

Memorials Donated for Week of July 4 thru 10, 2016

Altar Candles - In Memory of Roger Canevari by Children

Mass Intentions for July 4 – 10, 2016

Monday, July 4th – Independence Day

6:50 am Walter Krystyniak by Betty Ploskonka

Tuesday, July 5th

6:50 am Miriam Skodocek by Ann & Duane Wrightson

Wednesday, July 6th

6:50 am Lillian Kurcin by Mary Mackachinas
2:30 pm Lacka Rehab Mass

Thursday, July 7th

6:50 am Teresa Piersimoni by Ben Cicilioni

Friday, July 8th

6:50 am Salvatore & Lena Neri by Joseph Neri & Family

Saturday, July 9th

4:00 pm Anna & John Totsky by Richard & Dolores

Sunday, July 10th

8:00 am Italia & Joseph Petrone by Antionette Pazzaglia
10am Angelo & Lena DeLeo & deceased fam. by grandchildren



Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and those who died this week including Richard Keiper.

Collection for last Weekend: June 26, 2016

337 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$6,152.50

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 Parish Care Campaign.

Stewardship urges us to follow Jesus daily and to align our hearts with gospel values.

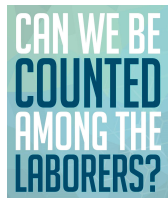
This opens us to compassion, kindness, honesty and patience toward all the people in our lives.

Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable works through the Peter's Pence Collection last weekend. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. God bless you. (Total collected so far for this worthy charity is \$1,003.00.)

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Can we be counted among the laborers? Are we ready and willing to work for the sake of our faith, or are we looking for the easy way out? Our faith is more than a personal experience. It's more than a routine that fits into our weekly schedule. Our faith is meant



to be shared with others, even when that requires a bit of work on our part. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to "Go on your way," to prepare people for the Lord. And we are called to do the same. We are meant to go on our way - out of our homes, and out of our churches - to share the good news of the Gospel and to serve those in need. It can be tempting to think, "I believe, I go to church, isn't that enough?" But Jesus tells us that there is an abundant harvest out there - countless people who may need to know that Jesus loves them or that someone is willing to offer help. If we don't step up to the task then those people will miss out on that word of encouragement, that personal invitation to Mass, that act of kindness that might have brought them back into relationship with God and made all the difference in their life. We are called to be the face of Christ to others and some may only have that personal encounter with God through you. God may be calling some of us to an even deeper commitment of being a lay minister in a parish or to discern a religious vocation. There is no doubt that God is calling all of us to labor for his kingdom in some way. This mission isn't for someone else. It's for us to carry out the work of the disciples because we are today's disciples.

Independence Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, you have given us the gifts of life and liberty and entrust to your people the duty to guard these gifts wherever they are threatened. Help us to protect the freedom of all to follow the Gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ, and to bring his light and truth to the ends of the earth. Guide all who play a role in enacting legislation to uphold the freedom of conscience for all citizens. Send us your Spirit to inspire in us the wisdom and courage needed to witness to the truth and stand up for all whose religious liberty is endangered. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our country, pray for us.



Mass in Remembrance

The Diocese is offering the Annual Mass of Remembrance for victims of violent or tragic death especially through murder, suicide, and accident and for the bereaved families and friends left behind. The Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 14 at 7pm in the Cathedral. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to participate. We ask that the names of deceased loved ones be registered on forms which are available in the Cathedral parish office and on the diocesan website. Please be sure that the forms are returned no later than this Tuesday, July 5th. Questions may be directed to the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.



Parish Ministry News

Welcome Wagon Ministry Brunch - On June 5th our parish held its first Welcome Wagon brunch to offer a warm and friendly welcome to all newly registered members to the parish since September 2015. New parishioners got to know one another along with members of the welcome wagon and

spent some time in conversation with Msgr about the concept of parish as family. We plan to have a brunch twice a year for this new ministry.

Baptismal Family Brunch Day – Our First Annual Baptismal Family Celebration was held on Sunday June 26 for all newly baptized children at Sacred Heart from 2011 to present. Families were invited to the 10am Mass followed by light refreshments and fun activities for the children in the auditorium. Msgr. blessed the children and their families to conclude the afternoon celebration.

We are happy to offer these brunches yearly as a way to continue cultivating a family spirit and sense of belonging among our new and current members here at Sacred Heart.

Greeters Ministry Meeting - The next greeters meeting will be held on July 27th at 6:30pm. Any others interested in learning more about this ministry are invited.

