

Memorials Donated for Week of June 27- July 3, 2016

Tabernacle Lamp, Altar Candles, and Bread & Wine

In Memory of Mary Lund by the Rosary Group

Mass Intentions for June 27th – July 3rd, 2016

Monday, June 27th

6:50 am Lawrence Renaldi by Family

Tuesday, June 28th

6:50 am Adeline Miles by Family

Wednesday, June 29th

6:50 am Clara A. Caterina by Joe Caterina

Thursday, June 30th

6:50 am Father's Day Intentions

Friday, July 1st

6:50 am Katherine & Joseph Vadella by Deborah Call Berg

Saturday, July 2nd

4:00 pm Secondo, Fernanda, Bruno & Mary Fanucci by Roy & Dennis

Sunday, July 3rd

8:00 am Sr. Barbara Dumont by Elaine & Mike Henzes

10:00 am Jane McAndrew by Family



Remember in Your Prayers

The sick, the suffering, the bereaved and those who died this week including Stephen Polc and Father Frank Skechus.

Collection for last Weekend: June 19, 2016

329 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$5,650.00

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 Parish Care Campaign.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." What have we left behind? What have we traded in to become faithful followers of Christ? The answer is different for all of us. Some of us can tell the tale of a dramatic conversion story, leaving behind a life of blatantly selfish indulgence or obviously sinful behavior in order to embrace the call of Jesus. Others of us have been Christians since the day of our baptism as infants and have always walked the path of belief, but perhaps can trace certain moments when we embraced a deeper commitment and resolved to abandon particular behaviors, relationships, or worldly priorities that were in conflict with our faith. Whatever the case, Jesus instructs us today not to look to "what was left behind." Instead, we are called to keep our focus on what lies ahead, namely, life in Christ and the ultimate hope of union with him in heaven. Keeping this focus can be quite a challenge. So often, it's tempting to think that the grass is greener somewhere else. As Christians, we can fall into the trap of imagining that it might feel better to be ... something else. Perhaps, seeing others around us whose lives are not shaped by their faith, we might think they have it easier than we do. Or perhaps we get lost in reminiscence about the way things were in the good old days, and thus get distracted from the

mission that stands in front of us today. But thoughts like these are not fit for our new life as disciples of Christ. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, "For freedom Christ set us free." May we embrace the gift of this true freedom and keep following Christ without looking back.

Peter's Pence Collection



In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the collection is an opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.

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 Tues, July 5th. Questions may be directed to the Office for Parish Life at 207-2213.

Bus Trip to National Blue Army Shrine



Join us for the 99th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Fatima. The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima of the Scranton Diocese is sponsoring a trip on August 13th to the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington, New Jersey (a 90 minute drive). Cost is \$30.00 per person. The bus leaves the Oblates of St. Joseph, Route 315 Pittston, at 8:30am. Enjoy the beautiful grounds, visit the Gift Shop, the Chapels and Capelinha, confession, the Rosary Procession and Mass, celebrated by Bishop Joseph Bambera. The bus leaves the Shrine at approximately 3:45pm. A dinner stop on the way home is paid individually. For information and reservations contact: John Witkosky @ 570-288-4311; jwitko18644@gmail.com. Reservations accepted until July 29th. Make check payable to: The Blue Army. C/O John Witkosky 431 Washington Ave. West Wyoming, Pa 18644.

Circle Drive in Event

The Diocesan Schools Office's special movie offer features the showing of the new Disney Pixar animated film "Finding Dory" on Wed, June 29th, at The Circle Drive-In Theatre on Rt 6. Gates open at 7pm, movie starts at 8:45pm. The drive-in movie showing is open to the public. Cost is \$10 per car, and proceeds will benefit the Catholic Schools Tuition

Assistance Program in the Diocese. Price of admission includes one free soda and small order of popcorn per person. The Circle concession stand will also be open for the sale of additional food and refreshments.

Summer Cash Raffle



So far we have 194 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 Sunday, July 10th at 11:15 am in the rectory conference room. This summer we focus our major improvement fundraising on completing the church soffitt work and covering the areas with heavy enameled aluminum. We also want to start saving up for some expensive work that will be needed in our parking areas in the next four to five years.

