### THANK YOU!

On behalf of Deacon Maurice, Sister Marilyn and myself, I extend sincere gratitude to all those who were so generous and thoughtful with cards, baked goods, and gifts that were sent to us at Christmas. We are so very grateful for and humbled by your generosity!

On your behalf, I sincerely thank all men, women and young people for the giving of their time and talent in decorating the outside and inside of our Church. Both spaces are beautiful, as always! Heartfelt thanks to our Director of Liturgical Music, organists, youth and adult choir members, instrumentalists, cantors and other liturgical ministers - lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, ushers, ministers of hospitality and sacristans - for sharing their time and talents during the Christmas season, especially as we welcome many visitors to our Church. Our Parish life is so greatly enhanced by the faithful and generous service of so many!

May God abundantly bless each of you, during the New Year and always!

Sincerely,

Father Ric

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Our Deceased Family and Friends. Please remember all our deceased family, friends, and fellow parishioners. Offer a prayer for those preborn infants who died through the evil abortion. Mav our faithful departed enjoy eternal rest in heaven!

**Our Sick and Suffering.** Please remember the sick, suffering and all who have asked for a remembrance in our prayers. May the Lord grant them health and peace in body, mind and spirit!

Our Military Men and Women. Please remember all our men and women in military and government service, especially those who serve in foreign lands. May the Lord preserve them from all harm.





Your prayers are requested for:

DAVID A. CLARKE, Director of Service and Social Concerns for the Office of Parish Life for the Diocese of Scranton, who died recently. He was the brother of Father Brian J. W. Clarke, Pastor of Holy Rosary Church in Hazleton.

**DENNIS KORMONICK**, a faithful parishioner of St. John Bosco Parish, who died recently.

**IAMES C. STAGG**, a faithful parishioner of St. John Bosco Parish, who died recently.

> Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

# Baptism of the Lord

Let us pray (in silence) [that we will be faithful to our baptism]

Eternal Father,

You have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and revealed him to us at his baptism in the River Jordan. Grant that we, who have been born again of water

and the Holy Spirit,

and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2016 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 5. The event includes a 2:30 PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your parish office before March 7.

#### KNOW A MARRIAGE THAT NEEDS HELP?

Throw them a lifeline and tell them about Retrouvaille, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins February 26-28, 2016, at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Please call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register, or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.

### A GENTLE REQUEST

The Counting Ministry of our Parish requests that you take a moment to mark the amount of your contribution on the outside of your church envelope and to refrain from using tape, staples or glue. If would be helpful to them and assist the process by making it more efficient and accurate. Thank you for your generous support of our parish ministries and your cooperation with this simple request. It is appreciated.

#### HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY

Holy Family Academy is a Catholic School located at 601 North Laurel Street, Hazleton, educating children in grades PreK to Eight. Students live the Gospel message daily, attend Liturgy weekly, and they are provided with an environment of high academic achievement.

Tuition Credit Program: Help a family with tuition costs at no cost to you!!! IT'S SIMPLE! Participate in the Tuition Credit Program. You can help a family you know or a family from your parish. Buy Gift Cards for all your grocery and shopping needs and a percentage will be deducted from tuition expenses. For a list of participating businesses, please call Lisa at 570-455-9431, ext. 103. A great way to do all your shopping while helping others at the same time.

Scholarship Fund: The "Holy Family Academy Scholarship Fund" has been established. If you would like to contribute, please mail your donation to Holy Family Academy, 601 N. Laurel Street, Hazleton PA 18201, Attention: Olivia. Thank you so much for what you are doing to help maintain Catholic education in the Hazleton Area. God Bless.

Holy Family Academy Victory Drive: Parishioners and friends of Holy Family Academy are encouraged to donate to the HFA VICTORY Drive to keep Catholic education alive and well in the Hazleton area. Checks can be made out to the GREATER HAZLETON CATHOLIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION and mailed to "GHCSF", P.O. Box 285, Hazleton, PA 18201. Donations will be deposited in the local KNBT account and the fund will be managed by members of the Enrollment and Marketing Committee.

### FLOWER MEMORIALS AVAILABLE

If you would like to donate flowers in 2016 in memory of a loved one, for a special intention or in thanksgiving for blessings received, please contact the Parish Office at 570-788-1997. The donation is \$50. We can order them for you or you may order them yourself, if you prefer, at your choice of florist. Delivery should be on Saturday morning.

Flowers may be placed in front of the Main Altar, or the sides of the Main Altar, in front of the Pulpit, in front of the Statue of St. Mary, St. Joseph or St. John Bosco. The intention and donor will be included in the parish bulletin unless directed otherwise.

Available dates are:
anuary 16-17
anuary 23-24
anuary 30-31 (Feast of St. John Bosco)
February 6-7
March 5-6 (Laetare Weekend – Purple/Pink)
March 19 (St. Joseph Statue)
March 19-20 (Palm Plants, Palm Arrangements
with Red Carnations and Pussy Willow)
March 24 (Holy Thursday)
April 4 (Blessed Mother, Annunciation)
April 23-24
April 30–May 1 (First Holy Communion)

Request for Appointment to Join Saint John Bosco Parish:

#### All weekends of May:

April 30-May 1 (May Crowning) May 7-8 (Mother's Day) May 14-15 (Pentecost – red flowers) May 21-22 (Holy Trinity) May 28-29 (Memorial Day Weekend, Corpus Christi) All weekends of June:

Iune 4-5 **June 11-12** June 18-19 (Father's Day Weekend) June 25-26

Except for dates listed above, no flowers during Lent and the early part of the Easter season.

## WELCOME TO SAINT JOHN BOSCO CHURCH

If you are interested in becoming a registered parishioner of our Parish, please complete this form and return it to the Parish Office or drop it in the Offertory Basket. You will be contacted to set up an appointment with the Pastor.

Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	ZIP	
Phone Number:			