

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

"Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You"

January 2, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday - *As Announced* Wednesday - 12:00PM Thursday - 12:00PM Friday - 12:00PM Saturday - 4:00PM Sunday - 8:00AM and 10:00AM

> Sunday 10:00AM Mass is live-streamed on our website and on YouTube

<u>Eucharistic Holy Hour</u> Thursdays 11:00AM -12:00PM

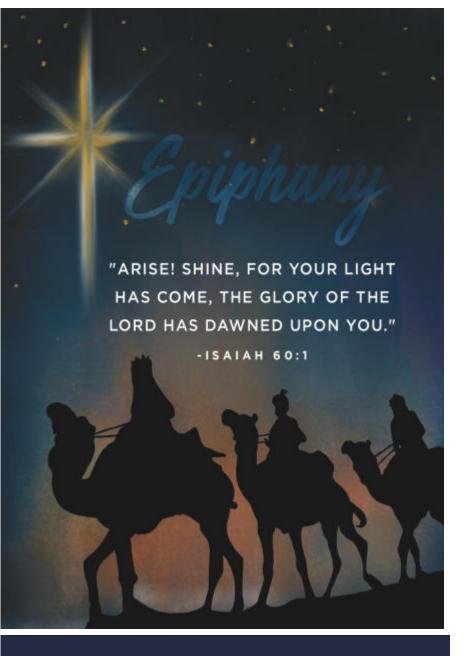
<u>Confessions</u> Saturdays at 3:00PM and by appointment

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Epiphany of the Lord

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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy New Year dear parishioners and friends,

May our Lady, Queen of the Universe, mother of the Church and our mother, continue to watch over us and intercede for us before her Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord, Prince of Peace, our higher power and Savior of the world. And may they bless us in this new year, 2022, and always! Amen.

As we embark upon a new year, we are filled with a hope-filled anticipation of what might lie ahead of us, given the difficulties and challenges of the past year, most specifically in dealing with Covid-19. However, my friends, please do not lose a sense of hope. Our hope is rooted firmly in what this holy season is all about - the presence of God in our world! A God who is so madly in love with us that he becomes one of us. A God who knows the trials and tribulations of being human. This God knows what we are going through before we even go through it. *Living life on life's terms* means that the human condition lends itself to imperfections, as well as to testing and pain. But this same life gives us reason to rejoice and to celebrate the beauty which is extended to us by all that is good. Hope is a belief that in the end, good triumphs over evil and that in everything, in our everyday lives, and in our every breath, there is God!

Never lose sight of this as we embark upon this new year. God has been, and will continue to be with us every day of 2022 and beyond!

Love, Fr. Andrew

THERE'S A PLACE AT THE TABLE FOR <u>YOU</u>!!!

No matter who you are, where you come from, or whatever your experience may have been in the past, we welcome all our visitors and most importantly, first-timers, to our celebration of the Eucharist. There is always a place for you at this table, here in "the round church where there is **room for everyone.**" We want you to feel a part of this family. But as in every family, there may be points of disagreement or times when we experience difficulty, hurt or even some pain. None of these should be reasons to walk away. Please continue to come and journey with us. Help us to grow in an understanding of one another. And above all else, let's pray that together we find Christ in our midst, in our attempt to make this world a much better place. We're glad you're here!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the sick, the suffering, and the bereaved. Remember also all the intentions in our parish Book of Intentions as well as those submitted to our Prayer Line.



BAPTISM

God bless Hannah Drew Erikson who was baptized on Saturday, December 18. We celebrate her precious life along with her parents, Daniel and Kara Erikson and her godparents, Glenn Cardell and Nissa Cardell.

MASS INTENTIONS

"This mass is being offered for...."

An individual may ask a priest to offer a mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. We no longer "open the book" in January. The book is always open. You can schedule a mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus parish for a loved one at any time. Mass intentions may be scheduled as early as one year before the requested date and are subject to the availability of the date, on both weekdays and weekends. A monetary donation for each scheduled mass is appreciated.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Collection reports for the weekends of December 18-19, 25-26 and January 1-2, will be included in the bulletin on the weekend of January 8-9. "The Round Church ...where there's room for everyone"

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TRAINING & REFRESHER WORKSHOP

An Extraordinary Minister of Communion has the important role of distributing communion, taking communion to persons who are sick, homebound or in prison, and may expose and repose the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration. If you feel called to this ministry, or simply want to learn more before making a commitment, we invite you to the upcoming training on Wednesday, January 26. All current Eucharistic Ministers are asked to attend. To confirm your attendance, please email Ann O'Brien at outreach@shjpeck.org or call 570-383-3244.

SYNOD 2023 JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Bishop Bambera is inviting YOU to share your thoughts and experiences about the Catholic Church. This is a moment for the voice of all God's people to impact the direction of the Church. Please visit the link or call the number below to participate in the survey. Every question is optional.

www.dioceseofscranton.org/synod-on-synodality

Survey Phone Line: 570-591-5024

Scan this code with your phone's camera to access the survey



MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Wednesday, January 5</u> 12:00PM Leonard Ciaglia (Bill and Debbie Dunstone) Kenneth Stephens (wife and family)

<u>Thursday, January 6</u> 12:00PM Richard Pazzalia (Dolores Porcello)

<u>Friday, January 7</u> 12:00PM John Brunetti (Catherine Green)

<u>Saturday, January 8</u> 4:00PM Joseph P. Ghilardi (daughters) Tony Marino (family)

Sunday, January 9 - Baptism of the Lord 8:00AM Cecilia Baronsky (1 year anniversary given by the parish) Deceased members of the Parish

10:00AM Carol Ann Poronsky (husband) John and Beatrice Roberts (family)

ALTAR CANDLE

Offering the altar candle for a loved one is a beautiful way to place your intention before Our Lord. If you would like to offer the altar candle for a particular week in memory of a loved one, simply call or email the parish office. A monetary donation is appreciated.

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR Thursdays 11:00am - 12:00pm First Friday, January 7 11:00am - 12:00pm

A holy hour, or Adoration, is the devotional tradition of spending an hour in the presence of Jesus. The Blessed Sacrament is taken out of the tabernacle and placed in a monstrance, to be seen and adored. A holy hour can be a respite from our busy lives, a space of stillness and prayer where we can listen to God's voice. Even if you only have 10 minutes, quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament can bring many graces and blessings. We welcome you to spend some quiet time every Thursday from 11:00am-12:00pm in the church.



Additionally, on the First Friday of every month, Adoration is held from 11:00am-12:00pm. Mark your calendars each month of the year to take advantage of this special time of quiet prayer. The church and chapel are open for private prayer 9:00am to 3:00pm daily.

For holy hour prayer guides, visit https://www.usccb.org and search for "holy hour".

"Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek." - Pope St. John Paul II



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