

Memorials Donated for Week of August 15th - 21st, 2016

Altar Candles

In Memory of Primo Lorenzetti by Grandchildren

Mass Intentions for August 15th - 21st, 2016

Monday, Aug 15th - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:50 am Mass for parishioners intentions
12:00 pm Mass for parishioners intentions

Tuesday, Aug 16th

6:50 am William & Shirley Dunstone by family

Wednesday, Aug 17th

6:50 am Primo Lorenzetti by wife

Thursday, Aug 18th

6:50 am Grace Ercolani by M/M Peter Straka

Friday, Aug 19th

6:50 am Michaelen Machelli by family

Saturday, Aug 20th

4:00 pm Gino Gatti by family

Sunday, Aug 21th

8:00 am Teresa Piersimoni by M/M Mike Wolo
10:00 am Marlene Gambucci by family



Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased James Cardamone and Fr. David Delzell.

Solemnity of the Assumption

This Monday (August 15th) we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. Whenever this Solemnity falls on Saturday or Monday, the obligation is dispensed, but the holy day remains. For those who may want to attend Mass, please note the 6:50 am and 12 noon Masses available on Monday for those who want to celebrate the Assumption of Mary into Heaven.

Collection for last Weekend: August 7, 2016

311 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$5,879.00

We sincerely thank all who are consistently using their regular offertory envelopes or prearranged bank checks to support the work and mission of Sacred Heart Parish. We also commend those who are being conscientious to their commitments through our ongoing Parish Care Campaign.

Pontifical Mission Societies

Deacon Ed Kelly, Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, will be in our parish this weekend to speak on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the 1150 mission dioceses throughout the world. This second cash collection will be for the poorest of the poor in our mission dioceses where their clergy cannot afford even to come here to ask for help. At the same time, Deacon Kelly will promote membership to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. We welcome Deacon Ed Kelly.

Know a Marriage That Needs Help?

Throw them a lifeline and tell them about **Retrouvaille**, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to

communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins August 26th-28th at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit. Please call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.

Parish Flea & Food Fest This Weekend - Aug 13-14-15

The Fest is this weekend! Hours are Saturday- 8am to 6pm; Sun & Mon- 8am to 4pm. Please spread the word! Thank you all in advance for supporting this important fundraiser!

Flea Fest Pasta & Meatball Dinner- Sun, Aug 14th. Take-Outs by DeLeo's Catering from 11am until 3pm. Don't forget your tickets!

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." What a sad image Jesus paints in today's Gospel. Causing family strife with fathers against sons and mothers against daughters is not the effect we like to imagine Jesus having on people. Nonetheless he says, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." The fact is, and always has been, that not everyone chooses to follow Christ. This causes conflict. Perhaps it is most tragic when this tension takes place within families. When certain members of the family desire to live a full Christian life, to follow the commandments and worship God as he asks, this can be irritating at best and infuriating at worst to other family members who want nothing to do with Jesus or his Church. But faith must persist in spite of domestic turmoil. Following Jesus is the ultimate good; preserving peace is secondary. In one sense, today's Gospel gives faithful Christians permission to move forward in their faith even if it doesn't make everybody happy. We are to speak love to hate, and truth to deceit. As a disciple, don't be afraid if someone's feathers get ruffled along the way. If you love someone, then you owe that person the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. However, all of this needs to be understood in the light of Jesus' desire to bring peace. He often used the greeting, "Peace be with you," and clearly promised peace to his disciples. Today's Gospel should not be taken to mean that Jesus desires division. Rather, he is acknowledging the fact that division will inevitably result as people declare their differing allegiances. But thankfully, when we align ourselves with Christ, we are also uniting ourselves to the very One who can restore peace even in the midst of conflict.

Intercessions for Life

For all who are persecuted for their respect for human life. That the Lord may strengthen their faith and assure them of his closeness, we pray to the Lord.

Life Line Screening

Our parish is hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings on Thursday, September 1st. The screenings provided focus on vascular disease, including atrial fibrillation and peripheral arterial disease. Screenings are fast, painless and

affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Nearly 800,000 strokes will occur this year. Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and PAD, also called “hardening of the arteries” in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings, as well as take-home colon cancer early detection tests. Screening packages start at \$139. Single tests cost around \$70. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-888-653-6441. Pre-registration is required.