Summer Flea & Food Festival



Our Summer Flea & Food Fest will be held August 13-15 in the parish auditorium on Saturday 8am to 6pm, Sunday and Monday 8am to 4pm. Bulletin announcements will be posted weekly with more information. Many volunteers are needed and there is a job for everyone! All those interested in offering their time, please call the parish office. The event will be chaired once again by Elaine and Michael Henzes along with Nancy Boyce heading up the kitchen. Collection dates are set for July 30 - August 10. Please leave items under the roof near the kitchen entrance on the Mott Street side of the building. For larger items, please call the parish office to make arrangements. New suggested items as donations include: silk floral arrangements, small kitchen appliances, dishes, almost anything you no longer want that is in good condition! We plan to find a home for everything. Any unsold items will be donated to local charities. (Please do

not bring curtains/draperies, clothing, encyclopedias/text books, old computers, printers or TVs.)

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Friday July 1st from 7:20am to 12pm. Come and sit in silent prayer with the Lord. Please remember the people of our parish and those who are sick or bereaved in your prayers. Please sign up on the holy hour sheet so we can be sure all the time periods are covered.

Pope Francis on Death Penalty

In a video-message transmitted to the participants of the VI World Congress Against the Death Penalty in Oslo in Norway that concluded June 23, the Pontiff stressed, “Nowadays, the death penalty is unacceptable, however grave the crime of the convicted person.”

“It is an offense to the inviolability of life and to the dignity of the human person,” the Pope continued, pointing out, “It likewise contradicts God’s plan for individuals and society, and his merciful justice. Nor is it consonant with any just purpose of punishment.”

Noting this sentence does not render justice to victims, but instead fosters vengeance, Francis reminded, “The commandment ‘Thou shalt not kill’ has absolute value and applies both to the innocent and to the guilty.”

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, the Pope told them, is a proper occasion for the world to better respect the life and dignity of each person. “It must not be forgotten that the inviolable and God-given right to life also belongs to the criminal. Rendering justice does not mean seeking punishment for its own sake, but ensuring that the basic purpose of all punishment is the rehabilitation of the offender and open to the possibility of the guilty party’s reinsertion in society.”

July 2016 Assignments for Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center

July 6-- Maria Ceccacci July 13-- Silvia Passeri July 20-- Ginny Yazinski July 27-- Sharon Gallo

July 2016 Liturgical Assignments

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

DATE	TIME	SERVERS & CROSSBEARER	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MIN OF HOLY COM
July 2	4:00pm	N. Skapyak, C. Laboranti	Frank Lesnefsky	Mariclare Berardelli, Pete Setta, Nadine Greco
July 3	8:00am	C. Burak, G. Villano, Nina Collarini	Stephen Skierski	David & Gail Haas
	10:00am	J. Loomis, Paige Redman, M. Farrell	Dennis Fanucci	Elissa Pompey, Maggie Lund
July 9	4:00pm	Brianna & Michael Zipay	Frank Blasi	Jo Ann Berta, Silvia Celli, Kim Megela
July 10	8:00am	J. Krishanda, J. Redman, S. Ferraro	Chet Merli	Kim Wolfel, Mark Horn
	10:00am	Ed Kozlowski, Julia & Alyssa Koniszewski	Lisa Kozlowski	Jean & Tom Conigliaro, Matthew Horn
July 16	4:00pm	Andrew, Edward, Matt Gregorowicz	Sal Urso	Mariclare Berardelli, Pete Setta, Silvia Celli
July 17	8:00am	C. Burak, G. Villano, Nina Collarini	Maria Neri	David & Gail Haas
	10:00am	A. Alco, Paige Redman, J. Loomis	Dennis Fanucci	Elissa Pompey, Maggie Lund
July 23	4:00pm	C. Laboranti, N. Skapyak	Frank Lesnefsky	Jo Ann Berta, Nadine Greco, Kim Megela
July 24	8:00am	C. Cotroneo, J. Krishanda, J. Redman	Stephen Skierski	Joan Angeli, Mark Horn
	10:00am	Joseph, Julia & Alyssa Koniszewski	Maggie Lund	Jean & Tom Conigliaro, Matthew Horn
July 30	4:00pm	Andrew, Edward, Matt Gregorowicz	Kim Gregorowicz	Mariclare Berardelli, Pete Setta, Donna Fazio
July 31	8:00am	C. Burak, G. Villano, Nina Collarini	Chet Merli	David & Gail Haas
	10:00am	M. Farrell, S. Ferraro, B. Zipay	Dennis Fanucci	Kim Wolfel, Elissa Pompey