

**Memorials Donated for Week of August 22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Tabernacle & Altar Candles**

In Memory of Lorraine Albiero by Joseph Albiero

**Mass Intentions for August 22<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

**Monday, Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>**

6:50 am Joseph & Lillian Neri by Larry & Ann Miles

**Tuesday, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>**

6:50 am Helen Barber by Ellie & Steve Badan

**Wednesday, Aug 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Julia Anastasio by Jack & Roseann

2:30 pm Lacka Health and Rehab Mass

**Thursday, Aug 25<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Chris Ghilardi by Ben Cicilioni & Family

**Friday, Aug 26<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Ruth Valentine by Barbara & Roseann

**Saturday, Aug 27<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm Amedeo & Catherine Mariani by Rose, Mario, & Joyce

**Sunday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am Tarby Family by Sons & Family

10:00 am Lorraine Albiero by Joseph

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased: Gerald Pompey, Father Walter Skiba and June McGlone (mother of Fr. Gerard McGlone).



same time, follow the Pope's call to find security by giving security? Today's second reading is our guide: "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him" (Heb 12:5). The discipline of prayer opens hearts and brings before the Lord what we find there—fear and hope—and helps us find strength and courage in the Lord. The discipline of study informs us more fully on issues that can seem daunting or off-putting at first glance. The discipline of dialogue allows truth to surface when we speak honestly and listen openly, especially to those with whom we disagree. The discipline of compassion helps us to feel with another, in the same way we would like others to feel with us. We strengthen our drooping hands and weak knees by taking on these disciplines, like the athlete or musician whose discipline of practice brings freedom and facility in one's desired goal. Discipline of prayer, study, dialogue, and compassion brings us "the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it" (Heb 12:11b).

Pope Francis models these disciplines for us in his letter to the 2016 Refugee Olympic Team. He wrote the team members: "I have learned about your team and read some of your interviews so that I could get closer to your lives and your aspirations. I extend my greetings and wish you success at the Olympic Games in Rio—that your courage and strength find expression through the Olympic Games and serve as a cry for peace and solidarity... I pray for you and ask that you, please, do the same for me."

**Pontifical Mission Societies**

Deacon Ed Kelly, Diocesan Director of Pontifical Mission Societies, would like to thank all those who gave their generous support to the collection last weekend for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Twelve hundred and six dollars were contributed for the poorest of the poor in the 1150 mission dioceses throughout the world.

**Annual Flea Fest Surpasses Expectations**

The good news on our Annual Flea Fest is that it has broken another record. Not only was it a financial success for our parish, but it also produced a large number of surplus items including coats and accessories for those in real need including donations of \$411 for our Mid Valley Bread Basket. In the meantime, we delight in the great success that was accomplished once again this year. See below the net profits that were raised for our designated improvement fund listed below after all expenses were deducted.

Flea sales--\$12,318.00. Kitchen profits --\$1,031.00. Pasta dinner profits--\$1,200.00. One half of the Parish Sponsor income--\$1,104.00. Grand total parish profits for designated improvements--\$15,651.00 !!

We commend all who worked so conscientiously in the demanding preparation phase, the actual three days of the sale, and the cleanup afterwards.

Mike and Elaine Henzes superbly coordinated the event again this year. They did another marvelous job in organizing their team of new and veteran assistants, who were very cooperative and hard working. Nancy Boyce

**Collection for last Weekend: August 14, 2016**

327 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$5,381.50

*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.*

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah offers us a vision of utter inclusivity and welcome: "From them I will send fugitives to the nations ... and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the LORD" (66:19-20a). Isaiah's words challenge us given our current world climate of fear and mistrust. Many of us, if not most, want to welcome all of our brothers and sisters, especially those in need due to unjust political and religious situations at home. However, with terrorist attacks and violence that seem rampant, the deeper desire to be welcoming is often overshadowed by the innate human desire for safety and protection. On one hand, this is understandable. On another, we must remember the words of Jesus that also call us to a deeper inclusivity: "People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last" (Lk 13:29-30). While we must be prudent and even cautious, that does not mean allowing fear to get the best of us and replace the acts of faith and inclusion to which our readings call us. How do we face our fears in ways that help us feel as safe as humanly possible and, at the

again organized and supervised the Flea Fest Kitchen along with her loyal team of experienced assistants.

Those in leadership positions obviously defer to all their team members. Leaders get nowhere without a good team, and a good team gets nowhere without good leadership.

Finally, we thank one and all, including those who donated items for the sale, all who patronized the event itself and our parish sponsors listed on the sign board displayed at the auditorium entrance. Thank you to everyone. Msgr

**Flea After Action Meeting**

On Monday, August 22 at 6:30pm, there will be a brief session to make notes looking forward to next year. All who worked in whatever way are invited to gather and partake of some beverages and fresh desserts as we share our observations, opinions and suggestions for next year.

**Our Parish Ministry News**

**Adult Faith Formation Ministry** Our Adult Faith Formation Team has planned an information workshop on Wednesday, Aug 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm for adults interested in learning more about adult faith formation opportunities at Sacred Heart and surrounding parishes. Save the date and make plans to attend with a friend to hear about the wonderful opportunities at our disposal during the autumn season that's just around the corner.

**Faith Formation Opens September 11<sup>th</sup>**

Faith Formation classes resume on September 11<sup>th</sup> for grades 1-12. If you have not yet registered your child(ren), please contact Mrs. Castellani at 570-383-2777 to make proper arrangements as soon as possible. A book fee of \$20 per student is due with your application.

**Welcome 1<sup>st</sup> Graders!**

We look forward to meeting and greeting incoming 1<sup>st</sup> graders to our Faith Formation program. Contact Mrs. Castellani at 570-383-7777 to schedule your child's registration appointment. Please keep in mind that Diocesan guidelines require a two-year participation in a faith formation program prior to receiving a sacrament.

**Class Times and Location**

Grades 1-4	9:00am to 9:50am (Parish Center)
Grades 5-8	11:00am to Noon (Parish Center)
Grades 9-12	11:00am to Noon (Rect. Conference Room)

**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: *September 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 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 by Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Blood Drive- In Memory of Helen Cordelli**

Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center, 108 Terrace Drive, Olyphant will be holding a Blood Drive in memory of Helen Cordelli, a former administrator at the center, on Tuesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-6pm. All participating donors receive a Red Cross duffle bag while supplies last and are eligible for other prizes. Please schedule an appointment to donate at this blood drive in memory of Helen. Celebrate life and make a difference by giving blood. Blood is needed for many different kinds of patients. It could be a young child with a rare blood disorder, a family member fighting cancer or a friend involved in a car accident. You'll feel good knowing you've changed the lives of patients in need. To schedule an appointment, contact Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center at 489-8611, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

**Special Collection**

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will be taken up in the Diocese of Scranton next weekend, August 27-28. A portion of this collection will be sent in support of the following collections which annually were taken up in Lithuanian, Slovak and Polish parishes: namely The Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, The Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland, The Slovak Catholic Federation Appeal. The collection supports pastoral, educational and construction projects in more than 20 countries in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. In 2015, the U.S. Bishops' Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe awarded over \$7.7 million through more than 250 grants. Projects supported by the collection assist a broad range of needs focused on providing pastoral care and developing resources in countries of the former Soviet Union that have struggled to rebuild faith communities in a post-communist society. These endeavors include seminaries, youth ministry, social service programs, pastoral centers, church construction and renovation, and Catholic communications projects. The people in this region of the world still have great need, and participating in this collection enables us to be a sign of mercy for those who work at practicing our faith.