

CIA Update
January 4, 2023

- **Trunk or Treat** – Trunk or Treat was held on Saturday, October 30th. Thanks to our parishioners who donated candy, we were able to distribute bags to all the children who attended. Everyone enjoyed the hot dogs and hot chocolate that we provided. Thanks to everyone who decorated their vehicles, this year we had 13. A special thanks to Lake Silkworth Volunteer Fire Department for bringing their fire truck and passing out treats.
- **Mass of Remembrance** – The Mass of Remembrance was held on Wednesday, November 2nd. Thanks to everyone who donated baked goods and helped in any way to make the social afterwards a meaningful occasion.
- **Christmas Giving Tree** – Thank you to everyone who donated a gift card to Catholic Social Services.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** – The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to deliver prayer shawls, octopuses, lapghans, and mini prayer cloths to area nursing homes, Meadows Nursing Home, and nursing homes in Wilkes-Barre (Timber Ridge, St. Luke's, Hampton House, Riverside, and Tiffany Court). The ministry provided mini prayer cloths, shawls, lapghans, and throws for the Mass of Remembrance. The ministry also provided 35 shawls, lapghans, throws in football team colors, 15 scarves, and 20 mini prayer cloths to the Gino Merli Veterans' Center in Scranton. Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 24, 2023.
- **Grief Journey Ministry** – The last session for 2022, Surviving the Holidays, was held on Sunday, November 13th. Judy and Marianna would like to thank everyone who donated baked goods for the Surviving the Holidays session, the Prayer Shawl Ministers, Fr. Brian for the blessing, and, most especially, Pat Blockus who graciously helped coordinate all of these efforts. The Grief Journey Ministry will begin the next session of Loss of a Spouse in March of 2023. God Bless all of the efforts of the CIA team for all that they do to bring the message of hope to fruition.