

Memorials for September 18 - 24, 2017

Altar Candles

In Memory of Scott Kubic by Lloyd Swoyer

Mass Intentions September 18 - 24, 2017

Monday, September 18

6:50 am Bruno Pambianco by the Sabino Family

Tuesday, September 19

6:50 am Pat Dunleavy by Niki & Brian

Wednesday, September 20

6:50 am Ettore Machelli by Nav, Mary Lou & Norina

Thursday, September 21

6:50 am Ann Marie Tasonyi Symons by sister

Friday, September 22

6:50 am Richard Collarini by Susan Patten & Marge Daniels

Saturday, September 23

4:00 pm Irene Castellani by family

Sunday, September 24

8:00 am Emma & Ralph Antenori

10:00 am James & Anna Cashuric by daughter Joan

Remember in Your Prayers

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the sick, the suffering, the bereaved, and the recently deceased Edward Ghilardi.

Collection for Last Weekend: September 10, 2017

321 Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$5,676.50
Hurricane Relief so far totals	\$2,779.00

We offer many thanks to all who are supporting Sacred Heart Parish by the consistent use of their offertory envelopes.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

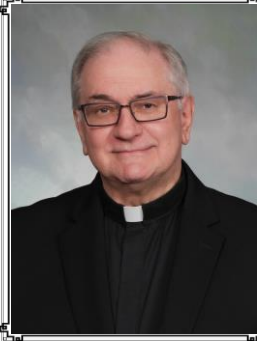
"I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" The parable Jesus tells today is the story of a king, but in truth it is about Jesus himself. He is the "king" who has forgiven our debts. We are the "servants" whose sins have earned us chastisement. But when we repent and ask for Christ's mercy, he grants it to us without hesitation.

The point of the parable, then, is that we too should extend this mercy to others. We should not be like that "wicked servant" who begged for mercy but would not show it to others. Elsewhere, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Mt. 6:12). We use different words with similar meaning when we pray the Our Father asking God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." But are we sure that we mean what we say?

It's important to pause and evaluate how we are doing in this regard. Are we harboring any grudges? Are there people we refuse to forgive? Is there a situation where we are seeking revenge instead of extending mercy? Jesus asks us to do otherwise. He reminds us that we have already been forgiven. We are right now enjoying the benefits of his forgiveness. Clearly, we are called to bear in mind our own sins, failings, weaknesses, and "debts" when we deal with others instead of thinking that we are perfectly innocent and

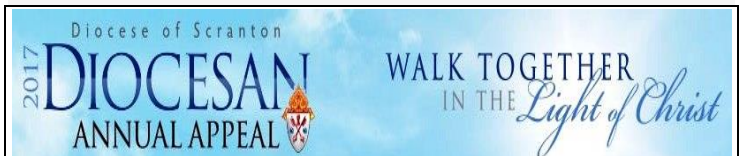
acting as if we've never been the beneficiary of mercy. So, let us do our best to forgive as we have been forgiven. This doesn't mean approving of wrong behavior; God doesn't ask us to do that. But he does ask us to let go of bitterness and foster mercy instead.

In Gratitude to Our Pastor



We honor you for your tireless perseverance in serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You have served him faithfully with gladness – and with great compassion for His flock. Your investment in the lives of others has truly made a difference; You have given hope and encouragement to so many. Now, as the day dawns on the next chapter in your life, may God continue to richly bless you and watch over you. May the God of peace grant you peace now and always.

*With Great Affection and Gratitude,
Your Parish Family at Sacred Heart of Jesus*



Catholic Social Services & Parish Social Justice Grants

Your gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal enables us to serve the poorest, the weakest and the most vulnerable among us through the ministries of Catholic Social Services that feed the hungry, clothe the naked and provide shelter, counseling and assistance for those most in need. Many more individuals in parish communities receive assistance through parish-based Social Justice Programs funded by the Appeal. Diocesan Grants were awarded to 45 parish programs this year including food & clothing pantries, monthly dinners for families in need and outreach to prison inmates.

Fall Faith Formation Opportunity – Bible Study



Go deeper in God's Word! This year's fall Adult Bible Study will be on Thursdays from 6-7:30pm in the parish hall of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Jermyn, beginning next Thursday, Sept. 21. The sessions will be led by Brendan Murphy, M.A. We will explore the Gospel of Matthew in depth and learn how to apply it to our daily lives. This event is free- no registration is required. Just bring a Bible! (physical or digital) Need to miss a class? No problem! Weekly handouts will get you caught up. All are welcome! Have Questions? Reach out to Brendan at murph50@hotmail.com or 280-7881.

