

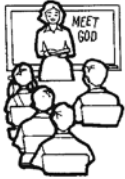
# Saint Nicholas Parish Newsletter

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

**LABOR DAY** Traditionally the celebration of the Labor Day weekend marks the end of the summer season. We celebrate this day in recognition of the working force of our nation. As we express our gratitude to God for all opportunities and blessings, let us also pray for those who are in need of employment. **Mass on Labor Day, Mon., September 7 will be at 8:30 a.m. in the Church.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** The 2010-2011 CCD Religious Education Classes will begin this month. Pre-School to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students will begin classes on September 12. Students in Grades 5 to 8 will begin classes on September 19. Students who plan to receive the sacraments of First



Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation have a 2 year preparation program. A \$15.00 Registration Fee to help with the costs of the program is requested. **Registration forms are available near the Church entrances.** For additional information, please call the rectory office at 823-7736.

**CONFIRMATION** Students who will be in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade this year will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 5:00 PM on **April 4, 2011**. The program for Confirmation requires 2 years of instruction. Those who are in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade who wish to receive need to have participated in instructions last year.

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO NEED TO RECEIVE SACRAMENTS** High School students who wish to receive Confirmation and/or First Communion are asked to please register as soon as possible.

**CCD SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AND AIDES** Adults are needed to help as Substitute Teachers and Aides for our Sunday CCD Religious Education Program. Volunteers are asked to call the rectory (823-7736) and leave a message for James McDermott.

**INQUIRY SESSIONS: WHAT IS A CATHOLIC?**

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or in becoming a Catholic, please let us know. **INQUIRY SESSIONS** for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin soon. We plan to make personal contact prior to the beginning of Inquiry Sessions with anyone who may be interested. The RCIA is intended for those who wish to become Catholic and for baptized adult Catholics who need to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. If you have any questions about RCIA, call Fran McCormick, our RCIA coordinator (655-7886) or one of the priests at the Rectory (823-7736).



**MINISTRY SCHEDULES** We are in the process of preparing the schedule for October to January for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors & Altar Servers. Please let us know by Wednesday, September 8, if you need to make any changes in your availability.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION MEETING** The next preparatory session for parents of those to be baptized at St. Nicholas will be held **next Sunday, September 12 at 12 Noon** in the rectory. Parents who intend to have a child baptized here are required to attend one of these meetings prior to the baptism of their child. It is recommended that the parents attend during the time of pregnancy and that the Godparents attend with them, when possible. Please call the rectory (823-7736) to register for the program.

**CHOIR** The St. Nicholas Adult Choir will resume rehearsals on **Thursday, September 9** at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft. All High school students and Adults interested in being a part of this Ministry are invited to attend. Also, any instrumentalists who are interested in taking part in any of our liturgies should contact Ed Loch at 829-1220.

**ALTAR SERVERS** A "make-up" practice will be held on **Saturday, September 11** at 9:30 a.m. in the church for anyone who missed the meeting on August 14.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY** The parish men's society will resume its monthly meetings **next Sunday, September 12** at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Plans for 2010-2011 activities will be discussed.

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY** The parish women's society will resume its monthly meetings on **Monday, September 13**. They will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room. All women of the parish are invited.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** The Parish Finance Council will meet **Monday, September 13 at 5:15** in the rectory

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** The Prayer Shawl makers will meet **Monday, September 13**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. If you crochet, knit or would like to learn, you are welcome. Also, we will gratefully accept donated yarns or monetary contributions. All are welcome. Questions? Call Pat at 823-2812.

**REGISTRATION FOR CUB SCOUT PACK 43** will be held in the Church Community Room on **Friday, September 10** at 6:30 p.m. Boys in Grades 1 through 4 and their parents are welcome to come to registration night and see what Cub Scouting is all about. Parents will be able to ask questions and interact with other parents, while their sons participate with other Cub Scouts. Cub Scout meetings are held on Friday nights at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Denise Syms at 332-0923 or John Jakoby at 474-5884

**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET** The booklet commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Nicholas Parish is available. The book provides a parish history and photos from throughout the years. A \$10.00 donation is requested for each book and may be purchased at the rectory.



