

Memorials for October 17– 23, 2016

Tabernacle Lamp, Altar Candles, Bread and Wine

In memory of R.J. Gorton by gram Jean

Mass Intentions for October 17– 23, 2016

Monday, Oct 17

6:50 am Helen Lesnefsky by Frank Lesnefsky & Family

Tuesday, Oct 18

6:50 am Philip & Mary Craparo by Phil & Terri

Wednesday, Oct 19

6:50 am Carmella Cicilioni by husband Orlando

Thursday, Oct 20

6:50 am Mary Lund by Daniel Donson

Friday, Oct 21

6:50 am Thomas O'Malley by family

Saturday, Oct 22

4:00 pm Carol Boros by M/M Mario & Jeanette Mariani

Sunday, Oct 23

8:00 am Frank Pazzaglia by Frank & Diane

10:00 am Eugene Geeza by Melanie Lee



Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased: Yolanda Angeli.

Collection for last Weekend: October 9, 2016

332 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$5,834.50

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 ongoing Parish Care Campaign.

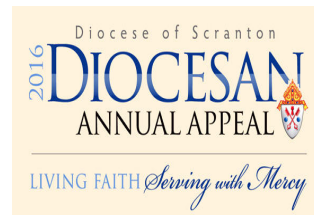
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" The widow in today's parable didn't give up. She kept "bothering" the judge by coming to him and asking for a decision in her favor. Ultimately, her persistence caught his attention and influenced his behavior. Jesus seems to be teaching us today that this quality of faithful persistence is a good one to have. Thus, he advises us to call out to God not once, not twice, but "day and night." This is a fitting image for the idea of continual prayer; it goes on all the time without ceasing. As this Gospel reading says in the opening line, Jesus wanted to teach his disciples how to "pray always without becoming weary." It's interesting that the method he used for this instruction was to emphasize the reward of such persistent prayer. The parable's conclusion assures us that for those who pray without giving up, God "will see to it that justice is done for them speedily." Perhaps this attractive promise is supposed to keep us from losing hope, from throwing in the towel, from becoming "weary" when our requests don't seem to be getting heard. Following the example of this determined widow, we need not fear to repeatedly make our requests known to God. In

fact, we should make a point of it! If we only offer our prayers of petition halfheartedly, without real conviction, persistence, or sincerity, they are not as powerful as they could be. But when we truly commit to taking these requests before the Lord, day after day (and night after night!) then we are displaying a kind of profound faith in God's ability to act on our behalf. So, full of hope and trust, let's keep "bothering" this truly just Judge!

2016 Annual Appeal: In-Pew Commitment Weekend



Thank you to those who have already joined us in "Living Faith, Serving with Mercy," by making a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. On behalf of all who benefit from your gifts, Bishop Bambera

extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already made a pledge to the 2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Each gift truly matters. If you have not yet made your gift, and need a pledge envelope, envelopes will be distributed at Masses today. Packets are also available by calling the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250, or on-line at www.DiocesefofScranton.org. Everyone at Mass will be asked to complete the pledge form, whether or not they have made a pledge or intend to pledge. (Note: If you have already made a pledge or gift, please check the appropriate box on the envelope and go no further. Do not indicate the dollar amount of a gift or pledge you have already made). You are also invited to list your personal prayer intentions on the inside pledge form and to attend a special Mass of Thanksgiving to be held at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, on Sunday, November 20, at 10:00 a.m. Your intention will be remembered at this Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera. Prayer intentions are welcome whether or not you make a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Thank you.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversary



This weekend we acknowledge and rejoice with three couples in our parish celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries. They are Mr. & Mrs. Gary and Christine Griffin celebrating 40 years of marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen and Mary Novajosky celebrating 70 years of marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Mary Stefin also celebrating 70 years of marriage. We thank them for their noble example of fidelity and perseverance as we celebrate their love and commitment to one another. We ask God to bless them abundantly all the days of their lives.

Donors to the Diocesan Annual Appeal

We are very grateful to all parishioners who have supported the Diocesan Annual Appeal thus far. Your gifts support the many ministries made possible by the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Our Parish Goal: \$44,000. Percentage of Goal Pledged as of Oct 7th is: 44%! We encourage others to follow their lead wherever possible. Donors as of Oct. 7th: M/M John Aigeldinger, M/M Richard Alimenti, M/M Phil Angeli, Mrs Yolanda Angeli, M/M Thomas Aniska, M/M Frank Antenori,

