

Memorials for September 25 – October 1, 2017

Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of Adele Fioretti by Lisena Romitelli

Mass Intentions September 25 – October 1, 2017

Monday, September 25

6:50 am Helen HENZES by children

Tuesday, September 26

6:50 am Michael HANUSCİK by Audrey HANUSCİK

Wednesday, September 27

6:50 am Beverly McMORRAN by Mom & Dad

2:30 pm Lackawanna Rehab – Mass for the People

Thursday, September 28

6:50 am Stella STRAKA by Lisena Romitelli

Friday, September 29

6:50 am Vincent SIMONE by Kathy Simone

Saturday, September 30

4:00 pm Egisto PANETTIERI by Mike & Nancy Argonish

Sunday, October 1

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.

Collection for Last Weekend: September 17, 2017

334 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$5,785.50

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,
Words fail me when I try to express how grateful I am to Almighty God for bringing us together. After speaking with Msgr. Madus almost a year ago, and knowing that his retirement was pending, I asked our Bishop, to prayerfully consider the possibility of sending me to serve the people



of God in Peckville. I am so grateful to Bishop Bambara for assigning me to serve as your sixth Pastor. Having served in this area recently, for a brief time, I am familiar with how beautiful and faith filled the community is that makes up Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. I have known Msgr. Madus for many years, and I stand in awe of his dedication to the church, the diocese of Scranton and our parish. This man of God has made me feel so welcome and his faithful service as a priest for almost 50 years is worthy of a well-deserved retirement. We are indebted to him and I know that you join me in praying that God will bless him as only He can.

As we now look toward our 75th anniversary in a few years, I hope and pray that you will join me in asking God to give us a Spirit of gratitude for all that has been and, even more so, a Spirit of openness to that is yet to be. So that you can get to know me better I will share with you a brief biography in next week's bulletin. I look forward to getting acquainted

and growing in love with each and every one of you as we minister to each other in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead. I am thrilled to be here and "one day at a time," I know that we will faithfully build up God's kingdom right here in our own little corner of the world.

Having served most recently as a "Senior Priest", I was oftentimes asked, "Exactly what does a Senior Priest do?" I just replied that, "I am here simply to love the people." So now, even though I have served as pastor in the past, I wonder once again, "Just what does a Pastor do?" That answer for me is easier: "As your Pastor I am called by God to be here and to love you ... even **MORE!**"

Love, Fr. Andy

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Are you envious because I am generous?" So often, we expect God to operate the way we do. We expect to be able to understand everything he does. When we don't, it's tempting to think that the problem is on

God's end, not ours. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about God's mercy. And some of us may not understand it at first glance. Why should the "lazy" workers who showed up late in the day be given the same wage as the diligent ones? Doesn't this suggest a kind of fundamental disrespect for the efforts of the first group? Extending the principle spiritually, we might ask a similar question. Why should sinners who spend much of their lives doing wrong be allowed to "show up" suddenly and receive the mercy of God? What about those faithful Christians who have walked the road of virtue all along? Shouldn't they receive something more than these ne'er-do-wells?

As Jesus points out, there is nothing unjust about being generous (or merciful) to a certain group or individual. As long as no one is cheated out of what they were promised, there is no reason for envy or anger. Furthermore, and perhaps this is the real point of the parable, no one should be so quick to assume that he or she is a diligent worker. In fact, when we honestly assess our own weaknesses and sins, when we acknowledge the ways that we personally have fallen short of perfect virtue, the picture changes. It becomes clear that in fact we are the beneficiaries of God's generous mercy. We are the ones who showed up late in the day. Instead of calculating the degree of others' sins, let us call to mind and be sorry for our own. Then we can truly rejoice in God's forgiveness, no matter who is so fortunate as to receive it.

A Note of Thanks from Msgr. Madus

To Parishioners, Friends and Neighbors of Sacred Heart Parish, I thank you immensely for gathering with me last weekend to praise God at the celebration of my concluding Masses at Sacred Heart and the Parish Family Fun Day that followed on Sunday afternoon. From all reports, it appears that everyone had a great time— so also did I. I can't thank you enough for your being present, for sharing your

memories and stories, for your oral and written best wishes, as well as for your various gifts and promises of prayerful remembrance. It was a splendid day at Sacred Heart that I'll never forget, with over 550 men, women and children including the planning committee volunteers who guided the celebration through to a wonderful completion. For the next few weekends and beyond, you will have the opportunity to warmly welcome Father Andy, reaching out with your handshakes and hugs. Reach out also with your minds and hearts. In so doing, we discover new and unexpected opportunities for growing more richly into the Body of Christ, filled with wisdom and grace, while bringing honor and glory to God. *Msgr Madus*

Study will be on Thursdays from 6pm -7:30pm in the parish hall of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Jermyn, beginning 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.