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**TUESDAY ~ 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.**

# Eucharistic Celebrations

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6	8:30 Robert F. Alles <i>Req. by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Frank Scanlon</i>
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7	6:30 For the Living & Deceased of the Altar & Rosary Society 8:00 Ila Laverdiere, Birthday <i>Req. by Joan Brenzovich</i>
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8	6:30 Mary Slattery <i>Req. by Sisters of St. Nicholas Convent</i> 8:00 Margaret Behm <i>Req. by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9	6:30 Theresa Sperduto <i>Req. by The Davison Family</i> 8:00 <b>School Mass:</b> John Donahue, Anniversary <i>Req. by Wife</i>
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10	6:30 Msgr. Cyriac A. Staib, Anniversary 8:00 Mildred Lloyd, Birthday <i>Req. by Michael</i>
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11	5:00 Leonard Snyder, Jr. <i>Req. by Elizabeth &amp; Charles Leo</i>
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12	7:30 Betty & Fred Gray <i>Req. by Fran &amp; Lorraine</i> 9:00 Leona C. Anstett <i>Req. by Ann Hanahue</i> 10:30 For the Living & Deceased of the Parish 12:00 Spanish Language Mass



**WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS PARISH** On behalf of all our parishioners, the Sisters and Priests of the parish, we welcome those who have recently joined St. Nicholas. We know that it has been a very difficult time for all who have had their parishes closed in the recent consolidations in the Diocese. We hope & pray that all who have joined our parish will experience warmth and comfort as you adjust to the change. May you add to your circle of faith, hope and love, through new friendships you will form here at St. Nicholas Church. Soon a mailing will be sent to you to invite you to join in the ministries and various groups in our community. We hope that all of you will consider continuing in activities that you participated in your former parish and also become involved in some new ones. Without "u" there is no church. Help us to build our church!

## **Sanctuary Candle** *September 4-10*

### **CHURCH**

In Memory of Elizabeth Scheuerman *Req. by Frank & Chris*

### **CHAPEL**

In Memory of Mary Zoranski  
*Req. by Theresa Mycko & Jean Toole*

## **Bread and Wine** *September 3-4*

In memory of Ila Laverdiere  
*Req. by St. Nicholas Rectory Staff*



If you wish to request a Sanctuary Candle or the Bread and Wine Memorial, please call the Rectory Office - 823-7736.

**THURSDAY MORNING MASS** Thursday morning Mass, on days when school is open, will be celebrated at **8:00 a.m.** in the main church with the school students. Please join us!

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** Thank you to all who supported last Sunday's Blood Drive. Our goal was 49 and we received 43 productive units which helped 129 patients.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO** lock your car doors and do not leave any valuables (in plain sight) in your vehicle in our parking lots when attending Mass, meetings or other events.

**THE RECTORY OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** on **Labor Day, Monday, September 6.** Enjoy the holiday!

**SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>** On Friday, September 11 we will once again remember the terrible events of September 11, 2001. Let us make this a special day of prayer and remembrance. We hope many will display the American Flag on this ninth anniversary of one of our country's worst tragedies. We do this in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends, and loved ones at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedom, who continue to endure the pain, & those who are fighting today.

**CRAFT FAIR** at St. Nicholas/St. Mary's School on **Saturday, October 16** from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the school auditorium & cafeteria. Vendors needed! Cost is \$20 per booth. For info, call Diane at 819-2023 or Lauren at 688-6474.

**THANK YOU** for your generous support of the Central & Eastern Europe Collection last weekend. The amount received was \$1,276.53.

**PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP** The collection for August 28-29 was \$9,399.64. Thank you.

**CONVOCATION FOR CATECHISTS** The Diocesan Office for Parish Life will sponsor the Annual Convocation for Catechists on **Saturday, October 16**, at Holy Redeemer High School. The Convocation is an opportunity for every adult to deepen his or her understanding of the Catholic faith, but we especially ask our Religious Education Teachers to attend.

**IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY** Please remember those serving in war-torn areas of our world, and who are separated from their families. Let us all give thanks for our parishioner: Major Brian Halchak who recently left Iraq.

**PARISH SPIRITUAL READING LIBRARY** Check out our library which is located in the Community Room. If you have any religious books you would like to donate, please put them on the bottom shelves.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** for ages 3-6 & 7-12, are available near the church entrances.

