

Memorials Donated for Week of Aug 29th - Sept 4th, 2016

Altar Candles

In Memory of Lorraine Albiero by Joseph

Mass Intentions for Aug 29th - Sept 4th, 2016

Monday, Aug 29th

6:50 am August & Olivia Casagrande by daughter

Tuesday, Aug 30th

6:50am Dawn & Brian Dean by C. Campbell & J. Murray

Wednesday, Aug 31st

6:50 am Helen Collins by M/M Adrian Gooch

Thursday, Sept 1st

6:50 am Joseph & Lillian Neri by Sr. Terri Jordan

Friday, Sept 2nd

6:50 am John Henzes Sr. by children

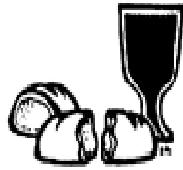
Saturday, Sept 3rd

4:00 pm Carmella Cicilioni by family

Sunday, Sept 4th

8:00 am Mary Ann Kotcho by family

10:00 am Joseph & Dorthy Borys by the Jordans



Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased Mary Zlotnicki and Theresa Cavagnaro.

Collection for last Weekend: August 14, 2016

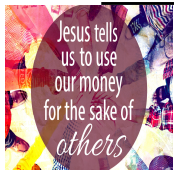
327 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$5,371.50

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.

Beef Dinner Meeting

Our 7th Annual Parish Roast Beef Dinner is set for Sunday October 2nd this year. There is an organizational meeting scheduled in the rectory conference room on Wednesday, August 31st at 6:30 pm. Team leaders and workers are asked to be present to renew their commitments to this final fundraiser for the current fiscal year (2016-17). Additional volunteers are always welcome to join the Beef Dinner Team. The parish information mailing should be available next weekend in the auditorium. Ticket sales will be available before and after Masses starting September 10th.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Today Jesus instructs us to be generous enough to serve others without

expecting repayment--at least in THIS life. It's interesting that the Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise that if we follow this teaching, we "will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." In other words, God will "repay" our generosity on earth by welcoming us into heaven. Really, what better investment could there possibly be? It can be tempting to think of our money as purely our own. We work

hard to earn it. Or we receive it from others who wanted US to have it. Or luck came our way (and too bad for you that it didn't come your way). We thus feel possessive of our money and often struggle with the idea of giving it away or lending it without hope of being paid back (with interest!). But today's Gospel challenges us with a different perspective. In essence, Jesus tells us to use our money for the sake of others, not just to assure our own earthly comfort. As difficult as this request may be, it's important to remember that Jesus honors the sacrifice! This is why he promises repayment in heaven. He understands that it "costs" us a great deal to part with the security of using our money for ourselves alone. He understands that in caring for the poor, we risk putting ourselves in their company. But God's ways are not the ways of the world. Instead of investing everything in a bank, Jesus asks us to invest in the poor. To be more concerned with storing up wealth in our heavenly bank account. After all, no bank on earth can possibly provide the infinite rate of return that Jesus promises.

Special Collection This Weekend

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will be taken up in the Diocese of Scranton this weekend, August 27-28. The collection supports pastoral, educational and construction projects in more than 20 countries in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. 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 struggle to practice the faith.

World Day of Prayer For the Care of Creation

Pope Francis has decided to set up a "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation" which will begin this year and be celebrated on September 1st annually. "The annual World Day of prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvelous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live. The celebration of this Day of Prayer on the same date as the Orthodox Church will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our orthodox brothers and sisters."

Our Parish Ministry News

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, including our newly formed **Parish Visitors Ministry** are invited to a 2 session formation program called *Listening with the Heart*. 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. 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 17th & 24th* from 9:30am-12:30pm at St. Catherine's Parish in Moscow. There is no cost for the program. Please call our parish office to register.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training
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.

Faith Formation Opens September 11th

Faith Formation classes resume on September 11th 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 1st Graders!

