**Sunday Mass**
*Madonna Della Strada Chapel*
11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.
9:30 p.m.

**Daily Mass**
*Chapel of the Sacred Heart*
**Monday - Saturday**
12:05 p.m.
**Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri**
4:40 p.m.

**Thursday**
7:00 p.m.
(followed by Rosary and Benediction)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
*Reconciliation Room, Chapel of the Sacred Heart*
**Monday - Friday**
11:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Also by appointment in University Ministries and the Jesuit Community at Campion Hall.

**Devotions to Our Lady**
*Rosary & Benediction*
after Thursday
7:00 p.m. Mass

**Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**
*Exposition, Sacred Heart Litany, and Benediction*
after Friday 4:40 p.m. Mass

**Byzantine Liturgy**
*Ciszek Hall, Fr. Sable, S.J.*
Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.
Vespers Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

**Campus Mosque**
*306 Taylor Ave.*
Friday service
12:30 p.m.
941-5520

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**Getting Out Of Our Trenches**
Fr. Rick Malloy, S.J., Ph.D.

In 1914, the soldiers started singing Christmas songs and stopped the war. How different our world would be if the wars really had ended those cold, winter days in France. May we find the courage to get out of our trenches this year and make peace with one another and all the world. This beautiful ballad by John McCutcheon poetically recounts the true story of “Christmas in the Trenches.” Google the YouTube version and use it for an Advent meditation.

My name is Francis Tolliver, I come from Liverpool
Two years ago the war was waiting for me after school
From Belgium then to Flanders, to Germany to here
I fought for King and Country I love dear.
’Twas Christmas in the trenches where the frost so bitter hung
The frozen fields of France were still no Christmas song was sung
Our families back in England were toasting us this day
Their brave and glorious lads so far away.

I was lying next me messmate on the cold and rocky ground
When across the lines of battle came a most peculiar sound
Says I "Now listen up, me boys!" Each soldier strained to hear
As one young German voice sang out so clear.
"He's singin’ bloody well, you know!” my partner says to me
Soon one by one each German voice joins in in harmony
The cannons rested silent. The gas clouds rolled no more
As Christmas brought us respite from the war.

As soon as they were finished and reverent pause was spent
*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* struck up some lads from Kent
The next they sang was *Stille Nacht, 'tis Silent Night* says I
And in two tongues one song filled up that sky.
"There's someone coming towards us” the front line sentry cried
All sights were fixed on one lone figure trudging from their side
His truce flag like a Christmas star shone on that plane so bright
As he bravely strolled unarmed into the night.

Soon one by one on either side walked into No Man's Land
With neither gun nor bayonet we met there hand to hand
We shared some secret brandy and we wished each other well
And in a flare-lit soccer game we gave'em hell.
We traded chocolates, cigarettes and photographs from home
These sons and fathers far away from families of their own
Young Sanders played his squeezebox and they had a violin
This curious and unlikely band of men.

Soon daylight stole upon us and France was France once more
With sad farewells we each began to settle back to war
But a question haunted every heart that lived that wondrous night
Whose family have I fixed within my sights?
’Twas Christmas in the Trenches where the frost so bitter hung
The frozen fields of France were warmed as songs of peace were sung
For the walls they'd kept between us to exact the work of war
Had been crumbled and were gone forevermore.

My name is Francis Tolliver, in Liverpool I dwell
Each Christmas comes since World War I, I've learned its lessons well
That the ones who call the shots won't be among the dead and lame
And on each end of the rifle we're the same.
Today our prime educational objective must be to form men-and-women-for-others; men and women who will live not for themselves but for God and his Christ - for the God-man who lived and died for all the world; men and women who cannot even conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbors; men and women completely convinced that love of God which does not issue in justice for others is a farce.

Pedro Arrupe, S.J.,
28th Superior General
of the Society of Jesus,
Valencia, Spain,
1973

The Community Outreach Office provides information on Volunteer Opportunities for individuals, groups, clubs, and residence hall floors. Our office is located in The DeNaples Center, Room 205B, and our webpage is www.scranton.edu/volunteers. We are also on Facebook! Like Us!

