

Memorials Donated March 21 - 27, 2016

Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of Lillian & Joseph Neri by Joseph Neri Family
Altar Candles and Bread & Wine
In Memory of Theresa Witko

Services & Mass Intentions for March 21 - 27, 2016

Monday, Mar 21

6:50 am Romeo Molinari by Joe Caterina
5:30--7:00 pm Light on for you--Confessions



Tuesday, Mar 22

6:50 am Rocky Caterina by Joe Caterina
4:00 pm Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

Wednesday, Mar 23

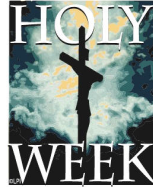
6:50 am Frank Lesnfsky by Frank Lesnfsky & Family
2:30 pm Lackawanna Health & Rehab Mass

Holy Thursday, Mar 24

7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, Mar 25

2:00 pm Solemn Afternoon Liturgy
6:00 pm Evening Veneration of the Cross



Holy Saturday, Mar 26

11:30 am Blessing of Baskets in auditorium
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass (with choir)

Easter Sunday, Mar 27

8:00 am Mass for all our parishioners
10:00 am Mass for all our parishioners

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, and the recently deceased including John Gogard, William A. Nalevanko and Jean Krenitsky.

Collection for Last Weekend: March 13, 2016

338 Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$ 6,141.00
Sunday Cash Offerings	196.00
19 Other operating income envelopes	165.00
Total operating income	\$6,502.00

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.

Faith Formation Important Dates

Apr 3	8 th gr Confirmation practice	11am
Apr 9	2 nd gr First Communion Retreat	9am-Noon
Apr 10	8 th gr Confirmation practice	11am
Apr 12	8 th gr Confirmation	5pm
May 1	2 nd gr First Holy Communion	10am Mass

Holy Week -- Filled with New Grace & Opportunity



Palm Sunday

As we enter into this week, let us recall how Jesus comes to us always at the darkest times. In Advent, during winter, he comes as a child to light our way. Now in Holy Week and Easter he comes to us as the consoler and Savior of the world to give us hope and faith. Through him we shall find strength to bear our hardships and crosses. With

arms opened wide on the cross, Jesus invites us to draw near to his Sacred Heart of love. We have only to invite Him into our suffering, knowing that he will aid us in our weariness and refresh our souls. *Where can I open my arms to embrace my trials with patience over the next week? How can I find refuge in Jesus when I feel completely abandoned? How can I let Jesus process into my life, my day, my heart?*

An Opportunity to Evangelize

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we invite you to bring friends and neighbors as we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of our Savior. Everybody knows somebody who has been away from the Church or who is lukewarm about the gospel and the Church. Yet Easter stirs in many hearts a buried desire for a closer relationship with God. It's a good time then to welcome others by inviting them to be with us during these holiest days of the year.

Last year Pope Francis called for evangelization by proclaiming the joy of the Gospel. There is no need for us to pressure others, but don't be bashful about sharing your faith! If they respond negatively, don't take offense and feel slighted. You may have planted a seed--and that's good. We pray that seed will grow. That growth is up to the Holy Spirit and the openness of free will to a new choice.

The need for evangelism is starkly evident. The gap between the church and the churchless is growing. Christians will face more struggle than ever to re-engage even those fallen away who eventually feel marginalized. In any event, a friend's invitation has the best chance of drawing someone back to church. It far exceeds the influence of a mailer, a billboard ad or an invitation from a stranger. Why not try it?

Pro-Life and the HHS Mandate

Priests for Life are plaintiffs right now in the U.S. Supreme Court battle to resist the HHS Mandate that tries to force the expansion of coverage for abortion in health insurance. Their case, along with six others, including Little Sisters of the Poor, has been consolidated by the court and oral arguments will take place this Wednesday, March 23rd. Priests for Life are asking us to stand with them in prayer and by petitioning congress. Please go to www.IStandWithPFL.com to fill out a brief form that will tell Congress of all the people that are on the side of life in opposition of the HHS Mandate. Please also join Priests for Life in their ongoing prayer campaign for victory by going to www.SupremeCourtVictory.com.

