

Memorials Donated May 2 thru 8, 2016

Tabernacle Lamp

Louise Cancelli by Lisena Romitelli

Mass Intentions for May 2 thru 8, 2016

Monday, May 2

6:50 am John Sr. & Elizabeth Hodovance by Theresa Konecny

Tuesday, May 3

6:50 am Joyce Mazzacco by Diane & Stephen

Wednesday, May 4

6:50 am Alice Calvert by Lisena Romitelli

Wednesday, May 4 -Ascension Vigil Mass

5:30 pm Mass for all our intentions

Thursday, May 5 -Ascension of the Lord

6:50 am Mass for all our intentions

12:00 pm Mass for all our intentions



Friday, May 6

6:50 am Robert Evans by Ed & Sue Zarnowski

Saturday, May 7

4:00 pm Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day

8:00 am Mother's Day Intentions

10:00 am Mother's Day Intentions



Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased including: Amerigo Vitaletti, Anthony Bernardi, and Father Edward Scott.

Collection for Last Weekend: April 24, 2016

343 Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$5,383.00
Sunday Cash Offerings	283.00
11 Other operating income envelopes	78.00
Total operating income	\$5,744.00

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.

6th Sunday of Easter

Today we celebrate the 6th Sunday of Easter. Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension and then we close the Easter season with the celebration of Pentecost. In our Gospel today we read from what is referred to as Jesus' farewell discourse. In movies the farewell scene is often the time when the hero or heroine says something especially important and moving. I suspect they got this idea from Jesus' farewell discourse. In this Gospel Jesus reminds us of four important things. 1. "Whoever loves me will keep my word." 2. He will send "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit" to "teach you everything and to remind you of all that I told you." 3. Peace is Jesus' farewell gift to his disciples "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world give do I give it to you." 4. He has told us this "before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe." These words are important and they remind



us that even though Jesus is not physically present with us, he is still with us nonetheless. And because of the gift of the Holy Spirit we are enabled and empowered to live as his disciples. (Thoughts on the Readings by Fr. Bauer, www.Mary.org)

The Ascension of the Lord - May 8th

The Ascension of Our Lord shows the true meaning of the incarnation and as a result the significance of each human life. Certainly, the ascension directs us to the uniqueness of Jesus, as God and man and specifically to Jesus' enthronement as Lord. It also points to the uniqueness and value of each human life, since Jesus' humanity does not cease with his resurrection or his ascension. Jesus' human nature by reason of his incarnation is glorified in heaven forever. Since Jesus is our pattern, our individual humanity also is destined to be glorified. We have only to let God have his way and lead us through this life into the abundance of that life he has in mind for us.

First Holy Communion

This Sunday, 13 boys and girls of Sacred Heart Parish are making their First Communion. Pray for these boys and girls and for their parents and families. Let us all do our best to inspire them by the way we participate in divine worship and live the Christian life by the gospel. Cody Benson, Emily Loomis, Nicholas Burak, Gianna Machelli, Anthony Cotillo, Madison Miller, Addison Getts, Zachary Miller, Billy Giovagnoli, Sonia Skapyak, Trevor Griffiths, Noah Symuleski, Sophia Laboranti.

Many Thanks to Faith Formation Staff

This weekend we recognize and commend the members of our Parish Faith Formation Team, who have labored tirelessly for another school year. These are the faithful ones who work each Sunday to help our youngest parishioners and their families grow in the ways of the spiritual life. We have an outstanding and effective Faith Formation Program in place at Sacred Heart for grades one thru eight. Our sincere thanks to: Annie Berardi, Leah Natushko, Elise Gilroy, Theresa Mercatili, Colleen Penzone, Jack Gilroy, Liz Kotcho, Christine Griffin, Maria Kishel, Jack Ehnot, Donna Fazio, Colleen Possanza, Wendy Rought; under the capable leadership of Gayle Castellani assisted by Betsy Kondrat. Msgr Madus grades 9 thru 12.