Prayer Line Ministry Meeting - As a follow up to our Parish Ministry Fair we will continue our goal of ongoing formation for current members and any new parishioners who would like to become a part of our important prayer-line ministry. Please see next week's bulletin for the time and date of our next meeting to be held in August.

Summer Cash Raffle



So far we have 226 out of 500 tickets sold. Those who feel unable to afford the \$100 ticket are encouraged to ask other family members or friends to chip in together—and of course share any winnings that may result. The drawing for the Cash Raffle is set for **next Sunday, July 10th** at 11:15am in the rectory conference room.

Parish Flea & Food Fest - Pasta & Meatball Dinner

To be held August 13th-15th in the parish auditorium. Hours are Saturday 8am to 6pm, Sunday & Monday 8am to 4pm.

PASTA On Sunday, August 14th we will have a **Take-Out Pasta & Meatball dinner** by DeLeo's Catering after the 10am Mass, from 11am until 3pm. Tickets are \$10. *Please purchase your tickets in advance.* Ticket purchases will be available after all the masses on the weekends of July 30-31, August 2-3, & August 9-10. You may also stop in the parish office to purchase a ticket—deadline August 10th. The collecting of saleable donations is set for July 30th thru Aug 10th. Suggested items as donations include: **Household items:** small appliances, dishes, silverware, pots, coffee pots, fry pans, mixers. **Home Accessories:** lamps, small furniture, bedspreads, quilts, throw rugs (no pillows). **Toys:** riding toys, bikes, games, puzzles (no stuffed animals). **Christmas items:** decorations, wreaths, small trees, ornaments, mugs. **Jewelry:** costume jewelry, bracelets, watches, rings, necklaces, handbags, etc. **Garden Supplies:** shovels, spades, rakes, hoses, sprinklers and almost anything you no longer want that is in good condition! (Please note that brown paper bags are also needed for the last day of the sale.) We plan to find a home for everything. Unsold items will be donated to

local charities. (Please do not bring curtains/draperies, clothing, encyclopedias/text books, old computers, printers or TVs.) **Help Needed** - Many volunteers are needed. There is a job for everyone! Help is needed with organizing items as they come in during the collection phase, setting up the auditorium for the weekend, help in the kitchen and help around the market area over the weekend. All those interested in offering their time, please call the parish office or call Mike & Elaine Henzes at 570-383-8677.

St. Joseph's Center Festival

The Annual Summer Festival to benefit St. Joseph's Center will be held Friday thru Sunday, July 29-31st on the beautiful campus of Marywood University. "The biggest backyard picnic in NEPA" will be host to more than 40 booths insuring plenty of food to eat and games to play for people of all ages. The festival is renowned for its variety of food choices – Pizza Frita, Tacos, Funnel Cakes, Porketta, Potato Pancakes -- just to name a few. Come see WNEP's Annual Telethon on Friday and Saturday evening and maybe a visit from Joe Snedeker after his bike ride. Singers, dancers, cheerleaders and twirlers entertain all day on Sunday. There is plenty of parking and Shuttle service is available.

US Supreme Court and Abortion Law



The US Supreme Court handed down a decision Monday in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* that invalidates a Texas law requiring abortion facilities to meet the same health and safety standards as ambulatory surgical centers and that further protected women by requiring abortionists to have admitting privileges at a local hospital in the event a woman must seek hospital care due to post-abortion complications. Senior Counsel Steven H. Aden for Alliance Defending Freedom weighed in on the decision, saying that abortionists "shouldn't be given a free pass to elude medical requirements that everyone else is required to follow." "We are disappointed that the Supreme Court has ruled against a law so clearly designed to protect the health and safety of women in the wake of the Kermit Gosnell scandal," Aden said. "The law's requirements were common sense protections that ensured the maximum protection for women, who deserve to have their well-being treated by government as a higher priority than the bottom line of abortionists. Any abortion facilities that don't meet basic health and safety standards are not facilities that anyone should want to remain open." Gosnell was an abortion doctor in Philadelphia. In 2013, he was convicted of first degree murder in the deaths of three infants and involuntary manslaughter in the death of a mother. Gosnell was also convicted of 21 felony counts of illegal late-term abortion, and 211 counts of violating the 24-hour informed consent law. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Fr. Frank Pavone, director of Priests for Life, said the Supreme Court is now acting like "the Supreme Medical Board, setting its own standards for patient care in the United States." (Zenit).