

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 pm Sunday - 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Tues & Thurs - 12:10 pm; Wed & Fri 7:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m., or by appointment

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MEMORIALS SEPT. 24 – SEPT. 30, 2018**Tabernacle Lamp**

In Memory of: Adele Fioretti
(Lisena Romitelli)

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Sept. 24**

*No Mass

Tuesday, Sept. 25

12:10 pm Louise Gregorowicz (Abbott/Lemoncelli Fam.)
Edward Pociask (M/M Earl Lewan)

Wednesday, Sept. 26

7:00 am Michael Hanuscik (Audrey Hanucik)
2:30 pm Lackawanna Rehab

Thursday, Sept. 27

12:10 pm Mary/George Shebaugh (Irene Shebaugh)
Leonard Warholic (Andrea Luongo)

Friday, Sept. 28

7:00 am Helen Henzes (Family)

Saturday, Sept. 29

4:00 pm Frances Yazinski (Family)
Stephen Novajosky (Carol Tutka)

Sunday, Sept. 30

8:00 am Dec'd Members of the Parish

10:00 am Ralph Paoletti (Wife/Children)
John Popis (Family)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the sick,
the suffering, the bereaved, and the recently deceased.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Sunday Offering for Sept. 16, 2018 was \$7,118.00
May God bless you for your continued support of SHJ

**NEW PARISHIONER BRUNCH**

This Sunday, September 23, 2018, our parish will hold a Welcome Brunch to offer a friendly welcome to all newly registered members to the parish since September 20, 2017. New parishioners will get to know one another along with Fr. Andrew, parish staff and members of the welcome committee. We warmly welcome these newest members to our parish family here at Sacred Heart of Jesus!

**ST. FRANCIS DAY—BLESSING OF PETS**

Thursday, October 4th, is the feast of St. Francis. On this day we traditionally bless animals (pets). We will continue this tradition on his feast day in front of the St. Francis statue in the parking lot along side of Holy Family Hall at 6:30 p.m. on October 4th. Bring your dogs, cats, iguana's and snakes—Yikes! It's the "round church" where there's room for everyone!!!

A WORD FROM FR. ANDREW

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

JEALOUSY!!! It's everywhere! And most especially in today's readings. People jealous of one another...Wanting to get to the top...Desirous to be number one! They say that it can eat you alive! And yet at times it just seems to be part of human nature. "Why do they have such a nice home?" "Why can't I ever be the one recognized for all of my hard work?" "Why couldn't I have won the ten thousand?" (I must admit, I almost succumbed to that one at our recent drawing.)

One of the biggest problems in trying to overcome jealousy is that many times we look at everything another person may have and forget to count our own blessings. This week let's try just a little harder to count our blessings and be grateful for what we have. Try a little harder to be happy for those who have been blessed with good fortune. If we really believe that we are one body in Christ, a community really united in faith, then when someone has good fortune, in some way, it benefits us all. And most of all, let us never forget to pray for one another. Most especially in our want. For just as needy as each one of us may be in certain areas, so it is with the neighbor or family member of whom, many times, we have become jealous.

Love,
Fr. Andrew

PARISH DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE

On Friday, October 5, 2018, our parish is asked to observe a daylong prayer for those who are victims of child sexual abuse, especially those abused by clergy in the Diocese of Scranton. While we will pray for all victims of abuse, this atrocity was brought to light and has painfully touched home in a very real and ugly way in the recent past. In the future, we hope to reach out to victims in a very tangible way; but for now let us support them with our prayers throughout this day, set aside for our parish to be in solidarity with them. **The day will begin with mass at 7:00 a.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our church with time for quiet prayer throughout the day. At NOON there will be a brief prayer followed by the aloud communal praying of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary. The day will culminate with a Holy Hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. during which there will be some reflections, readings, prayers, and time for quiet meditation. A Benediction Service will conclude the day at 6:30 p.m.**

The timing of these services has been purposely established so as to provide those who have difficulty with travel in the evening the opportunity to attend (primarily our elderly). It is my fervent hope however that those who are younger, along with their families and friends, will try to attend the closing prayer and Benediction, as this early timing still leaves our devoted football fans plenty of time to get to the stadium for the home game. **Please—please—believe that prayer can move mountains. God knows that this is a mountain that we have only just begun to chip away at, shovel by shovel, prayer by prayer! Please plan to make this a special day.**

"The Round Church ... Where There's Room For Everyone."