Mrs Mary Barkofsky, M/M Anthony Berardelli, Mr Louis Bernacki, M/M Stanley Bernacki, Ms Jo Ann Berta, Mr Joseph Berta, M/M Frank Blasi, M/M Leon Bolick, M/M Vincent Bonaddio, Mr John J. Brown, Ms Joan Cashuric, M/M Joseph Caterina, M/M Carlo Celli, Mr Orlando Cicilioni, Mrs. Palma Cicilioni, M/M Donald Cwikla, Ms Rita Defazio, M/M Patrick DeSavino, M/M John Ehnnot, Mr Dennis Fanucci, M/M Patrick Fiore, Mr Olivio Gambini, Mrs Joan Geroulo, Mrs Marie Gooch, M/M Gregory Gowat, M/M Gary Griffin, M/M William Havran, Mr Michael Shaute, Marion Shefchick Family, M/M Joseph Slavitskas, Mr Michael Sosnowski, M/M Carl J. Spindler Jr, Ms Natalie Stahl, Mr Joseph Stefursky, M/M Karen Tasonyi, M/M Edward Testa, Ms Rita Tinsley, M/M Edward Toole Jr, M/M Gordon Travis, Mrs Patricia Trojanowicz, Mr Walter A. Werner, M/M Walter Werner, M/M Joseph Weston Jr, Mrs Leona Weston, M/M Bruce Wheeler, M/M Robert Wolfel, Mr Ed Zlotnicki, M/M Pat Zwanch Family.

and sauce, meatballs & dessert. Adults \$10 and children under 12 for \$5.

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Pork Dinner

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish, 624 Madison Avenue, Jermyn will hold a pork dinner on Saturday, Oct 22nd at 624 Madison Avenue, Jermyn. Cost is \$10. Take-outs are from 2pm-4pm; Eat-in from 5pm-7pm. There will be a variety of delicious homemade desserts & a theme basket raffle as well. Tickets for the dinner and for the theme basket raffle can be purchased at the rectory. Contact Annette at 570-876-1061 for more information.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity

Continuing on Thursdays: 10/27 to 11/3 at 6:30pm : The Gospel of Happiness at Sacred Hearts in Jermyn with Brendan Murphy, instructor.

Holy Cross Craft Fair

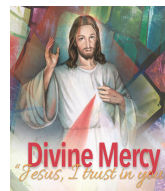
Holy Cross High School Parent Club Craft Fair will be held on October 23rd from 10am to 4pm at the school located at 501 East Drinker Street, Dunmore. Event features over 95 vendors selling a wide variety of items. Basket raffle, door prizes and homemade food available. Admission \$3, \$2 for seniors and students, age 10 and under are free. For more info call 346-7541. Proceeds benefit school programs.

Open House Holy Cross High School

Catch Our Spirit! Holy Cross High School cordially invites you to their OPEN HOUSE to be held Sunday, Oct 30th from 12-3pm at 501 East Drinker Street in Dunmore. Holy Cross High School continues the rich heritage of Catholic secondary education within the Diocese of Scranton. Our high school provides all students with the opportunity to reach their fullest potential and promises to help them fulfill their future goals. Academic excellence joined to the promotion of a truly Catholic life of faith and morals is still the only purpose of Holy Cross High School. *Learning – Growth – Integrity – Service – Leadership*

Mission On Mercy

St John Vianney Parish invites you to join us for a Mission on Mercy at Corpus Christi Church, 704 Montdale Road, Scott Twp. (Route 438) on October 24, 25 & 26. Fr. Sylvester Peterka, C.M. will present the theme “Mercy is God’s Gift to us & Mercy is Our Mission”. Fr Sy says of himself, “I’m just a nobody trying to tell everybody about somebody who can save anybody.” You will not want to miss this extraordinary presenter. Services start at 6:30pm each evening with a meal for everyone on Wednesday from 5:30–6:30pm. Confession available prior to the Monday and Tuesday Services. For more information call 254-9502.



October - Respect Life Month



Are We Observers or "Doers" in the Abortion Debate? Are we doing enough? The answer is an emphatic "no" as it is so easy to simply tune out and put this horror out of our minds and sight. Yet, nearly all violence

done against human beings involves three types of people: the Perpetrator, the Victim and the Observer. This is sometimes called the "Tragic Triangle" With abortion, the abortionist, in collusion with the parent(s) is the perpetrator, the child is the victim, and the observers are all the rest of us. Some believe that we as observers have an equal or greater responsibility than the perpetrators because we can be more objective and if we were really motivated, we could stop this daily slaughter of the innocents. We can start by making sure we vote for LIFE at as many levels as possible in the forthcoming elections.



The beauty of the rosary is that it is a prayer for all people of every culture. It is a prayer for all ages. It is a prayer for the young who cannot yet read, for the old who can no longer read and for everyone in between. It is also a prayer for spiritual victory over all our temptations and the evils of our time. When we pray the rosary thoughtfully and reflectively, it becomes a magnificent way of joining our life’s moments of joy, light, sorrow and glory to the mystery of Jesus Christ.

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Queen of Angels Rigatoni & Meatball Dinner

Queen of Angels Parish, 607 Church St. Jessup, will hold a Rigatoni & meatball dinner on the weekend of October 29th & 30th. Saturday Oct. 29th take out only from 3:30-5:30pm and Sunday, Oct 30th 12-3pm take out and 12pm to 2pm dine in. Dinner includes salad, roll, rigatoni



Valley Community Library - Fall Book Sale

The Valley Community Library will hold its Annual Fall Book Sale, Wed & Thurs, Oct 19-20, from 10-7pm at the Library, 739 River St., Peckville. A wide variety of items for both children and adults will be offered.