vendors.

Applicants who are interested in this position are encourage to visit the diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org to review the full job description. Applicants must send a cover letter with salary requirements and a complete resume with a minimum of three references by no later than January 30, 2026.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE JAN. 22 AT CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER

The Diocese of Scranton will once again mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with an Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word, on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026, at 12:10pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton. Christians of all denominations are warmly invited to attend this prayerful gathering. The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera will serve as leader of prayer for the traditional prayer service. Bishop Bambera is currently serving his final year as Chairman of the US Bishop's Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. Guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Nora Foust, Regional Conference Minister, Penn Central Conference, United Church of Christ. The Prayer Service will be broadcast live at 12:10pm on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton, Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel, & across all Diocesan social media platforms.

*Help us to embrace your will,
Give us the strength to follow your call,
So that your truth may live in our hearts
And reflect peace to those who believe in your love. ~ Roman Rite*

2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST

PLEASE, NO PHONE CALLS

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ENVELOPE #: _____

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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The end of the Christmas season was marked by the Baptism of the Lord, January 12 this year, and we have now moved into the season of Ordinary Time. Despite its name, there is nothing inherently “ordinary” about this season of the year. The term ordinary is just used because the weeks are numbered in an ordinal way—the Third Week in Ordinary Time, the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time, and so on.

Liturgical calendars were not always structured this way. In the earliest days of the Church, every Sunday was treated as an Easter Sunday—there was no distinction in the season for Christmas, Lent, and Easter. While we no longer treat every Sunday as Easter Sunday, “Sunday is the pre-eminent day for the liturgical assembly” (CCC, no. 1167). In addition to participating in the Eucharistic liturgy, in Ordinary Time, Sundays remain days that should be set aside for prayer, reflection, rest, and time with family.

Prayers for Life

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

And while, on June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children. So, great prayer and advocacy is still very needed.

On January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday), the Church recognizes the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. As individuals, we are called to observe this day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

Join with thousands of Catholics across the country to pray for life. For more information, and to sign up for text alerts with prayer intentions for life, please visit, www.9daysforlife.com.



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BULLETIN INSERT

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.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. 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-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. 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.

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