SUMMER CASH RAFFLE WINNERS

We offer many thanks to all who supported the Summer Cash Raffle this year. Tickets sold were 477. Total income is \$47,700. The prizes amounted to 15,500.00, postage & stationary was 340.78, and drawing reception added up to \$400.86. Net profit for our parish was \$31,458.36. We especially thank our sellers who sold multiple tickets, including P.J. Gillott, who sold the most tickets!

Thank You P.J.!!

\$10,000 WINNER

Geno & Nanette Lemoncelli

\$2,000 – Dominick York, III

\$1,000 - Mario & Jeanette Mariani

\$500 – Helen Romanosky

\$200 Winners (10)

Edward & Bernadette Toole

Jerald & Irene Zorachak

Joseph Smigel

The Zarnowski's

Pat Kurpis & Donna Marzoni

Debbie Hubal

Albert Boros

Tom & Johanna DeLucca

Robert & Roseann O'Hara

Michael Petrasko

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

The Parish Pastoral Council is established to act as an advisory board to the pastor in all areas of parish life. They are the eyes, the ears, the mouth, and most especially the heart of the parish. In other words, they are either chosen or elected to serve so that their fellow parishioners have but another vehicle by which to become more involved in the everyday life of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Their in-depth meetings take place four to six times a year. Meeting dates for this year in addition to the one that was recently held on September 12th will be: Nov. 14th; Jan. 9, 2019; Mar. 13th; May 8th and June 12th.

Please utilize the Council to bring issues and concerns up to them so that they can be reviewed and discussed at meetings and action can be taken when necessary. During my first year as your pastor it has become necessary for me to do some restructuring in terms of councils and committees. This has been particularly true in trying to establish term limits which have more seemingly been ignored in recent years. The following members are serving on the Parish Pastoral Council for the 2018-2019 fiscal year:

Andrew Gregorowicz, Chair (20); Kyle Burak, Vice Chair (20); Cindy Campbell, Sect. (20); Donna Fazio (19); Mark Longo (19); Thomas Wascura (19); Robert Munley (20); Pam Savitski (19); David Haas (21); Daniel DeLeo (21); Andrea Kempa (21); Gayle Castellani, ad hoc.

(The number after each name connotes the year that their respective term ends)

I am deeply grateful for their willingness to serve! God Bless You! AK

WANTED: YOUR BEST RECIPES

Do you have a family favorite recipe? Do you have a favorite go-to meal when company is coming? Do you have any "meals in minutes" recipes? How about favorite home-made desserts? We need them all! The fundraiser committee has begun preparation on a custom Cookbook featuring "tried and true" recipes from our fellow parishioners and friends. The cookbook will be professionally published and is sure to be a treasured keepsake. Please pick up a "Recipe Collection Sheet" located on the table near each entrance of the church, and be sure to follow the instructions provided. Place completed "Recipe Collection Sheet" in an envelope marked "Cookbook Recipe" and place in the collection basket at any mass. Send in as many as you wish!



PURSE BINGO

SHJ 2nd Annual Purse Bingo will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in Holy Family Hall. Tickets will be on sale beginning this weekend or call Heather Skapyak at 570-815-1718.

ONE YEAR LATER

On Sept. 20, 2017, I arrived at your parish and began my service as your pastor. This past year has been filled with so much excitement and joy. And there have been some heartaches which we have shared together. I hope and pray that in the years ahead we will continue to journey side-by-side sharing in the good times and the bad. I am so grateful to Almighty God for energizing my ministry by bringing me to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. As we move ahead, I ask you to join me in helping our parish grow as ***"The Round Church...Where there is room for everyone!"*** We have seen almost 100 new families join this past year. Much has been done regarding our physical plant, many times unseen or unnoticed, but much remains to be done. I will continue to keep you posted regarding the temporalities of our parish. For example, \$31,458.36 has been raised from our Summer Cash Raffle. Much of that money will be used to enhance lighting, security, and technological updates in our parish, along with helping us to set aside some money for future projects. I will be working with the Building and Grounds Committee, so that we can give you a "PLAN OF ACTION" to prepare our campus for our 50th anniversary of the building of our church in 2020, and the 75th anniversary of the founding of our parish in 2021. However, please note, that my number one priority is the spiritual welfare of this parish and of all of you. As we continue our journey, my highest commitment is to walk with you in building a community which is rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray with me that we never forget this. This commitment should come before anything else. I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve as your pastor. Please know that I pray for you daily and that I love you.

Fr. Andrew