We look forward to meeting and greeting incoming 1st 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)

SAVE the DATE! Diocesan Congress - October 8th

The Office for Parish Life invites all to the Diocesan Congress: "*A Revolution of Tenderness*" on Saturday October 8th at the University of Scranton at 9am. The Congress day is designed to provide new insights and skills to equip us as servant leaders both locally and with a view to the universal church and the world community. A full day of

programming is planned, featuring dynamic speakers presenting various workshops on topics which have ongoing impact on parish life. Workshops are suited for those in parish ministries and those who are looking for spiritual growth. More info including workshop schedule, can be found at: <http://opldos2015.sandvox.net>.

Life Line Screening

This Thursday, September 1st in the Auditorium. For more info regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-888-653-6441. Pre-registration is required.

Charismatic Prayer Breakfast

The Scranton CCR will hold a Prayer Breakfast on September 10th at Al Mia Amore Restaurant in Dickson City, starting at 9am. There will be Praise and Worship - Witness and Teaching. Please come and join us for a wonderful time of worship, fellowship and a great meal! Cost is \$8. Reservations are needed by August 30th: Call Jim Roberts at 570-267-1614 or Michelle Ryman at 570-254-9722 to make a reservation.

Blood Drive- In Memory of Helen Cordelli

Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center will be holding a Blood Drive in memory of Helen Cordelli, a former administrator at the center and parishioner at Sacred Heart, on Tues, Sept. 6th from 1pm-6pm. Please schedule an appointment to donate at this blood drive in memory of Helen by contacting the Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center at 489-8611, visit www.redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Friday, Sept 2nd 7:20am to 12pm. All are welcome to come and sit in silent prayer with the Blessed Sacrament. Please remember in your prayers all victims of recent natural disasters, terrorist attacks, the recently deceased, and those who are sick or bereaved. Please sign up on the holy hour sheet so we can be sure all the time periods are covered.

September 2016 Assignments for Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center

Sept 7-- Maria Ceccacci Sept 14 -- Ginny Yazinski Sept 21-- Silvia Passeri Sept 28-- Sharon Gallo

September 2016 Liturgical Assignments

(Please be sure to arrange your own substitutions when necessary)

DATE	TIME	SERVERS & CROSSBEARER	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MIN OF HOLY COM
Sept 3	4:00pm	Chloe Laboranti, C. Cotroneo	Frank Blasi	Nadine Greco, Silvia Celli, M. Berardelli
Sept 4	8:00am	J. Krishanda, C. Burak	Stephen Skierski	Joan Angeli, Maggie Lund
	10:00am	P. Redman, Brianna & Michael Zipay	Frank Lesnefsky	Jean & Tom Conigliaro, Frank Ghilardi
Sept 10	4:00pm	Andrew, Edward, Matt Gregorowicz	Frank Lesnefsky	Mariclare Berardelli, Donna Fazio, Lori Kopa
Sept 11	8:00am	G. Villano, Nina Collarini	Chet Merli	David & Gail Haas
	10:00am	Megan Farrell, S. Ferraro, J. Loomis	Dennis Fanucci	Kim Wolfel, Elissa Pompey, Matthew Horn
Sept 17	4:00pm	Andrew, Edward, Matt Gregorowicz	Kim Gregorowicz	JoAnn Berta, Silvia Celli, Lori Kopa
Sept 18	8:00am	C. Cotroneo, J. Krishanda	Maria Neri	Mark Horn, Joan Angeli
	10:00am	E. Kozlowski, A. Alco, P. Redman	Lisa Kozlowski	Jean & Tom Conigliaro, Frank Ghilardi
Sept 24	4:00pm	Chloe Laboranti, Neve Skapyak	Sal Urso	M. Berardelli, Kim Megela, Nadine Greco
Sept 25	8:00am	C. Burak, G. Villano, N. Collarini	Maggie Lund	David & Gail Haas
	10:00am	Julia & Alyssa Koniszewski, B. Zipay	Frank Lesnefsky	Kim Wolfel, Elissa Pompey, Matthew Horn