JUST HOLIDAY STUFF.....Other opportunities are on our website at www.scranton.edu/volunteers

**American Lung Association** - Volunteers would visit local stores and ask if they would like them to paint their store front with a Christmas Seal design. The stores would be invited to make a donation to the American Lung for the painting and would be asked to offer sheets of Seals to customers for additional donations to the organization at this holiday season. Contact Donna Ray-Reifler atdrei@lunginfo.org or call 570-823-2212

**Friends of the Poor** - volunteers needed to stock food pantry (must be able to lift 50lbs +) and help with seasonal dinners and holiday gift distribution. Contact Sister Ann Walsh at friendsofthepoor@frontiernet.net or call 570-877-3929

**Leukemia & Lymphoma Society** - Holiday Gift Wrapping at the Steamtown Mall. Any days between November 25 and December 24th. 12-6pm. Contact Pamela Formica at pamela.formica@lls.org to sign up or call 610-266-8513 x10

**United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Pennsylvania**: Holiday Gift Wrap at the Viewmont Mall, thru Christmas noon to 9, unlimited volunteers. Contact: Barb Siarkievicz, 347-3357.

**American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes Holiday Mail for Heroes program**: Send cards for service members, their families and veterans to: Holiday Mail for Heroes, P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456; to volunteer or start a project, contact Theresa O’Connor at 207-0112 ortoconnor@neparc.org.

**Operation Friendship**: Volunteer for Visitation Program of Serving Seniors Inc. to write and send/hand deliver personalized Christmas cards to area nursing and assisted living/personal care home residents, contact Louise C. Ligi at Serving Serving Seniors, Inc. 344-3931.
### Christmas Breakfast

The Community Outreach Office and The Fresh Food Company will be working together once again to bring our 3rd annual Community Christmas Day Breakfast to the Scranton community. We are seeking Faculty and Staff volunteers to assist on Christmas Day from 7:45am to 11am, on DeNaples Center 3rd floor.

While this event is open to all to attend, we are asking that volunteers be University employees or current students and their families only.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Ellen Judge at judgee2@scranton.edu.

### 5 Day Silent Retreat

These retreats, rooted in Ignatian Spirituality, are an opportunity to enter into silence and create space for God in your life.

**5 Day Silent Retreat - January 23-27, 2012 Chapman Lake**

Retreat begins Monday afternoon and concludes Friday afternoon. Cost is $40. Register in University Ministries.

Questions? Contact Sister Carol Tropiano at tropianoc2@scranton.edu.

### Winter Book Read

*Looking for a great book to read over Winter Break? Want to be motivated & inspired?*

Participate in University Ministries Winter Book Read, *Kisses from Katie* by Katie Davis (with Beth Clark)

Kisses from Katie will be one of those books you cannot put down. It will literally transform everything about you and guide the way for you to take your ordinary life and fashion it into something extraordinary.

At the age of nineteen, Katie Davis left the upper-middle-class life to move to Uganda, start a nonprofit organization, and begin the adoption process for thirteen daughters who needed a mother. She is an inspiration and a testament to what God will do when one is willing to be used.

Find out more about Katie’s book at [www.amazima.org](http://www.amazima.org) or watch the video about her book at [http://youtu.be/zfXgCx3f_1c](http://youtu.be/zfXgCx3f_1c).

To participate in the Winter Book Read, stop by the University Ministries office to sign up and pick up your FREE book. You will need to commit to reading the book over break and participating in a lunch discussion the first week we return in the Spring Semester. **Free books available on a first come, first served basis.** Contact Amy Hoegen at hoegena2@scranton.edu if you have any questions.

### Exploring Prayer

Are you interested in exploring different ways of praying? Do you want to discover the importance of discernment in your life? If yes, join us for this for this overnight retreat at Chapman Lake. The retreat will begin on Friday night, February 10 at 5 pm and conclude on Saturday, February 11 at 5 pm.

Sign up for this opportunity in University Ministries. Cost is non-refundable $10.

Questions? Contact Sister Carol Tropiano, RSM at tropianoc2@scranton.edu.

### Advent in 2 Minutes

Not quite sure about the relationship between Advent and Christmas? Check out Busted Halo's two-minute video that describes why we celebrate Advent and wait to celebrate Christmas. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S02KOlw7dlA&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S02KOlw7dlA&feature=youtu.be)

Beginning November 27th (the First Sunday of Advent,) visit bustedhalo.com/advent for the Busted Halo Advent Surprise Calendar for daily jolts of wisdom and micro-Challenges that will give your Advent more meaning, as well as give you a chance to win prizes, including an iPad2!
### Weekly Collection

During Advent, all Sunday Mass collections at Madonna della Strada Chapel will go towards a scholarship in Fr. Brackley’s honor for a deserving Salvadoran student to the University of Central America.

### Sunday Mass Presidents

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### Save The Date!

**TWIST and SHOUT**

"One Direction Many Paths"

**A Graduate Student Retreat**

**Sunday February 12th**

**10Am - 6PM**

University Ministries, DeNaples Student Center 200
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