

**Memorials for October 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Tabernacle Lamp, Altar Candles, Bread and Wine**

In Memory of R.J. Gorton by Catherine & Virgil Sebastianelli

**Mass Intentions for October 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Monday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Richard & Alifio Casagrande by sister

**Tuesday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Linda Burak by Dave & children

**Wednesday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am David S. Wargo by Mom, Dad, & family

2:30 pm Lacka – Mass for the People

**Thursday, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Richard Collarini by Tom Mancuso

**Friday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Walter Krystyniak by Elaine Pilch

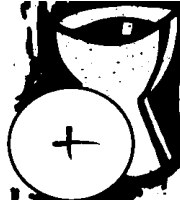
**Saturday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm George Warholic by wife Helen & Warholic Family

**Sunday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am Lillian & Joseph Neri by the Gorslines

10:00 am William H. Dunstone by family



**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased including victims of terrorism and war.

**Collection for last Weekend: October 16, 2016**

312 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$5,335.50

The World Mission Sunday Collection is this weekend. Your prayers and generous support benefit places like Central African Republic, Sri Lanka, Fiji and Tanzania where young churches are growing, filled with zeal for the faith, but struggling with lack of resources. Please help where possible.

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



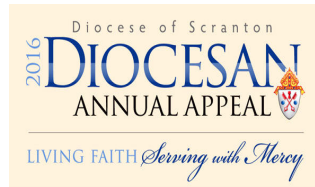
"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." The Pharisee and the tax collector were polar opposites by practice. The one was a religious leader, a professional follower-of-the-law. The other was a

deviant who extorts money for himself as he goes about his financial business. But in today's parable, Jesus flips these perceptions around. The humble tax collector is the one who "went home justified." Whereas the Pharisee has a flawless outer appearance, when we see a glimpse into his inner thoughts we detect his vanity and presumption. We see a man who may keep the letter of the law, but who is not truly converted to God's ways in his heart. The tax collector, on the other hand, pleads for God's mercy, recognizing that he needs it. So, which one are we? Honestly, most of us are probably a combination of these two character types. Most of us follow God's laws some of the time, and fail to do so at other times. But the important point is to honestly acknowledge when we do fail, and to ask God to have mercy upon us. If we think we have nothing about which to plead for mercy, chances are we are living in a kind of self-imposed blindness like the Pharisee. When we won't admit

we need help, it's hard to get the help we need! Instead, we should humble ourselves by honestly examining our conscience (regularly!) and seeking God's forgiveness, particularly through reconciliation, the great sacrament of divine mercy. As hard as it may be for some of us to confess our sins to a priest, this humble act of acknowledging our failings prepares us to be "justified" like the tax collector who cried out, "Be merciful to me a sinner!"

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS AND PARISHES**

*"Educating the future generations of the faithful."*



Shaping the next generation of the faithful through a Catholic education in our schools and parishes is an essential mission of the Diocese of Scranton. Last year, more than 5,100

elementary, middle and high school students benefitted from the academic programs and spiritual guidance offered by our Catholic Schools. More than 15,000 children received religious education in parish-based programs, instilling in them an intimate knowledge of the faith and the love of God, and fostering a desire to serve one another. Thank you to those who have already joined us in "Living Faith, Serving with Mercy," by making a pledge. On behalf of all who benefit from your gifts, Bishop Joseph Bambera extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already made a pledge to the 2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal.

**Local Veneration of Shroud of Turin**



The Vatican-commissioned Replica of the Shroud of Turin is being venerated at SS. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, 135 River Street in Olyphant concluding this Sunday (Oct 23) from 9am to 9pm. St. Cyril's is designated the "Holy Door" Church in the NEPA Ukrainian

Catholic Deanery. All are invited to come and take advantage of this unique opportunity to pray before this image of the body of our Crucified Lord. May this moment be for us a time of grace, healing and inspiration.

**Additional Donors to the Diocesan Annual Appeal**

We have now reached 50 percent of our parish goal. We encourage others to support the Appeal wherever possible. We extend gratitude to the latest donors (as of October 17) who have supported the Appeal thus far.

Mr. Carlo R. Celli, M/M Benjamin Cicilioni, M/M Richard Collarini, M/M Mark DeLeo, M/M. Thomas Delucca, Atty & Mrs William Dunstone, M/M Richard Fazio, Mrs. Ruth Hanuscik, M/M John Henzes Jr, M/M Michael Henzes, M/M Joseph Holecko & Family, Ms. Deborah Hubal, M/M Gary Kausmeyer Family, M/M Joseph Kearney, Mrs. Agatha Killiany, Ms. Theresa Konecny, M/M Joseph Koniszewski, M/M David Krishanda, M/M Paul Kulick, M/M Matthew Kunchick, Mrs. Rose Kurilla, M/M William Kwolek, M/M Eugene Lemoncelli Jr., M/M Theodore Lemoncelli, M/M Jeffrey Leputa, M/M Frank Lesnefsky Jr, Ms. Elvira Lewis, Mr. Jeffrey Linde, M/M Thomas Lisowski, M/M Herbert Lund, Ms. Maggie A. Lund, M/M William Mackey, M/M James McGowan, Mrs. Julia Marsili, Mrs. Palmina Mason, M/M

