

Save the Date! DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE—From the earliest days of salvation history, the sacred scriptures are replete with images of God's faithful people journeying to sacred places to worship and pray. Christians have traveled to the Holy land to places made sacred by the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus for over two thousand years. Throughout the world, shrines memorializing the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles, Martyrs and Saints have become destinations for countless numbers of faithful pilgrims who seek to deepen their relationship with God.

I INVITE YOU to join me as I lead my first pilgrimage as Bishop of Scranton to our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on **Saturday, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012**, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. It is my hope that by contemplating the work of divine grace in the life of the Blessed Mother, all the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton will be inspired anew by her example and assisted by her prayers. Bus transportation will be provided. More details later.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Why not give your spouse a Valentines' present that can "restore communication", "renew commitment" and "rekindle romance" in your relationship? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend (44 hours where you can focus totally on each other). The next weekend will be held at the St. Francis Renewal Center, Bethlehem on **Feb. 10-12, 2012**. For information or to register call 1-800-787-7679 or www.mene.org. Advance application is required.

"SOUPER" Bowl of Caring Join with the groups across the nation to help fight hunger in the annual **Supper Bowl of Caring** on Sunday **Feb. 5**. Hunger and poverty have a negative input on individuals and the communities in which they live. St. Joseph the Worker Parish FOOD PANTRY will be the recipient of food donations and/or monetary donations on Super Bowl Sunday. *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in"* Matthew 25:35

PLEASE donate a non-perishable food item for the SJW Food Pantry. Youth volunteers are needed to collect food / monetary donation at the doors of the church after all Masses that weekend. Please contact Mandy at 244-7963 or sjwparishyouthministry@gmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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ISLI: The Diocese of Scranton is hosting a weekend retreat open to 9th—12th grade students. The International Student Leadership Institute will be held **Feb. 24-26** at the Fatima Center in Dalton. Pink registration forms are available in the back of the church or online. Contact Mandy for more information.

"PARENTS NIGHT OUT": Saturday **Feb. 11th**—7th—12th students (and parent helpers) are needed in the evening for this "babysitting" service. We need helpers for games, crafts, and snack. Please contact Mandy if you are able to volunteer. More information will be sent home to families at religious ed next weekend and in the bulletin.

YOUTH MISSION/SERVICE TRIP—All High School age Youth who are interested in a mission/service trip are invited to an information evening on Thursday **Feb. 2** at 7pm on the 1st floor of the St. Joseph building. These experiences have been very rewarding and enriching for participants in previous years, but we must plan now. Adults, both male and female are invited to attend the meeting also and consider participating as a volunteer.

Annual Mardi Gras



Sponsored by
**St Joseph the Worker
Parish**
Fleming Center
**Dancing, Food, Beverages
(BYOB)**

Lots of Door Prizes!!

**MUST be 21 years old
ID REQUIRED**

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 18, 2012**

**Doors open at 7:00pm
7:30pm - Buffet
8:00pm—Midnight—Dancing w/D.J.**

Donation
\$15.00 in advance
\$17.00 at the door



**Tickets available at the parish office,
711 W Edwin Street or
by calling 323-9456 or
at the door**

OLD PALM—Please bring your old Palm to Mass the weekend of **Feb. 4/5 and Feb. 11/12**. There will be containers at each church. This will be used to make ashes for **Ash Wednesday Feb. 22**.

K of C CHICKEN PARM DINNER sponsored by the **4th degree of the Knights of Columbus** will be held on Sunday, **Jan. 29** from 4PM to 6PM in the Immaculate Conception parish hall. The cost is \$8 each for teens and adults and \$5 each for 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased from any 4th degree KofC member or by calling Bob Winter at 745-2255. All proceeds will benefit charity.

Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus Council 14329 is sponsoring a "No-Limit Texas Hold'em Poker Tourney" on Saturday **Jan. 28** at 6:30pm in the parish hall, 100 Walnut St, Montoursville. This tourney will take approximately 5 hours to complete. Seating is limited to 80 players. You must reserve your seat in advance. Snacks & beverages will be available. For tickets, call Craig Kurtz at 368-8010 by Wednesday Jan. 25.

NIGHT at the RACES sponsored by Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) will be held on Friday **Feb. 17** at Our Lady of Lourdes Social Hall in Montoursville. Doors open at 6pm with the first race at 7pm. Food and beverages included with admission. To purchase a horse or for more information please call Brian McQuillen 435-2585, Greg Forsburg 322-2130 or Chris Norris 323-7789.

You are cordially invited
St. Joseph the Worker Parish

VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION DINNER

For anyone who has volunteered in the
Parish in any capacity during 2011



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2012

MSGR. FLEMING CENTER

Social—6:00 PM

Dinner—6:30 PM

Dancing till 10:00 PM

PLEASE R.S.V.P.

to the parish office at 323-9456 OR
Email sjwparish@chilitech.net

by Monday, February 6, 2012

RESERVATIONS are a must!

**Thank you for all you do for the
Parish!!**

2012 WEEK of PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY—The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began this past Wednesday, January 18, and continues through Wednesday, January 25. Today Sunday, January 22 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! Today we pray for the time when our full, visible unity may emerge through the power of the Holy Spirit as a foretaste of the Kingdom where God's love reigns eternal!

Your PASTOR is going to JAIL!!

Please help me!! I've been arrested and will be put in jail for the **Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. (MDA) Lock-Up**. Don't even bother asking what crime I've committed—it's not really important. I just have to raise my bail of **\$3,000** before the Lock-Up and they'll go easy on me, but I need **your** financial assistance to post my bond.

HELP



Your 100 percent tax deductible donation will help MDA continue research into the causes of and cures for 43 neuromuscular diseases. Your support of the MDA Lock-Up will also help

MDA provide wheelchairs, clinic visits and summer camp for people in our local area.

YOU CAN MAIL YOUR DONATIONS TO ME AT (Check made out to MDA) the parish office, 711 W Edwin Street or place in the collection basket (please mark envelope MDA).

I MUST have all my BAIL by Tuesday, March 20, so **PLEASE HELP ME NOW!!!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Father Kirby

SJNRA Senior Class Spaghetti Dinner Get your tickets early for the 28th Annual St. John Neumann Senior Class Spaghetti Dinner NEXT Saturday, **January 28** from 4-7 pm at the SJNRA Franklin Street Cafeteria & Gym. This year features guest chef Francis Daniele of *Joanna's Bakery*. Enjoy a delicious meal of salad, bread, spaghetti & meatballs, and a variety of desserts. Take-outs are available from 2-4 pm. Tickets are available at any SJNRA campus or from any Senior Class member. Price: \$8 for adults; \$5 for children.



SPAGHETTI DINNER Fundraiser for Ryan Weber, 2 year old parishioner who is recovering from a near fatal drowning in August will be held at Fairlawn Community Church, 353 Pleasant Hill Road, Cogan Station NEXT Saturday **Jan. 28th** from 4-7pm. Advance adults \$8/child \$5—Door adults \$10.00/child \$7. For additional information please call Gina Fry 570-447-1896 or 570-995-5631.

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK COMING UP – JANUARY 29TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 5TH— It takes about 40 volunteers to cover the whole week.

We need van driver(s) (7 AM and/or 6 PM), evening hosts (5:30 to 8:30), meal prep, overnight hosts (2 per night – done by 7 AM), set up and take down. If you are interested please call Margaret Harpster at 322-4906.

Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary to Kathryn & Carl Moore.