Mother's Day Respect for Life Carnation Sale



Pennsylvanians for Human Life will conduct its annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale after all the Masses next weekend. This fundraiser is intended to honor Mothers and to promote the value and dignity of human life. It also helps to raise funds to continue the chapter's pro-life work, including the operation of its Pro-Life Center. Please support this important pro-life fundraiser.

Mother's Day Intentions

Please list the names of all those to be remembered on your Mother's Day envelopes. These names will be placed near the tabernacle during the month of May and five Masses will be offered for your intentions as indicated.

Greeters This Weekend



This weekend our parish greeters will be at both entrances of the church to welcome everyone in the spirit of Christ. This newly proposed ministry comes in response to the desire of many that we become more “welcoming” as a community of faith. This is a well established ministry in many churches of our Diocese. The purpose of the Greeters Ministry is to extend a warm, friendly and loving welcome to everyone who comes to our church, especially for the Sacred liturgy. The ministry of greeter is to be a sign of welcome and hospitality as people enter the church doors and make their way into the worship space. Our encounter with the Risen Jesus in the celebration of Word and Eucharist is meant to be a most important encounter -- much different from any other encounter we experience. The ministry of greeter is geared to say just that. It is meant to say that this gathering in the name of Jesus is special and you are special. Welcome. If you would like to learn more about volunteering for this ministry please call the parish office or go to our website and check out our online Directory of Parish Ministries.

Also this weekend, Monsignor will begin to implement a moment of welcome at the beginning of mass, inviting parishioners to acknowledge and greet those around them. This too is meant to create an atmosphere of warmth and family spirit among parishioners and those who are visiting us from other parishes.

Welcome Wagon Ministry

Our initial formation session for our Welcome Wagon Ministry was also completed this past week. This ministry serves as an outreach and warm welcome to families and adults who are new to our parish. Welcome Wagon Volunteers will begin to reach out and welcome new parishioners registered since September. The ministry also looks forward to coordinating a Welcome Brunch for new parishioners in June to provide a time of hospitality while offering an opportunity for newcomers to meet other members of the parish.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Friday May 6th from 7:20am to 12pm. All are welcome to come and sit in silent prayer with the Blessed Sacrament of Jesus presence. Please sign up on the holy hour sheet so we can be sure all the time periods are covered. Remember the people of our parish and those who are sick or bereaved in your prayers. Also, the adoration chapel at Queen of Angels is open to all in the community every Saturday from 8am to 9pm. The chapel is located in the Grunick Center next to St Michael's Church in Jessup.

Bereavement Support Group Meeting

Our Lady of the Snows Church in Clarks Summit, hosts a small group support on the 1st Wed of each month at 10am and the 3rd Sun of every month at 2pm in the parish center. For more information, please call Nettie at 570-586-1741.

Dear Parishioner(s),

Continuing Parish Care Campaign

On April 23th/24th we conducted our Continuing Parish Care Weekend during which we asked everyone to reflect on their care about Sacred Heart Parish and its mission. Everyone was then asked to make for an UPDATED COMMITMENT of average weekly offertory support for the next 52 weeks. Updated expressions of continuing parish care in line with each one's affordability should also be based upon each one's gratitude for the many gifts and blessings received from the generosity of God. We thank all parishioners who already offered their commitment cards last weekend at Mass. Although we are still working on the results, the process is again working very well. If you were not present last weekend, a commitment form is printed below for your use today. Please drop it in the mail or in the collection basket so we can add it together with all the others. Thank you and God bless you for your cooperation in our Continuing Parish Care Campaign. Gratefully, Msgr Madus

Parish Care Commitment Card - Because I/We Continue to Care...

After reflecting on what I/We can truly afford to contribute to My/Our Parish Community of Sacred Heart of Jesus, **My/Our updated average offertory weekly commitment for the next year is:**

- \$100 \$75 \$50 \$35 \$25 \$20 \$15 \$10 Other Amt \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____