

**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 of abortion. May 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.

**JAMES 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.  
Amen.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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. It 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.

