Memorial for Week of Sept 26th - Oct 2nd, 2016 **Tabernacle Lamp**

In Memory of Della Fioretti by Lisena Romitelli Mass Intentions for Sept 26th – Oct 2nd, 2016

Monday, Sept 26th

6:50 am Helen Henzes by children

Tuesday, Sept 27th

6:50 am Michael Hanuscik by Audrey Hanuscik

Wednesday, Sept 28th

6:50 am Mario Cascioli & Della Cascioli Fioretti by Fran 2:30 pm Lacka Rehab- Mass for the People

Thursday, Sept 29th

6:50 am Mary Lund by Cindy Wilson

Friday, Sept 30th

6:50 am Vincent Simone by daughter Kathy

Saturday, Oct 1st

4:00 pm Ralph Paoletti by wife & family

Sunday, Oct 2nd

8:00 am Lillian Kurcin by M/M Charles Craparo 10:00 am Eugene Geeza by Rose Gilroy

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased Leroy Elston.

Collection for last Weekend: September 18, 2016

328 Sunday Offertory Envelopes

\$6,094.50

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ARE WE WILLING TO ASSIST

"'My child, remember that you received what was good during your OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED? lifetime while Lazarus likewise

received what was bad." Today's Gospel reading is Jesus' parable about a "rich man," whose name we do not know, and a "poor man," named Lazarus. The story shows both men after death, the rich man in torment, and Lazarus enjoying the comfort that he was deprived of during his earthly life. It's important to understand that this teaching does not imply that having wealth leads to eternal punishment. Rather, we look at how the rich man USED his wealth and see there the cause of the problem. As Jesus says, this man "dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day." Clearly, he had abundant wealth and focused it all upon serving himself. To further the accusation against him, all the while "lying at his door was a poor man ... who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table." But the rich man paid Lazarus no heed, and THIS is why he now suffers. Because he would not deign to "suffer" at all during his life by sharing his linen clothing or feeding his poor neighbor covered with sores. This selfishness became the rich man's SELF-condemnation. He put himself in torment because he

blatantly disobeyed God's law to love his neighbor. This challenging parable urges us to examine our own behavior and ask how WE use our wealth--whatever size our bank account may be. Are we willing to assist our neighbors in need? Or do we walk by the poor, excusing our own comfort? Let us heed Christ's warning today that such earthly comforts are, in the long run, short-lived.

2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal



Parish Life & Ministry Formation: "Serving one another by supporting our parish communities." Our Catholic life begins and ends in the Parish

because a Parish is the gathering of God's faithful people. Today, more than ever, we must connect with our fellow parishioners, reinforcing our faith and keeping it vital for the next generation of Catholics. 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 such as networking and training for Youth Ministry Leaders, Directors of Religious Education, Music and Liturgical Ministry, Bereavement Support, Social Concerns and Parish Councils.

Seventh Annual Roast Beef Dinner

This fundraising event includes delicious roast beef dinner, basket raffles and cash drawings for \$2,000 in prizes on Sunday October 2nd. Take-outs are available from 11 to 3. Dinner seating is from noon to 3. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$14 at the door. Tickets are available at the parish office (570-383-3244 ext. 2) Monday thru Friday and also before and after the Masses this weekend & next Sat, Oct. 1st only. (If you know any person who may be in need and who would enjoy our hospitality and a roast beef dinner, please encourage them to come and we'll be glad to welcome them as a guest.)

Gift baskets are needed for the Roast Beef dinner and those who wish to donate one should bring it to the parish office by Wednesday, September 28th. Basket donors are asked to keep their baskets limited to \$50.00 in value.

Parishioners are being encouraged to provide baked goods for the dinner. If you have not yet committed to baking a dessert, please contact Cindy Campbell at 383-4888. Baked goods should be dropped off at the auditorium between 3:00 & 6:00 pm on Sat, October 1st. Volunteers are always needed the day of the dinner. If you are able and willing to help, please call Lori Mondak at 383-7033 as soon as possible.

37th Candlelight Novena

The parishes of St. Lucy and SS. Peter & Paul will hold the 37th Candlelight Novena from Saturday, Oct. 1st thru Sunday, Oct 9th, at St. Lucy's Church, 949 Scranton St. in West Scranton each evening at 7pm for Rosary, crowning of the Blessed Mother, and closing Solemn Benediction.

Our Parish Ministry News Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

9/22 to 11/3 6:30pm Thursdays: The Gospel of Happiness Sat, Oct 8 8:00am Diocesan Congress

The Gospel of Happiness - This Fall we look at Dr. Christopher Kaczor's work on how contemporary studies in psychology have empirically demonstrated how Christian spiritual practices can help increase your personal happiness. Learn simple practices grounded in the Gospel that can increase your happiness! Learn how modern psychology supports the effectiveness of Christian practices for rooting out vice and growing in virtue! This course is FREE and open to everyone—no registration required! Meetings are on Thursday evenings 6pm-7:30pm starting Sept 22 in Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Parish Hall, 624 Madison Ave, Jermyn. This course will run for seven weeks and is led by Brendan Murphy, M.A. Can't make all of them? Just join us for the ones you can!