Designer Purse Bingo Fall Fundraiser – November 5th

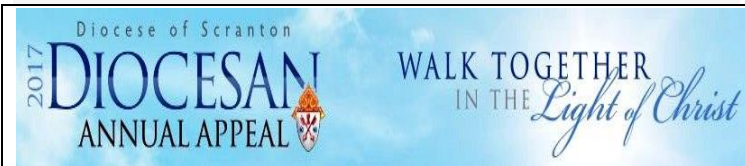
Tickets will be available after the masses beginning next weekend. We are very grateful for the following new sponsor this week who have been generous in lending their support thus far! **Mary and David Zahorsky. Sponsorship application deadline is October 18th.** Interested in helping make this fundraiser a success? Donations of raffle baskets and baked goods are needed! Plan to attend our next planning meetings on October 2 at 6pm in the auditorium! For tickets & donations, call Pam Savitski at 489-1965 or Elaine Henzes at 510-0372.

Roast Beef Dinner & Raffle Fundraiser

Our 8th Annual Parish Roast Beef Dinner is set for Sunday, October 22nd this year. Please pick up your Roast Beef Dinner mailing after mass this weekend in the auditorium. Please also read the enclosed flyer carefully to be aware of some changes this year. We will not be having a sit down dinner due to overlap of our Purse Bingo Fundraiser. Dinner tickets are available in the main vestibule of the church before and after All weekend masses beginning on Saturday, October 7th thru Saturday, October 21st. Tickets will also be available at the Parish Office Monday - Friday 9am- 4:30pm.

Blakely Hose Co. # 2 Kielbasa Smoke Fest

Saturday, September 30th 4pm to 9pm, 315 Second Street Blakely Come Support our Hose Co. and at the same time have a great time! Good Food, Beer, Music



Parish Life & Ministry Formation - "Serving one another by supporting our parish communities."

Our Catholic life comes alive in the Parish because our Parish is the gathering of God's faithful people. Connecting with our fellow parishioners, reinforcing our beliefs and experiencing the joy of coming together is vital for everyone to fully experience our Catholic faith. It is crucial that we foster a rich parish life, where neighbors, families, and friends come together in the spirit of Catholic fellowship. The Office for Parish Life assists in all aspects of Liturgy & Worship, Service & Social Concerns, Community and Family Development. Your gifts fund such programs as networking and training for Youth Ministry Leaders, Directors of Religious Education, Music & Liturgical Ministry, Bereavement Support, Social Concerns & Parish Councils.

Fall Faith Formation Opportunity – Bible Study

Go deeper in God's Word! This year's fall Adult Bible

October 2017 Liturgical Assignments

(Please arrange substitutions when necessary)

Lacka H&R: 10/4 - Maria Ceccacci; 10/11 - Silvia Passeri; 10/18- Ginny Yazinski; 10/25- Sharon Gallo

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| Sept 30 | 4:00pm | Andrew, Edward, Matthew Gregorowicz | Kim Gregorowicz | A Gregorowicz, P Setta, Kim Megela |
| Oct 1 | 8:00am | Joseph Krishanda, Giavanna Villano | Maria Neri | Gail and David Haas |
| | 10:00am | Sarah Ferraro, Meg Farrell, Nate McAllister | Candy Voorhes | Paul Kraycer, Jean & Tom Conigliaro |
| Oct 7 | 4:00pm | Neve & Sonia Skapyak, Sam. McAndrew | Frank Lesnesky | Mari. Berardelli, Dolores O'Bell, JoAnn Berta |
| Oct 8 | 8:00am | Nina Collarini, Caroline & Nick Burak | Chet Merli | Kyle Burak, Mark Horn |
| | 10:00am | Brianna + Michael Zipay, Maggie Pegula | Elizabeth Blanton | Mark Ferraro Sr. & Jr., Kim Wolfel |
| Oct 14 | 4:00pm | A+G Gregorowicz, Samantha McAndrew | Bill Nalevanko | Kim Megela, Silvia Celli, Nadine Greco |
| Oct 15 | 8:00am | Joseph Krishanda, Giavanna Villano | Stephen Skierski | Joan Angeli, Helene DeLeo |
| | 10:00am | Julia + Aly Koniszewski, Aidan Alco | Dennis Fanucci | Jean & Tom Conigliaro, Ann Koniszewski |
| Oct 21 | 4:00pm | Chloe+Sophia Laboranti, Neve Skapyak | Frank Blasi | Mari. Berardelli, JoAnn Berta, Donna Fazio |
| Oct 22 | 8:00am | Nina Collarini, Caroline & Nick Burak | Maggie Lund | Gail and David Haas |
| | 10:00am | Sarah Ferraro, Meg Farrell, Paige Redman | Elizabeth Blanton | Mark Ferraro Sr. & Jr, Paul Kraycer |
| Oct 28 | 4:00pm | Andrew, Edward, Matthew Gregorowicz | Sal Urso | Silvia Celli, Nadine Greco, Dolores O'Bell |
| Oct 29 | 8:00am | Joseph Krishanda, Giavanna Villano | Maria Neri | Joan Angeli, Mark Horn |
| | 10:00am | Nate McAllister, Brianna + Michael Zipay | Candy Voorhes | Jean & Tom Conigliaro, Ann Koniszewski |