Order Your Italian Cheese Crecia (Bread)

Phil & Terry Sallavanti are baking a traditional Easter Italian cheese bread, the sale of which will benefit our parish improvement fund. Please fill out the form below and submit your order in the collection basket or to the parish office by THIS Sunday, March 20th. Pick up will be on Wednesday, March 23rd in the auditorium between 5:30pm-7:30pm.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

Size	Price	Quantity	Total
1 lb	\$7.00		

(Payment due when order is placed. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.) Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2016

Palm Sunday

This weekend, the Catholic Church throughout the world once again assembles her faithful children to enter deeply into this holiest of weeks. As we gather to celebrate solemnly the saving mystery of Christ's victorious suffering, death and resurrection, we implore God's help in experiencing a deeply enriching and prayerful Holy Week! May God help us embrace this Paschal Mystery as it also manifests itself in our own lives as they unfolding day after day. Take a palm as you enter the church today. Palms will be blessed during the opening rite at all Masses. During the entrance procession, we hold our palms up high as we sing of Christ's honor and glory, while acclaiming with vigor his kingship over us.

Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7:00 pm. It is a time for gathering as many members of our parish family as possible in one place at this one evening hour. Please do everything you can to participate in the Evening Mass of Our Lord's Supper. The liturgical color for Holy Thursday is white, so wear some white clothing as we launch once again into the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. (*Triduum mean 3 days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday.*)

The Rice Bowl will be taken up to express our solidarity with the poor of the world. Please use the special envelopes in your parish packets. Communion will be given under both forms for those who want to partake of the cup. (Anyone experiencing upper respiratory symptoms should avoid receiving from the cup for obvious reasons.)

After the solemn reposition, everyone is encouraged to make a sincere period of prayer and adoration before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament between 8:30 and 10:00 pm. Those not able to be present for the Mass should especially strive to make such a period of prayer and adoration before the church closes at 10:00 pm.

Good Friday

The Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be celebrated at 2:00 pm. The customary collection for the Holy Land will be taken up. Try to wear some red clothing on Good Friday as an outward sign and reminder of the priceless blood that was shed for us and for our salvation. Evening Veneration of the Cross at 6:00 pm will be held for those not able to be present in the afternoon.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Catholics who are 14 years and older are required to abstain from meat and meat products. Catholics who are 18 thru 59 are required to fast by limiting food to one full meal with minimal food at two other meals and no food in between, unless otherwise excused for reasons of health.

Holy Saturday

The traditional blessing of Easter foods will be held in the auditorium at 11:30 am. Please note that the paschal fast observed on Good Friday should continue wherever possible until after the celebration of the First Mass of the Resurrection, which is the Easter Vigil Mass. As we look forward to the Great Easter Vigil, our bodies also should share in the hunger and thirst of our souls for what is above and beyond and eternal.

The Easter Vigil Mass begins at 8:00 pm with the blessing of the fire and paschal candle. No other Masses are permitted before 8:00 pm. The liturgical color of Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday is gold or white. Newly blessed holy water will be available in front of the ambo after the Masses on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

Holy Week and Easter 2016: Assignments and Rehearsals

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm

Servers: Paul Kraycer, Joseph, Julia and Alissa Koniszewski. Rehearsal in church at 6:00 pm.
Lector: Frank Lesnefsky. Meet in sacristy by 6:30 pm.
Extraordinary Ministers: All EMs of Holy Communion. Meet in classroom hallway by 6:40 pm.

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 2:00 pm

Servers: Andrew, Edward & Matthew Gregorowicz. Rehearsal in church at 1:00 pm.
Lectors: Kim Gregorowicz. Meet in sacristy by 1:40 pm.
Extraordinary Ministers: Maggie Lund, Jean Conigliaro. Meet in sacristy by 1:45 pm.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm

Servers: Ed Kozlowski, Caroline Burak, Daniel DeLeo. Rehearsal in church at 7:00 pm.
Lectors: Frank Blasi, Bill Nalevanko. Meet in sacristy by 7:30 pm.
Extraordinary Ministers: Kim Wolfel, Lisa Kozlowski, Mark Horn. Meet in sacristy by 7:40 pm

Easter Sunday Assignments: (Servers meet in sacristy 15 minutes before Mass)

8:00 Servers: Giavanna Villano, Joseph Krishanda /// Lector: Stephen Skierski /// EMs: David + Gail Haas.
10:00 Servers: Brianna Zipay, M Farrell /// Lector: Frank Lesneski /// EMs: Pete Setta, Jo Ann Berta, Tom Conigliaro.