**VOLUNTEER TO SERVE** *Volunteers* make so much possible in our world and Church. There are many ways to help St. Nicholas Parish grow as an effective sign of God's presence in our midst. If you are not currently involved with some parish ministry or group, *would you think about becoming involved?* There are many areas of volunteer activities, e.g.: the Religious Education Program, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Greeters at weekend liturgies, or to help with some other tasks in the parish which need your assistance. Please contact one of the priests for more information and possibilities or talk to other parishioners about their involvement.

**BAZAAR REPORT** The bills continue to arrive - we will not know the net profit until all have been received. Expenses to date are approximately \$63,000. *The gross income is approximately \$132,400.* Thank you to all who worked to make the Bazaar a success. Enjoy these final weeks of summer!

**MASS ON CAMPUS** Wilkes University Office of Campus Interfaith is excited to announce that they will be having Mass every Sunday evening at 8 p.m., while school is in session, in the Miller Room in Henry Student Center. Mass WILL NOT be held 9/5, 10/17, 11/28, or after 12/19 due to holiday breaks. Confession will be available on the first Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Interfaith Office, Henry Student Center, Room 204. Questions? Contact Caitlin Czeh, the Interfaith Coordinator, at [caitlin.czeh@wilkes.edu](mailto:caitlin.czeh@wilkes.edu) or call 408-5904.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP** New parishioners are always welcome to join St. Nicholas Parish. If you wish to join our parish, please call the rectory.

**MOVING?** If you have plans to move to a new address, please inform the rectory so that we can keep our computer files updated.

**MAY CROWNING/GRADUATION DVD'S** are now available for pick up at the Rectory Office. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**FURRY TAILS READING PARTNERS** Do you know a child who is experiencing problems reading? Furry Tails Reading Partners pairs children with therapy dog teams to encourage children to improve their reading skills. The program runs all year and is free to children needing help. For information, call Helene Skopek at 814-6078. *The program will meet in St. Nicholas Community Room on the Mondays of August.*

**REMINDERS OF PARISH ETIQUETTE: CELL PHONES, TEXTING & VIDEO GAMES** We encourage our adults and young people to refrain from using them in Church. In particular, we ask the help of the parents in monitoring this usage.

**REMEMBERING OUR PARISH** We are very grateful to parish families who have designated St. Nicholas as a recipient of Memorial Donations for their deceased loved ones and to those who remembered the parish in their wills. Please consider remembering St. Nicholas Church when preparing your will. Thank You!

**PLEASE BE CAREFUL! REMEMBER** to lock your car doors & do not leave any valuables in your cars.

**PARKING** When attending to events at St. Nicholas Church, St. Nicholas-St. Mary's School or Holy Redeemer High School please remember that parking across the street from Holy Redeemer H. S. is not allowed. In addition to our lot behind the church, we have a parking lot on S. Washington Street (directly across from the Convent).

**THE SPIRIT OF SAINT NICHOLAS** As plans for "*The Spirit of Saint Nicholas Capital Fund Campaign*" continue to progress, we will need volunteers to help with the campaign e.g., help with getting the mailings together, telephone callers, etc. A number of projects have been identified. Projects to be funded by the campaign include: *replacement of the handicap lift with an elevator, final section of church roof replacement, installation of pipe organ, repair of the Courtyard between the Church and School, repair of Mausoleum and grounds and improvement of drainage at our cemetery in Shavertown.*

**A REMINDER!** Please be careful to not drop gum on any surface in the church.

**DESECRATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT** An individual broke into St. Rose Church, Carbondale and took a ciborium containing consecrated hosts. Due to news reports of increased vandalism to churches we are urged to be aware of safeguarding the Blessed Sacrament. Unfortunate instances such as this are the reason that we find it necessary to lock our churches when the faithful are not present.

**SPONSORS FOR THE SACRAMENTS** One of the very important traditions and practices of the Catholic faith is the role of Godparents at Baptism & Sponsors for Confirmation. It is an honor to be asked to accept this role to be a very special example for the child or young person. To serve as a sponsor it is required that a person be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation and if married, be married according to the regulations for marriage as provided by the Roman Catholic Church. Also, the sponsor is to be a weekly participant in the Sunday Eucharist & actively strive to live out their own baptismal commitment to Christ. (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 874). Each sponsor is required to obtain a "sponsor letter" from their parish indicating that they fulfill these requirements.

**REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED** Each week, in the Prayer of the Faithful, we pray for those of our parish, their relatives and friends who have died in the previous week. We check the newspapers, but it would help us avoid missing anyone if you would call the rectory and give us the name.

**NOTICE REGARDING SEXUAL ABUSE  
OF PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS  
OF AGE BY ORDAINED OR LAY  
PERSONNEL OF THE DIOCESE OF  
SCRANTON**

Such an act should be reported to the Diocese by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator (570-344-5216) or the Chancellor (570-207-2216) or the Vicar for Priests (570-207-2269). Upon receiving a report of this kind, the Diocese of Scranton is committed to assisting victims or survivors of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being.

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 Eucharistic Liturgies: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 (Eng.), 12:00 (Spanish)

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6**  
**LABOR DAY** Mass 8:30 a.m. Church  
**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED**

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7**  
 Eucharistic Adoration 8:30-4:30 Chapel  
 Miraculous Medal Novena 4:30 Chapel  
 Free Health Clinic 4:30-7:00 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
 Bingo 5:45 Cafeteria  
 St. Nicholas Federal Credit Union 6:00-8:30 Convent  
 Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 Chapel  
 C.C.D. Religious Education Teachers' Meeting 7:00 Rectory

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8**  
 Free Health Clinic 5:30-7:30 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
 Scout District Commissioner Meeting 5:45 Community Room  
 Scout District Committee Meeting 7:15 Community Room  
 Spirit of St. Nicholas Campaign Committee Meeting 7:00 Rectory

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9**  
 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Church Choir Loft

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10**  
 "Back to School Picnic" 6:00-8:30 p.m. Cafeteria  
 Cub Scout Pack 43 Registration 6:30 Community Room

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11**  
 Altar Server "Make-up" Meeting 9:30 Church  
 Confessions 4:00-4:45 Church  
**Vigil Mass for Sunday 5:00 PM**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12**  
**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 Eucharistic Liturgies: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 (Eng.), 12:00 (Spanish)  
 CCD Religious Education Classes 10:15-11:35 School  
 Baptismal Prep Program 12:00 Rectory  
 Holy Name Meeting 7:00 Cafeteria



**LIFELINE** Every human being, at every stage and condition, is willed and loved by God. For this reason, every human life is sacred. To deprive someone of life is a grave wrong and a grave dishonor to God. Because we are created in the image of God, who is Love, our identity and our vocation is to love. Pope Benedict has called this "the key to our entire existence." *USCCB Respect Life Program flyer (2010)*

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** Taking up our crosses... What "cross" is the Lord asking us to take today? Are we ready to accept it? Perhaps He is only asking us to put others before ourselves, to go out of our way to help another, to put ourselves aside for the sake of others. Let's pray for the grace to accept the cross the Lord gives us today.

**YOUR CREDIT UNION NEWS** Happy Labor Day from our Board, Committee Members and Employees. Business hours will be on Tuesday, Sept 7 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the Convent. Call St. Nicholas FCU at 825-2640 or 709-9729.

**FOOD PANTRY** Mother Hubbard's Cupboard is bare again - very bare. Please help us with everything - pasta, mac & cheese, tuna, spaghetti, and soup, glorious soup. Thank you for all you do to help the poor.

**A NEW YORK CITY TRIP**, sponsored by the Girl's Swimming & Diving Team of Holy Redeemer High School, will be held on **Saturday, September 18**. The bus leaves Holy Redeemer at 7:30 a.m. and leaves NYC at 7:30 p.m. Cost per person is \$35. The day is yours to plan. The bus will drop off around Rockefeller Center. If you would like to attend, please fill out a reservation form found near the church exits and return it by Tuesday, September 7.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION & PLANNING**

Couples planning to marry are asked to contact their parish prior to setting a date for the wedding. They are asked to attend a Marriage Preparation Program at **least six to nine months before the intended wedding date.** For information & an up-to-date schedule go to: [www.dioceseofscranton.org/marriagepreparation](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/marriagepreparation).

**THE CATHOLIC CHORAL SOCIETY** will begin its 62<sup>nd</sup> season on **September 7** with rehearsals on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the IHM Center at Marywood University. New members are welcome. No auditions required. For info call 587-2753 or go to [www.catholicchoralsociety.org](http://www.catholicchoralsociety.org).

**RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE** at St. John Byzantine Catholic Church on **September 8** from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. & **September 9** from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parish hall, 756 E. Northampton St., W-B Twp. **September 9 is 1/2 price day.**

**CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND PA** is proud to present The DeSouza Family Singers at Annunciation Parish at St. Gabriel's Church, Hazleton at 7 p.m. on **Fri., September 10**. For more info call 403-3094 or visit [www.catholicundergroundpa.com](http://www.catholicundergroundpa.com).

**IRISH FESTIVAL** St. Brigid, St. Augustine, & St. Francis Xavier Parishes, Friendsville at the Parish Grounds **Sunday, September 12**. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by the festival & Irish music, 12:00-7:00 p.m. Admission is \$6. For more info call 553-2288.

**WEEKEND YOUTH RETREAT: "UP & OVER,"** on **September 17-19** at Fatima Renewal Center, Dalton. **Weekend retreat for 7th & 8th grade students** features fun activities and events, including outdoor obstacle course. Theme: *"Teamwork & Recognizing God's Gifts."* Retreat also includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, movie, free time, buffet-style meals and private rooms. Arrival time is Friday at 7 p.m.; departure, Sunday at 1 p.m. Cost is \$110 & includes \$25 non-refundable deposit. **Registration deadline is September 8.** For more info & registration, contact Fatima Center at 563-8500 or register online at [www.fatimarenewalcenter.org](http://www.fatimarenewalcenter.org).

**BUS PILGRIMAGE** to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA on St. Faustina's Feast Day, **Saturday, October 2**. The bus will leave 7 a.m. SHARP from the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, 1800 State Hwy. 315, Pittston. The bus will leave the shrine at 5 p.m. Fee is \$40. See bulletin board for details or contact Cathy at 654-6063.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 11-12	
5:00	Samantha Pierce, David & Robert Bertram
7:30	Eric Kerr & Sean Lickerse
9:00	Dalton, Greta & Tucker Eil
10:30	Amy, David & Matthew Wert

FINANCES FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 28-29	
Sunday Offering	\$7,576.50
Children's Offering	71.40
Loose Offering	1,255.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,903.64</b>
Dues	424.00
St. Vincent de Paul	828.50
Holydays	72.00
Care of Priests	99.00
Central & Eastern Europe	1,276.53
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>THANK YOU!</b>
	<b>\$11,603.67</b>

**GOOD NEWS FOR MARRIED COUPLES**  
**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RETURNS TO THE SCRANTON DIOCESE** Looking for a way to make your good marriage even better? Then why not attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend? Get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones – and focus ONLY on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll love the difference this weekend can make! ***October 15-17*** at Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton. **Early Registration Is Suggested!**  
Website: [wwme-nepa.org](http://wwme-nepa.org) - phone: 800-787-7679.

**A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING** The Southern Luzerne Area Catholics for Life welcomes all parents who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion, to a night of Hope and Healing where prayers will be offered and testimonies shared by those who have found hope and healing through Jesus Christ. Join us on ***September 21*** at 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Church, 122 S. Wyoming St., Hazleton. For info, call Susan at 403-3094.

**A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR SEPARATED OR DIVORCED** will be given on ***October 15-17*** in Newton, NJ by a Franciscan Retreat Team. For more info, call Fr. Tom Kelly, OFM at 973-985-9736 or Deacon Milt at 973-271-5097.

**THE W-B FREE CLINIC NEEDS YOUR HELP**  
The Clinic recently opened a Dental Clinic on Tuesday afternoons & evenings and are seeking volunteers to serve as receptionists. From May 1 through September, hours are 12-4 p.m. Training will be provided. To volunteer, call Lois Myers at 735-2877.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** 1). Days, evenings & overnight coverage needed for ***Catherine McCauley Center, Plymouth*** - call Sr. Marie Larkin at 779-2801. 2). ***W-B Free Clinic*** on Tuesdays & Wednesdays - call Pat Williams or Lois Meyers at 825-8721 or 793-4361. 3). ***Ruth's Place*** - call Julie Benjamin or Betty Magnum at 822-6817.

**SUPPORT GROUP** Divorced, widowed or separated individuals trying to cope with sorrow, doubt, anxiety or loneliness, can come to ***The Beginning Experience monthly session*** on the ***third Friday of each month*** from 7-9 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Center, Scranton. For info call 489-7769.