<u>Diocesan Congress</u>- The Office for Parish Life invites all to the Diocesan Congress: "A Revolution of Tenderness" on Saturday October 8th 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. For more information or to register please see this week's bulletin insert or go to www.dioceseofscranton.org

Respect Life Sunday

Next Sunday the Diocese of Scranton will observe Respect Life Sunday with the celebration of the Mass at 10am at the Cathedral. Bishop Bambera will serve as the principal celebrant for this special liturgy which highlights the Catholic Church's respect for the sanctity and dignity of life spanning all stages and conditions, from conception to natural death. This year's theme is "Moved by Mercy." It celebrates the life of the unborn, persons with disabilities, the deaf, the ill, and those in the last stages of earthly life. The liturgy is also offered for victims of abortion, euthanasia, and the death penalty. The faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend this special liturgy.

Lacka County Catholic Schools Alumni Association

If you are a graduate of a Catholic High School or Elementary School in Lacka County, you are invited to join us at Maiolatesi Wine Cellars, 32 Cabernet Drive, Scott Township, on Sunday, Oct 2nd from 1:30-4:30pm. The cost is \$25/person and includes two glasses of wine and appetizers. All proceeds benefit the Lacka. County Catholic Schools Alumni Association. Reservations requested by Sept. 27th, by contacting 346-7541 or alumni@hchspa.org.

Program to Honor Servant of God Father Walter Ciszek



On Sunday Oct 2nd the Order of Malta Scranton Chapter will present a program: The Life and Spirituality of Servant of God Father Walter Ciszek SJ. The event will include a mass at Bellarmine Theater Scranton

Preparatory School 1000 Wyoming Ave Scranton and a homily on his life and teachings by Father Ryan Maher SJ, President of Scranton Prep. Father Cisyzek was a native of Shenandoah PA and served the Jesuits as a teacher and missionary to eastern Europe. E-mail contact@maltaofscranton.org for more info.

We thank our business advertisers, including **Robert Decker Funeral Home**, Peckville, who placed an ad on the back of our weekly bulletin. Please see back page for more info.

October 2016 Assignments for Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center

Oct 5-- Maria Ceccacci Oct 12-- Silvia Passeri Oct 19-- Ginny Yazinski Oct 26-- Ginny Yazinski

October 2016 Liturgical Assignments

(Please be sure to arrange your own substitutions when necessary)

DATE	TIME	SERVERS & CROSSBEARER	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MIN OF HOLY COM
Oct 1	4:00pm	Andrew, Edward, Matt Gregorowicz	Kim Gregorowicz	Donna Fazio, Silvia Celli, JoAnn Berta
Oct 2	8:00am	C. Cotroneo, J. Krishanda	Stephen Skierski	Joan Angeli, Maggie Lund
	10:00am	Megan Farrell, S. Ferraro, J. Loomis	Frank Lesnefsky	Jean & Tom Conigliaro, Frank Ghilardi
Oct 8	4:00pm	Chloe Laboranti, Neve Skapyak	Frank Blasi	M. Berardelli, Nadine Greco, Lori Kopa
Oct 9	8:00am	C. Burak, G. Villano, Nina Collarini	Chet Merli	David & Gail Haas
	10:00am	Julia & Alyssa Koniszewski, P. Redman	Dennis Fanucci	Kim Wolfel, Elissa Pompey, Matthew Horn
Oct 15	4:00pm	Andrew, Edward, Matt Gregorowicz	Sal Urso	JoAnn Berta, Silvia Celli, Lori Kopa
Oct 16	8:00am	C. Cotroneo, J. Krishanda	Maria Neri	Mark Horn, Joan Angeli
	10:00am	E. Kozlowski, A. Alco, M. Farrell	Lisa Kozlowski	Jean & Tom Conigliaro
Oct 22	4:00pm	Chloe Laboranti, Neve Skapyak	Frank Lesnefsky	M. Berardelli, Lori Kopa, Silvia Celli
Oct 23	8:00am	C. Burak, , G. Villano, Nina Collarini	Stephen Skierski	David & Gail Haas
	10:00am	Brianna & Michael Zipay, P. Redman	Dennis Fanucci	Kim Wolfel, Elissa Pompey, Matthew Horn
Oct 29	4:00pm	Andrew, Edward, Matt Gregorowicz	Bill Nalevanko	JoAnn Berta, Kim Megela, Lori Kopa
Oct 30	8:00am	C. Cotroneo, J. Krishanda	Chet Merli	Joan Angeli, Mark Horn
	10:00am	Megan Farrell, S. Ferraro, J. Loomis	Frank Lesnefsky	Jean & Tom Conigliaro, Frank Ghilardi