

**Mass Intentions for August 8<sup>th</sup> -- 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Monday, Aug 8<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Leona & Dominick by Ann Marie Liberty & Family

**Tuesday, Aug 9<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Helen Havran by M/M Frank Konarzewski

**Wednesday, Aug 10<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am John Lucas by Josephine & Barbara Janowski

**Thursday, Aug 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Marlene Gambucci by Family



**Friday, Aug 12<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Cynthia Marshalek & Joseph Balog by A. Hanuscik

**Saturday, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm John Jude Stambone by Mom & Dad

**Sunday, Aug 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am Margaret Tasonyi by daughter

10:00 am James & Ann Margotta by Dennis Fanucci

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please pray for the sick, suffering, bereaved and the recently deceased: Irene Paisley, Ron Miller and Katie Schoener.

"who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."

**Huge Parish Flea & Food Fest – NEXT WEEKEND!**

Thank you to all those who have been coming out to help this past week! Many items have come in and are being sorted, priced and organized. The Fest is *next weekend*, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday- 8am to 6pm; Sun & Mon- 8am to 4pm. Help us spread the word! The collecting of saleable donations goes through this Wednesday Aug 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a job for everyone, come on out and enjoy the camaraderie with fellow volunteers! Elaine asks that **all volunteers please come to our organizational meeting on Wednesday, Aug 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the auditorium for Flea Fest Weekend Assignments.** If you cannot make the meeting, please call the parish office or Elaine HENZES at 570-383-8677 with your weekend availability. Thank you all in advance for helping with this important fundraiser!

**Flea Fest Pasta & Meatball Dinner-** Sun, Aug 14<sup>th</sup>. Take-outs by DeLeo's Catering from 11 til 3. Tickets are \$10. *Please purchase your tickets in advance*, available only after the masses this weekend and at the parish office til Aug 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Our Parish Ministry News**

**Greeters Ministry Meeting** Our Greeters meeting took place last Thursday evening and reflected biblical passages of greeting. Collectively, the members in attendance said that they are enjoying their welcoming ministry and the new level of openness the ministry brings towards one another. They notice more smiling faces and appreciate the opportunity the ministry has given them to meet and get to know more parishioners. Some shared stories of being able to recognize and say hello to fellow parishioners around town. They expressed a hope to have more parishioners join them in the ministry to help them continue their bringing a welcoming presence to the worshipping community. Thank you to Ed Megela who has volunteered to be the ministry team leader. The next meeting will be held in November and meet quarterly. If you are thinking about volunteering for the ministry, please feel free to approach Ed, another greeter at mass, or the parish office and let us know! Families, couples, singles, and youth are all welcome and encouraged to try it.

**Prayer Line Ministry Meeting** Our prayer line team met on Monday night to solidify ministry procedures and continue ministry formation. Currently, there are 13 members on the prayer line. Members discussed the power of prayer, the role of intercessory prayer, and the importance of praying for others in union with the mind of God and what God may have in mind for them. The ministry will meet quarterly and the next meeting will be November 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining the team in praying for others, please contact the parish office.

**Adult Faith Formation Ministry** Our Adult Formation Team is planning a workshop on Wed, 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 watch for the detailed insert in

**Collection for last Weekend: July 31, 2016**

329 Sunday Offertory Envelopes                      \$6,275.00

*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.*

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." The only thing we really know about when Jesus will come again is that we won't be expecting it. As Jesus instructs us today, the best plan of action is thus to be prepared at all times. We need to be ready and waiting to meet Jesus so that when he does return, either at the end of the world or just at the end of our time in the world, he won't catch us off guard. A little experiment might be helpful here. Imagine that the doorbell rings this evening after dinner. We open the door and find Jesus standing there. He asks to come in. Are we ready for this honored guest? What will he find when he steps in unannounced? Is everyone at peace in this house? Is everyone speaking with love and acting with generosity? Is there anything in our home that, in his presence, we might be ashamed of such as inappropriate books, shows, movies, music, pictures, facebook posts, tweets, internet history that we hope he won't discover? Now, imagine that he came unannounced into our HEARTS this evening. What would he find there? Are our hearts ready to welcome him? He wants to live there already today! So regardless of the timing of the second coming of Christ or the possibility of an untimely death, we would do well to follow the traditional spiritual practice of a daily examination of conscience to see where we are doing well and where we need to make changes. Taking such a deliberate spiritual inventory is an excellent way to help us be ready for Jesus like the servants

next week's bulletin. Make plans to attend with a friend!

**Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction** An MBSR drop in class for MBSR graduates will be held Monday, Aug 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Class will be outside weather permitting.

**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 minister 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 two-session program prepares a person for ministry in the parish and at home through reflection on the God of Mercy and Compassion. The presenter is 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 & 24: 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 at 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.

**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 who need 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](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

**Valley View Blood Council Drive**

Valley View Council of the Lackawanna Chapter American Red Cross will host a blood drive on Thursday, Aug 11<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-5pm at LaSalle Hall of Holy Ghost Church. Sponsors are: Holy Ghost Church, LaSalle Academy, American Legion Post 411 and Jessup Lions Club. This

drive will be in honor of the Knights of Columbus Jessup/Peckville.

**Life Line Screening**

A Life Line Screening will be in the Parish Auditorium on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> to offer five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. Appointments are limited so please sign up now by calling 1-800-690-6495 and receive a \$10 discount off the package or visit Life Line Screening's website at [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

A Complete Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening for \$149 (\$139 with the special discount) is also available. Speak with the LLSA representative for more package options. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. See bulletin insert for more details.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual AJ Giombetti Memorial Race**

This year the 5k Run/Walk and 10K Run will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am and will meet at the Blakely Borough Rec Center.

**Pope Francis Reflects on World Youth Day**

Pope Francis has said that the young continue to be a prophetic sign of hope for the future. The Holy Father pointed out how his pastoral visit to Poland for World Youth Day took place 25 years after the historic visit of Saint John Paul II following the fall of the Iron Curtain. Even if Poland, Europe and the world have changed greatly since then, the Pontiff acknowledged, "the young continue to be a prophetic sign of hope for the future." The Pope observed that as the thousands and thousands of young people waved the flags of their respective countries, they formed a mosaic of fraternity." "The new generation of young people— inheritors and continuers of the pilgrimage initiated by Saint John Paul II—gave the answer to today's challenge. They gave a sign of hope, and this sign is called fraternity, because, in this world at war, we need fraternity, closeness, dialogue and friendship." With its rich cultural and spiritual heritage, Poland "reminds us that Europe has no future apart from its founding values, centered on the Christian vision of man and including the message of mercy expressed so eloquently in the last century by Saints John Paul and Faustina Kowalska." The Pontiff also mentioned his emotional morning at Auschwitz-Birkenau, where he, in silence, pondered all that happened there and remembered the victims. "Looking at that cruelty in that concentration camp, I thought immediately of today's cruelties, which are similar. They are not so concentrated as in that place, but they are everywhere in the world--this world that is sick of cruelty, of pain, of war, of hatred and of sadness. And that is why I always ask you for prayer that the Lord give us peace!" Remembrance, he noted, "serves as a warning and a charge for our own time, so torn by conflicts, hatred and violence," he said, before thanking all those who made his visit possible. The Pope expressed his hope that this visit "offered a sign of fraternity and peace to Poland, to Europe and the world."