

**Memorials Donated for Week of Sept 12<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Altar Candles**

In Memory of Scott Kubic by Joyce & Lloyd

**Mass Intentions for September 12<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Monday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Pacini & Cicilioni Families by family

**Tuesday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Sparta Munley by Leona & Joe Weston

**Wednesday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Steven Kuzmick by daughter Elaine

**Thursday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 Theresa Gasparini by Eleanor D. Ghilardi

**Friday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Andy Castellani by Joyce & Lloyd

**Saturday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm John R. Taylor by Dr. Steve & Pat Kostage

**Sunday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am AJ Giombetti by Bob & Kim Wolfel

10:00 am Scott Kubic by Lillian McCormick

**Remember in Your Prayers**

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



one until he finds it," and a diligent widow who will "sweep the house, searching carefully" until she finds her coin. He tells us of a father who "ran to his son, embraced and kissed him," in spite of the separation they had faced. We too are called to take initiative in seeking out those who are lost, and to rejoice heartily when they finally do come back home.

**2016-2017 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

The logo for the 2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal of the Diocese of Scranton, featuring the text "2016 Diocese of Scranton DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL" and the motto "LIVING FAITH Serving with Mercy".A portrait of Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton.

“The great gift of mercy lies at the heart of all that we do as a church, and it also lies at the heart of the support we receive for the Diocesan Annual Appeal.”

MOST REVEREND  
JOSEPH C. BAMBERA, D.D., J.C.L.  
BISHOP OF SCRANTON

The Mercy that is available to all of us during this wonderful Jubilee Year also calls us as faithful souls to be merciful as our Father in Heaven is merciful. As we begin this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal, join with me in reflecting upon what the Lord asks each one of us to do.

*Be a minister of God's love and mercy...  
Give a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.*

We are invited to join with parishioners across the Diocese as they practice "Living Faith, Serving with Mercy" by supporting the 2016 Annual Appeal. Pope Francis called this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy "to direct our actions on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's actions in our lives showing that God is love." This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus' entire life.... "The signs he works, especially in favor of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy..." When we work together in the unity of the Holy Spirit, sharing the gifts our heavenly Father has given us, and "serve with Mercy," we are truly "living faith." None of us can do this alone. Across the 120 parishes of our Diocese, however, we have enormous power to be the presence of Christ in the world. This is the mission and purpose of the vital ministries made possible by the Diocesan Appeal throughout the 11 counties of our Diocese.

**Collection for last Weekend: September 4, 2016**

354 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$6,427.00

*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 ongoing Parish Care Campaign.*

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



"The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'" Jesus knew these self-righteous religious leaders were complaining. And he knew they needed to learn a lesson. So, in addition to giving a lived example of welcoming the company of "tax collectors and sinners," Jesus also directly taught the skeptics about the importance of welcoming those who have been lost. Today's Gospel gives a powerhouse lineup of three parables that all teach a similar message: rejoice over the lost sheep, rejoice over the lost coin, and rejoice over the return of the lost son. The theme can be summarized in the simple directive: rejoice don't reject. When someone who isn't part of the "fold" appears in church, this is cause for rejoicing! It should not be cause for gossip, sideways glances, or nervous whispers about what to do or say. Rather a genuine smile and word of welcome would be in order at the very least, and a heartfelt invitation to join the community would be totally appropriate. Too often we become complacent about our Christian company. We get used to seeing the same people every Sunday and forget about the "lost" men and women who are outside the bounds of our comfort zone. Jesus gives us the image of an active shepherd who goes "after the lost

**Roast Beef Dinner Fundraiser**



Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Roast Beef Dinner is set for Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. A parish mailing was sent out this past week. Please read the enclosed flyer carefully to be aware of some changes and simplifications this year. Starting this weekend, Sept 10-11, the dinner tickets will be available for purchase before and after all Masses in the main vestibule of the church. As always, thank you for supporting this annual summer fundraiser.

**ADULT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARISH MINISTRY  
AND FAITH FORMATION**

**MSBR Classes Begin:** The formal adult 8 week MBSR class will begin with a one-hour workshop on Tuesday, **September 13** starting at 6:30pm in the auditorium. The 8 week class will begin the following week.