Our Parish Ministry News

Adult Faith Formation Ministry Our Adult Formation Team is planning a workshop on Wed, Aug 24th at 6:00pm for adults interested in learning more about adult faith formation opportunities at Sacred Heart and surrounding parishes. Save the date and watch for the detailed insert in next week’s bulletin. Make plans to attend with a friend!

Parish Visitors Ministry- Parish Visitors are caring parish members who provide contact between the parish community and parishioners of all ages who are confined to home, other local facilities or hospitals. They offer spiritual and social support to those who are unable to regularly participate in parish life. (See formation opportunity below)

Formation Opportunity: Ministering to Others

All those who currently or are interested in ministering to people in need, such as the sick, homebound, the grieving and elderly in our parish, including our newly formed **Parish Visitors Ministry** are invited to a 2 session formation program called *Listening with the Heart: A Spiritual, Personal, and Pastoral Enrichment Program and a Training Program For Pastoral Visitors*. This 2-session program prepares a person for ministry in the parish and at home through reflection on the God of Mercy and Compassion. Presenter: Sr. Jane O’Donnell RSM of the Mercy Consultation Center in Dallas. Come and learn how to be present to all people in need and have deeper meaning and purpose in your relationships. This program is fit for anyone who would like to learn active listening & for any parishioner looking for spiritual, personal & pastoral enrichment during the Year of Mercy. Dates: *Sept 17th & 24th from 9:30am-12:30pm* at St. Catherine’s Parish in Moscow. It’s important that you attend both sessions. There is no cost for the program. Please call our parish office to register.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training

The Diocesan Office for Parish Life will offer training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion on September 15, 22, 29 (Thursdays) from 6:30pm-9pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. Interested candidates for this ministry please call the parish office. Please note that it is necessary for candidates to attend all three sessions.

Hospitalized Parishioners

It frequently happens that we have parishioners hospitalized for significant periods of time about whom we never hear. Sometimes the information may be held back because of the current privacy laws, which seek to protect a patient’s privacy. Sometimes there is a shortage of volunteers at the hospital to notify the parishes. Sometimes our parishioners may get reported to other Sacred Heart Parishes in our part of the Diocese as in Jermyn or South Scranton. In the end, we may walk right by a parishioner’s room without ever knowing that he/she was ever admitted. Therefore, when a family member or friend is admitted to a hospital, please call the parish office and leave a message if you think he or she may welcome a visit or a blessing. Hospital visitation is a very important part of every parish’s ministry.

Golf Tourney to Benefit Long Term Care Facilities

The 2016 golf committee of Little Flower Manor, St. Therese Residence and St. Luke’s Villa, all operated by the Diocese of Scranton and served by the Carmelite Sisters, is currently preparing for the 17th annual Golf Tournament to be held Friday, Sept 9, at Mount Laurel Golf Club in White Haven. The benefit golf outing gets underway with a pre-tourney luncheon and shotgun start at 12 noon. The event concludes with an awards dinner, featuring dozens of notable prizes, including the top prize of a new jeep courtesy of Motor World. Registration and sponsorship are open to all. Contact Jean Marie Ryan at 823-6131 ext. 269 or jryan@lfmstr.com.

Movie Screening

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish, 1625 North Main Avenue at Theodore Street, will screen the Best Picture winning film “Chariots of Fire” this Monday evening, August 15 at 7:30 pm coinciding with the ongoing summer Olympic Games. Admission is free, and all are welcome. The venue will be the church’s newly renovated Parish Hall. The film chronicles the struggles and triumphs of two very different men of faith -- one Jewish, the other a devout Christian -- as they compete for Great Britain in the 1924 Paris Olympics.

Marriage and Family

Pope Francis has been very clear in affirming the truth and constant teaching of the Church that same-sex relationships cannot be considered “in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God’s plan for marriage and family.”

During our Holy Father’s remarkable visit to us last year, he reminded us that all politicians “are called to defend and preserve the dignity of [their] fellow citizens in the tireless and demanding pursuit of the common good, for this is the chief aim of all politics.” Catholic politicians in particular are called to “a heroic commitment” on behalf of the common good and to “recognize their grave responsibility in society to support laws shaped by these fundamental human values and oppose laws and policies that violate [them].”

Faithful witness can be challenging—and it will only grow more challenging in the years to come—but it is also the joy and responsibility of all Catholics, especially those who have embraced positions of leadership and public service.