

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEKEND  
OF 19 & 20 DECEMBER 2015**

- 1. The Christmas Novena is continuing and will be prayed after the weekend Masses on December 19th & 20th and after the weekday Masses on December 21st-23rd. The novena is the traditional Maronite preparation for Christmas.**
- 2. The Annual Children's Christmas Party is this weekend on Sunday, December 20th at 12:30 PM in the Church Hall. All the children of the parish are cordially invited to enjoy this party and meet Santa Claus.**
- 3. The Holy Name Society Father/Son/Friend Christmas Party is this weekend on Sunday, December 20th from 5:00 to 8:00 at the City Café in downtown Scranton. Traditional Lebanese buffet will be served. Admission is \$25.00 per person. Annual dues of \$10.00 are payable at the party. To reserve, contact Subdeacon Cy Douaihy, Eddie Deeb or Doumlet Saadi.**
- 4. The Christmas Masses are: 4:00 PM on Christmas Eve - Vigil Mass for the Children of the Parish; 11:30 PM on Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass for the Parishioners; and 11:00 AM on Christmas Day - for the Parishioners.**
- 5. The Sodality is sponsoring a food drive for the holidays to benefit Saint Patrick's Food Pantry. A large hamper has been placed in the rear of the Church in front of the Cry Room window. The food drive will run until after Christmas. We would like to deliver the items to Saint Patrick's between Christmas and New Year's, so please bring in your donations of canned and dry food items now.**
- 6. Thanks to the thirty parishioners who gave a gift to make a local child's wish for Christmas come true, this year's Giving Tree was a big success and a good lesson in the Daughters of Saint Ann in Christian service. Special thanks to Tara Cawley Russo and Nicole Siconolfi Wheeler.**
- 7. The annual Holy Name Society NFL Play-Off Party will be held in our Church Hall on Sunday, January 24th, 2016 beginning at 3:00 PM. Hot and cold food and beverages will be provided. Cost is \$15,00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Come and see the games and have a great time. Let Subdeacon Cy Douaihy or Eddie Deeb know you are coming so we can prepare.**
- 8. The Holy Name Society's famous \$5,000 Raffle is now underway. Only 200 tickets are available. There are \$250 Prizes for the 1st, 50th, 100th and 150th tickets drawn, and a grand prize of \$4,000 for the last ticket. Tickets are \$50 each and include admission to the Play-Off Party. See John Mackarey, Albert Mackarey, Subdeacon Cy Douaihy or Monsignor Francis for tickets.**