Joseph Mazzone, M/M Angelo Mecca, Mrs. Marion Megela, M/M James Mellow, M/M Jeffrey Mills, Mr. William F. Nalevanko, Ms. Maria Neri, M/M Stephen Novajosky, M/M Frank O'Bell, M/M Scott Ohmnacht, Mr. Raymond O'Kon Jr, Ms. Nancy O'Malley, M/M Raymond Okon, Sr., Mrs. Aldona Osieski, M/M Salvatore Palumbo, M/M Bruno Pambianco, Mrs. Johanna Panettieri, Mrs. Jean M. Paparelli, M/M Frank Pazzaglia Mrs. Marie Peters, Ms. Elizabeth Ploskonka, M/M Joseph Popish, M/M Nazzareno Poronsky, M/M Kenneth Previs, Mrs. Marie A. Ross, Mrs. Barbara Ricketts, Ms. Madeline Rodriguez, Ms. Joan D. Rognoni, M/M Joseph Romanosky, Miss Lisena Romitelli, Ms. Jacqueline Rosen, Mrs. Marie A. Ross, M/M Ken Rupp, M/M Ben W. Saita, Ms. Patricia Sedlak, Mr. James Seguin, M/M Christopher Severs, M/M Kenneth Stephens, Mrs. Ethel Stoko, Kathryn M. Sutton, M/M Thomas Sweeney, Mrs. Ida A. Taramelli, M/M Richard Yazinski, Mrs. Jean Zyats.

**October - Respect Life Month**



Can We Change Peoples' Minds? Some people (including many Catholics) feel like it is futile to continue to have a debate over the issue of abortion because people feel too strongly about it and have already made up their minds as to what they think. Yet people throughout history have frequently changed their minds on vital social issues. When the United States was new, there was no suffrage or equal rights for women and racial minorities. Almost universally in the United States today, the general populace recognizes that this was wrong and that women and non-whites are entitled to their basic rights as human beings, and the law recognizes it too. It took many years and decades of intense struggle involving emotions just as fierce if not more fierce than those surrounding the Respect Life Movement in the 21st century. Nonetheless victories for freedom were won and people certainly did change their minds. That is how change happens. Education is vital so that more people understand the struggle to protect innocent life in the womb and then stand ready to defend the rights of all living people, including the unborn. Change can happen, and change will happen, providing we do our part to work tirelessly to advocate change for a freer, better world where the weak and vulnerable are protected and not exploited and/or victimized. (Also see [www.pro-lifearticles.org](http://www.pro-lifearticles.org))

**Prayer to St. Jude for Wisdom**

O St. Jude, please bring these election prayers to the throne of God: I ask for the eyes to see others as sons and daughters of God. I ask for help in forming my conscience according to the Gospel so that I may both vote and act for the common good. Give me the courage to stand up for the weakest members of society: the poor, the weak, the aged, the unborn. Give me the courage to re-examine my political loyalties and to be a faithful follower of Jesus first and foremost. Remind me that my only true hope is in Jesus and that political power can never replace the gospel of the Lord and the mission of the Church. For my own vote, help me to cast it in away pleasing to the Lord. Help me to do it reverently and with a well formed conscience. My vote is a small but important part of my Christian life. Help me not

only to vote for Gospel of Life values, but live them with firm trust in Jesus above all others. St. Jude, pray for us.



**Report updates from Shawn Carney, President:**

“Since this 40 Days for Life campaign started on September 28<sup>th</sup>...we now have received reports of **306 babies** whose moms chose life at the last minute -- that we know of! People are praying -- and bringing a public witness of Christ's mercy -- at **367 locations** in 23 countries. Last Saturday marked the 100th anniversary of Planned Parenthood's founding. By its own admission, Planned Parenthood performs more than **300,000 abortions** every year...while receiving more than **\$500 million** in taxpayer funding... while piously insisting that abortion is "only 3%" of its business. How can that be?

**Queen of Angels Rigatoni & Meatball Dinner**

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

**Holy Cross High School Student Exhibit & Art Auction**



Holy Cross High School will host a Scranton “First Friday” Student Exhibit and Silent Art Auction on Friday, November 4, from 6pm to 9pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave. The event is free and open to the public and includes refreshments. Proceeds benefit the HC Tuition Assistance Program. Professional art work donated by local artists including Catholic School Alumni will be available for sale and through silent auction. A basket raffle will also be included. For more information call 570-702-5523.

**Northern Tier Symphony Orchestra**



Join us for our 2016-17 Season Opening with Beethoven Symphony No. 8 and Christmas Favorites! Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 8pm: Peckville Assembly of God in Blakely; Saturday, Dec 3, 8pm: Tunkhannock Middle School. Advance Tickets: \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Students. Group rates available. Call box office for tickets: 762-3389. For more info visit [www.NorthernTierSymphony.org](http://www.NorthernTierSymphony.org).

**5th Annual Pasta Dinner at Soriano's Café**

The Nadine Cenci Marchegiani (NCM) Foundation will hold its annual Eat In or Take out Pasta Dinner, Sat. Oct. 29, 5-8pm, at Café Soriano, 523 Main St. Peckville. For Eat- In Reservations please call Kim Wolfel at 430-3805. Tickets are \$10. Homemade porketta sandwiches will be sold for \$3.50 each and basket raffle tickets will also be available. All proceeds benefit the NCM Foundation.

**Shopa-Davey Pork Dinner**

Shopa-Davey VFW Post 6082 will conduct a Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner at the post home 123 Electric Street Peckville on Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>, serving from 11am to 4pm or until sold out. Tickets are \$10 from a member or at the door. Take outs will be available.