CPR/AED Training Update- We sincerely commend the 14 parishioners who came out on September 9th to take advantage of training and updating in CPR and AED application that could well save another's life in case of sudden emergency. Thank you for your caring interest and willingness.

Designer Purse Bingo Fall Fundraiser – November 5th

Designer **HANDBAG**



Tickets will be available after the masses beginning next weekend. We are very grateful for the following new sponsors this week who have been generous in lending their support thus far! **Msgr. Madus, Pastor Emeritus, Eugene and**

Nannette Lemoncelli, Andrew Brown's Drug Store, Inc., Edward Megela Jewelry, & a Friend of Sacred Heart. Interested in helping make this fundraiser a success? Donations of raffle baskets and baked goods are needed! Plan to attend our next planning meetings on Monday, 9/18 and 10/2 at 6pm in the auditorium! For tickets & donations, call Pam Savitski at 489-1965 or Elaine Henzes at 510-0372.

Feeling Called to be Minister of Holy Communion?

The Office for Parish Life will offer an all-day training session for new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9am to 2:30pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. This session will cover the theology of the Eucharist and the Mass, the history and spirituality of the ministry, the particular functions, and more. Interested candidates please call the parish office by Sept. 25th.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Next gathering will be on Sept. 20 at 6pm in the Pastoral Center at the former St. James Church in Jessup. For more info call Livia Clark at 489-6596

St. Joseph's Center 7th Annual Chicken Dinner

Sunday September 24th 12pm – 4pm at St. Joseph's Center, 2010 Adams Avenue Scranton. Drive thru take out or limited seating available. Tickets \$10 purchased in advance only. Call for tickets or info at 963-1290.

Drug & Alcohol Awareness Symposium

The Christopher P. Lewis Memorial Fund Foundation will host its 1st Drug & Alcohol Awareness Symposium at the Olyphant Ambulance & Rescue Building located at 530 Park Street in Olyphant, on Sunday, September 24 from 1pm to 4pm. The topic of the symposium is "Let's Fight the Opioid Epidemic by Saving One Life at a Time!" A panel discussion will be held from 3pm to 4pm. This event is free to the public. Middle School and High School students are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served and there will also be a Basket Raffle. For more information, please call 876-4595.

Grief Support Ministry

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Mt. 5:4). The Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish will once again hold a Grief Support group program. This support group provides an important ministry to people in our community who are grieving the loss of a loved one. In our community we



are frequently reminded of the reality of death, and of our Christian responsibility to offer some degree of comfort to those who mourn. Our ministry is available to anyone in the community who feels the need to participate in a Grief Ministry Program that offers spiritual as well as emotional support during the weeks, months or years following the death of a close family member or friend. The program is run by a small group of dedicated individuals who have been exposed to death and dying in their own lives, who have received instruction on the grief support group process, and who have that special empathy that is required in dealing with grieving individuals. A grief support group program will work through a series of topics to help understand the grief process and to find healing. The group will meet weekly for 5 weeks starting on Wednesday, September 27, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue (across the street from the Cathedral). If you feel that you may benefit from this program and would like to attend, please contact the Cathedral parish office at 570-344-7231.

VNA Hospice

Bereavement Support Groups: Please note monthly Grief Support Groups: 2nd Wednesdays from 12:30pm to 2pm. 3rd Thursdays from 6pm to 8pm. Weekly Groups: Mondays-Knit/Crochet Group 1:30pm to 3pm. Tuesdays- Sleeping Bag Project (My Brother's Keeper) 1pm to 2:30pm. Tuesdays- Fisherman Knot Rosary Making 1pm to 2:30pm. All above events take place at VNA Hospice & Home Health, 301 Delaware Ave in Olyphant, parking lot behind the building. For more information, please call 383-5180.

60th Wedding Anniversary ~ Congratulations!

We congratulate Frank and Rose Blasi who celebrated 60 years of marriage on September 14, 2017. We wish them many more blessings and joys in the years to come!

TO MY FELLOW BELIEVERS AT SACRED HEART

PARISH, I offer on this weekend the humble gratitude of a priestly heart. I thank God that our lives have intersected in so many pastoral ways over these past ten years. Thank you for letting me be part of your lives even as I delighted in sharing my life with you.

Some days were easy to experience and filled with many joys and successes. Other days were characterized by challenge and frustration. Nonetheless, with the help of God, we maintained a spirit of hope as these journeys of ours kept moving forward.

I think often of the many times I encouraged you to be ever mindful of the pilgrim nature of our sojourn in this world and remember the ultimate end for which God has created us. This weekend I remind myself that I too am a pilgrim on the same road with you and making the same journey of faith.

Although the time has come for me to collect my things and step aside, I promise that I will take you with me and keep you always in my thoughts and in my prayers—and in my heart. *Monsignor Madus*