

Memorials Donated for Week of July 25-31, 2016

Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of the Romitelli Family by Lisena Romitelli

Mass Intentions for July 25-31, 2016

Monday, July 25th

6:50 am Romitelli Family by Lisena Romitelli

Tuesday, July 26th

6:50 am Mary Lund by Nordi & Joan Gambini

Wednesday, July 27th

6:50 am Marianne Ager Watkins by Genevieve Denicola
2:30pm Lackawanna – Mass for the People

Thursday, July 28th

6:50 am John F. Dubas by sons Jeff, Kevin, & Craig

Friday, July 29th

6:50 am Ralph Paoletti by wife & family

Saturday, July 30th

4:00 pm Alfred Cicilioni Sr. by family

Sunday, July 31st

8:00 am Mass for the People

10:00 am Russell McAndrew by family



Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased: John P. Zale and Eleanor Banick.

Collection for last Weekend: July 17, 2016

347 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$5,607.00

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.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

The annual Catholic Relief Services Collection will be taken up in the Diocese of Scranton next weekend, July 30-31. The collection supports Catholic organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts and continues to help those suffering at home and across the globe who are all "Jesus in disguise." Programs supported by the collection include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal, pastoral and support services for immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy efforts. As we continue observing the Jubilee Year of Mercy, support for this collection offers another opportunity to share mercy and assist our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." This is a promise that anyone would love to hear. With these words Jesus comforts and reassures us. He suggests that we will be satisfied and welcomed and fulfilled. His message in today's Gospel assures us that our heavenly Father loves us even more than earthly parents love their children. So we can enjoy the

security of knowing that God will take good care of us. But God's care may not always look exactly the way we may expect. His care for us is based on knowing what is best for us and what will make us flourish. Sometimes what we think we need isn't really best. It's important to keep this in mind. This prevents us from understanding Jesus' words today in a selfish way. As the end of the passage makes clear, this asking and seeking that Jesus refers to is ultimately fulfilled in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is promising us that if we ask God for his Spirit, he will certainly give it to us, his children. For most of us, we actually received this gift at our baptism. But have we taken full advantage of this? Although we may not realize it at first, in receiving the Holy Spirit we actually receive a whole host of gifts. With God's Spirit come the sevenfold gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. And the fruits of the Spirit as St. Paul lists them in Galatians 5 include: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. God knows that all of these gifts and fruits make us very well equipped for life on earth, and for eternal life in heaven! What more do we really need to ask for?

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.

Our Parish Ministry News

Greeters Ministry Meeting - The next greeters meeting has been rescheduled. Please call the parish office for the new date. We continue to look for additional volunteers. Any others interested in this ministry or coming to the meeting are invited to call the parish office.

Prayer Line Ministry - This ministry consists of parishioners who offer daily prayers for those who call in with their requests. Young and old alike, we all can make a difference in the lives of others through our prayerful support. If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry please call the parish office or come and join us at our upcoming meeting on *Mon, Aug 1st at 6:30pm* in the rectory conference room. The purpose for the meeting is to offer initial and ongoing formation for new and current members.

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

Parish Flea & Food Fest - Aug 13th-15th in the parish auditorium: Saturday 8am to 6pm; Sun & Mon 8am to 4pm. **Collection Times: July 30th thru Aug 10th**. Many volunteers are needed. There is a job for everyone! Help is needed with

organizing and pricing items. **All are welcome to come and help on Monday August 1st beginning at 10am.** All those able to offer their time, please call the parish office or call Mike & Elaine HENZES at 570-383-8677. Thank you in advance for helping with this important fundraiser!

Flea Fest Pasta & Meatball Dinner- Sun, Aug 14th. Take-Out, by DeLeo's Catering, after the 10am Mass until 3pm. Tickets are \$10. *Please purchase your tickets in advance.* Dinner tickets will be available for purchase after all the masses on upcoming weekends. Tickets will also be available at the parish office until August 10th.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Annual Conference

Our Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring its 34th annual conference at the University of Scranton next weekend, July 29-August 1. This year's theme is from Mt 28:19, **"Go and Make Disciples"**. The focus will be on Jesus as the face of Mercy. The Conference will feature a variety of inspiring speakers and uplifting music. Mass is celebrated each afternoon. A book/gift store is available. Separate tracks for Children and Youth are also available. The full-weekend Registration Fee is \$50 up to and including July 18 and \$65 after July 18. Single-day registration is also available. For more info including registration forms, please contact: CCR, PO Box 3306, Scranton PA 18505, call the CCR Office at 344-2214, email ccrenewal@comcast.net; or go to www.ccrscranton.org.