Gayle Castellani and Phil Sallavanti are facilitating a Teen/parent workshop on Wednesday **September 14** starting at 6:30. The 6 week course begins the following Wednesday. We welcome a Guardian, Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle or other caring family member to attend with their Teen. The Teen & Parent sessions will be held simultaneously in separate rooms. Each session will end with the two groups coming together to process the evenings lesson. Learning together in this way will provide an excellent opportunity to share and grow in the mindfulness practice. Both classes are free for Sacred Heart Parishioners. Contact Phil Sallavanti at calmofnepa@gmail.com or call 570-351-5611.

**Formation for Ministering to Others:** All those who currently or are interested in ministering to people in need are invited to a 2 session formation program called *Listening with the Heart*. This 2-session program prepares a person for ministry in the parish and at home. Dates: **September 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30am--12:30pm at St. Catherine's Parish in Moscow. The program is no cost. Please call our parish office for more info and to register.

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training** **Sept 15, 22, 29** from 6:30pm-9pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. Interested candidates for this ministry please call the parish office. Please note that it is necessary for candidates to attend all three sessions.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** The next Prayer Shawl ministry gathering will be held on Tuesday, **Sept 20<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm at the Grunick Center next to St. Michaels Church in Jessup. For more information, please call Livia Clark at 489-6596.

**Diocesan Congress - October 8<sup>th</sup>:** The Office for Parish Life invites all to the Diocesan Congress: "*A Revolution of Tenderness*" on Sat, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, at the University of Scranton. A full day of programming is planned, featuring dynamic speakers presenting various workshops on topics which have ongoing impact on parish life. Workshops are suited for those in parish ministries and those who are looking for spiritual growth. To register & for more info including workshop schedule, go to [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org).

**Mass to Celebrate Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin**

On July 16, Bishop Timlin observed his 65th anniversary of priestly ordination, and on **September 21** he will celebrate his 40th anniversary of Episcopal ordination. In recognition of these significant moments in both Bishop Timlin's life and that of the Diocese, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> the Feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle and the actual day of his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Episcopal ordination at 12:10pm at the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live.

**Faith Formation Opens This Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>**

Faith Formation classes resume today for grades 1-12. If you have not yet registered your child(ren), please contact Mrs. Castellani at 570-383-2777 to make proper arrangements as soon as possible. A book fee of \$20 per student is due with your application.

**Welcome 1<sup>st</sup> Graders!**

We look forward to meeting and greeting incoming 1<sup>st</sup> graders to our Faith Formation program. Contact Mrs. Castellani at 570-383-7777 to schedule your child's registration appointment. Please keep in mind that Diocesan guidelines require a two-year participation in a faith formation program prior to receiving a sacrament.

**Class Times and Location**

Grades 1-4	9:00am to 9:50am (Parish Center)
Grades 5-8	11:00am to Noon (Parish Center)
Grades 9-12	11:00am to Noon (Rect. Conference Room)

**9/11 Prayer Remembrance**

Heavenly Father, 15 years ago on this day, a dreadful act of brutality was visited upon our people. We ask for your peace upon the souls of those who died that day, and the loved ones they left behind. Bless those who today work unceasingly to protect us all from further acts of violence. Change the hearts and minds of those who would murder the innocent in your name. Help us to remember Christ's victory over all death. Lead us all to you, Lord, in a true unity begotten not by blood that was shed in anger, but blood shed by your Son on the cross, out of love for us. Amen.

**Parish Office Hours**

Work hours for the parish secretary are Monday thru Friday from 9:00 to 4:30-- except for lunch break from 1 to 1:30.

**St. Lucy's Take Out Dinner**

St. Lucy's Church, 949 Scranton St. will be having their annual "Take Out Penne Pasta" dinner on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016 from 3 to 7pm. Dinners include: penne pasta, meatballs, salad, bread and dessert (containers provided). Dinners can be picked up in church auditorium or drive thru is available in church parking lot. Dinners are \$10

**Chicken Barbeque Dinner/Rummage & Bake Sale**

St. Paul of the Cross Society will hold a chicken Barbeque dinner (Chicken by Kundla's) on Sun, Sept 18<sup>th</sup> in the parish Center Hall, 1215 Prospect Ave., Scranton. Tickets -\$10 - by reservation only, available until Sept 13<sup>th</sup> by calling the rectory at 343-6420 between 8:30am-1:30pm. Take-out or sit-down 12pm-4pm. For tickets call the rectory at 343-6420 8:30am-1:30pm. A Basket Raffle will be drawn at 4pm. **Rummage & Bake Sale** on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> & Saturday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am-6pm.

**Edward Megela Jewelry**

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