**ANY SENIOR CITIZEN** Seniors who are homebound and living on their own may want to take advantage of a program called **RUOK**. **Helpline** will contact you once a week to check on you. For more information, call Sr. Nancy at 823-7736.

**FREE EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES Available For Children Birth Through Two**  
Are you concerned about your child's ability to move, see or hear? To talk or express needs? To relate to others? To think and learn? If you answered "YES" to any of the above, call now for a free screening and/or evaluation. Your child, ages birth through two, may be eligible for free early intervention services. No income guidelines. No insurance necessary. All information is confidential. Phone 826-3030 or 1-800-816-1880.

**A MONTHLY HOLY HOUR** (for priestly & religious vocations) is held **every first Thursday** at 7:00 p.m. at the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary Chapel, Route 315, Laflin.

**TRAVELING?** Mass times & locations when traveling - call 1-410-676-6000 or on-line at [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org).

**ATTENTION MUSIC MINISTERS** The September meeting of the Scranton Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will be held at St. Jude's, Mountaintop, on ***Tuesday, September 21*** at 6:00 p.m. A workshop entitled "***Live, Learn and Sing for the Future***", presented by Joan Turel, will explore the revised translation of the Roman Missal. A revised and a newly composed Mass setting will be sung. For reservations, call Rob Yenkowski at 208-6044 by Sept. 13. The meeting begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. All music ministers and anyone interested in liturgy are encouraged to attend.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the W-B Free Medical Clinic.** The Clinic is open on Tuesdays from 4:30-7:00 p.m. and every other Wednesday (began December 30) from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This means we need additional volunteers to staff the Clinic. Needed are Wednesday evening volunteers - Registered Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Pharmacist or Social Worker & volunteer receptionist(s). If interested or would like info, call Lois Myers at 825-8721.

**TRANSPORTATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES** For questions/information on the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Transportation Program call 288-8420 or 800-679-4135 or Hearing Impaired 825-1860. The program is funded, made available & regulated through the PA Dept. of Transportation.

**RETRouvaille WEEKEND: SEPT. 24-26** at Fatima Renewal Center. Are you or a loved one currently going through a difficult time in your marriage? Retrouvaille is a weekend with additional follow-up sessions for stressed marriages led by a trained priest and married couples who have survived marital difficulties. It is not counseling or group therapy. A registration deposit is required and a donation will be requested; finances, however, should not prevent attendance. For more information, call 587-0415 or e-mail [Net530@comcast.net](mailto:Net530@comcast.net).

**NEW FREE MONTHLY CHURCH HISTORY RESOURCE AVAILABLE** Many parishioners in the Diocese of Scranton have expressed a desire to learn more about Church history, but often report feeling overwhelmed by the subject. A free monthly resource is now available online for parish based religion formation or independent learning. ***A.D.: Anno Domini*** will examine the key dates, concepts, and figures of Church history in an approachable and user friendly format. The first installment, currently available on the Adult Faith Formation page of the diocesan website, looks at the period immediately following Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension into Heaven (A.D. 30-100). Subsequent issues will build off of this foundation, focusing on periods of 50-100 years, and all past issues will be archived online.

**THERE'S GOOD NEWS IN THE AIR!** Hear it on Catholic Radio JMJ 750-AM. Listen to local and national programs to inform and inspire your faith. Local programs include St. Ann's Novena, Sunday 1:30 p.m. & Monday 10 a.m.; St. Joseph Novena, Wednesday 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.; "In Love of Christ" hosted by Jerome Gilmartin, Tuesday 10 a.m., Wednesday 7:30 a.m., Thursday & Saturday 4:30 p.m. A wide variety of EWTN programs are also aired. JMJ is operated by volunteers and the station is totally listener supported. For information, call 287-4670.

**MONTHLY GATHERING OF THE SECULAR  
DISCALCED CARMELITES,** a canonically  
established group of the Diocese of Scranton. The group  
will meet on the **third Sunday** at Holy Annunciation  
Monastery in Sugarloaf, Luzerne County. All are  
welcome, especially those who feel called to a deeper  
consecration in life and wish to experience Carmelite  
spirituality and community. Call Carol Wojewodski  
(342-7448) for info.