Respect Life

"Protecting Human Life is the Cornerstone of Catholic social Teaching." "The abortion conflict has never simply been about repealing Roe v. Wade. And the many pro-lifers I know live a much deeper kind of discipleship than "single issue" politics. But they do understand that the cornerstone of Catholic social teaching is protecting human life from conception to natural death. They do understand that every other human right depends on the right to life. They did not and do not and will not give up – and they won't be lied to." - Archbishop Charles J. Chaput O.F.M

Shopa-Davey Chicken BBQ

Shopa-Davey VFW will conduct a chicken BBQ at the Post home at 123 Electric Street in Peckville this Sunday, July 24th from 11am to 4pm or until sold out. Last minute tickets (\$10) are available at the door. Eat in or take out.

Little Sisters of the Poor Sponsor Night at PNC Field

Baseball Fundraiser to Assist Sisters in Caring for the Poor. The Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence, Scranton, invite the community to join them for a fun-filled, family-friendly evening as they celebrate their fourth annual "Little Sisters of the Poor Night" on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at PNC Field, Montage Mountain Rd., Moosic. Prior to the 7:05pm game, the Little Sisters will be available at the plaza entrance of the stadium to talk with visitors and also provide a pre-game, on-field interview about Holy Family Residence and their mission of serving the elderly poor throughout the world. At 6:45pm, one of the Little Sisters will even throw

out the ceremonial first pitch of the game. Tickets are \$13 each for seats in the stadium's field reserved section 28. Little Sisters of the Poor baseball t-shirts are \$10 each and available in youth sizes and adult sizes. If you can't join in the fun, but you would like to send a resident in your place, please be sure to inquire about our Sponsor a Resident program. For more information, please call 343-4065 or email scdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org by August 2. Place orders online at littlesistersofthepoorscranton.org.

Committee for Coal Miners

The Committee for Coal Miners Remembered will meet this Monday, July 25 at Shopa Davey VFW at 5:30pm. Public Invited. Purpose for the meeting is to discuss erecting a monument to coal miners. For more info call 570-383-2879.

Life Line Screening

A Life Line Screening will be held in the Parish Auditorium on Thurs, Sept. 1st. Offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. Appointments are limited, please sign up now by calling 1-800-690-6495 and receive a \$10 discount off a package. Complete Wellness Packages are offered including 4 vascular tests & osteoporosis screening for \$149.

Neighborhood Crime Watch Night Out

The Blakely/Peckville Neighborhood Crime Watch along with Blakely Police Department will host a Night Out on Friday August 5th. Parade- 7pm, Assembly 6:15pm: Blakely Hose Co. 2nd St., Blakely. Festivities will follow the parade at Blakely Borough Recreation Complex 100 Keystone Ave. Peckville. Free food, water, cookies, cupcakes, Bouncy House, face painting, music and fun for all! Come support our efforts to reduce crime and to meet your Blakely Borough Police and other agencies throughout the county!

Prayerful Support to Fight Human Trafficking

Pope Francis held a summit of judges and prosecutors from around the world at the Vatican on June 3, 2016 to draw attention to the problem of human trafficking and rally resources to fight it. Pope Francis called human trafficking a "crime against humanity" that should be prosecuted and punished as such. The victims of human trafficking are amongst society's most marginalized. They are in need of our compassion. We should also understand that human trafficking is coming closer and closer to us and our loved ones. It is pervasive in the United States, claiming victims of all social groups, in rural as well as urban areas. Human Trafficking is often "hidden in plain sight". We should also understand that large-scale crime has a negative effect on the economy. Whether or not we have compassion, we could act at least on self-interest. Prayer and awareness are critical. Please report to law enforcement anything you see that seems strange. The suffering of the victims is immense and their life expectancy is short. As Catholics, we have at our disposal the immense power of the holy mass and the rosary. Let us pray for these victims and their families. St. Michael the Archangel, patron saint of law enforcement, defend us against the malice and snares of human trafficking.