

Memorials Donated for Week of Sept 5th–11th, 2016

Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of Christine Ghilardi by Mike & Carolyn Guy

Altar Candles

In Memory of Rob Phillips by David & Brian Pawlikowski

Mass Intentions for September 5th–11th, 2016

Monday, Sept 5th

6:50 am Rob Phillips by wife

Tuesday, Sept 6th

6:50 am Chris Ghilardi by Karen Hitchcock & family

Wednesday, Sept 7th

6:50 am Lillian Kurcin by M/M William Bobar

2:30 pm Lacka Rehab – Mass for the People

Thursday, Sept 8th

6:50 am Bob, Michele, Marie & Ed Zola Jr. by family

Friday, Sept 9th

6:50 am Bill Swoyer by Joyce & Lloyd

Saturday, Sept 10th

4:00 pm Anna & Joseph Berta by JoAnn Berta

Sunday, Sept 11th

8:00 am Mary Lund by Joseph O'Donnell

10:00 am Elizabeth & Benedict Andreoli & dec. fam. by Grandchild

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased: Joseph Villano, Vivian Griffin.



into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

Roast Beef Dinner Fundraiser

Our 7th Annual Parish Roast Beef Dinner is set for Sunday October 2nd this year. A parish mailing is available this weekend in the auditorium. After the closing song at each Mass this weekend, everyone is encouraged to go to the auditorium to pick up his/her Roast Beef Dinner Mailing. Please read the enclosed flyer carefully to be aware of some changes and simplifications this year. Starting next weekend, Sept 10-11 the dinner tickets will be available for purchase before and after all Masses in the main vestibule of the church.



Mother Teresa to be Canonized this Sunday



This Sunday Pope Francis will canonize Mother Teresa as a saint of the Roman Catholic Church. She will be most remembered for her selfless charity to the poorest of the poor and unwavering faith while inspiring thousands of individuals to acts of kindness and compassion around the globe.

(*A Simple Path: Thoughts of Mother Teresa*) The greatest disease in the West today is not TB or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world dying for a piece of bread, but there are many more dying for a little love. Even the rich are hungry for love, for being cared for, for being wanted, for having someone to call their own. The poverty in the West is a different kind of poverty — it is not only a poverty of loneliness, but also of spirituality. There's a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God, who is Love.

Collection for last Weekend: August 28, 2016

336 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$7,006.00

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story, Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching

Our Parish Ministry News

Formation Opportunity: Ministering to Others-

All those who currently or are interested in ministering to people in need, such as the sick, homebound, the grieving and elderly, including our newly formed **Parish Visitors Ministry** 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 through reflection on the God of Mercy and Compassion. Presenter: Sr. Jane O'Donnell RSM of the Mercy Consultation Center in Dallas. This program is fit for anyone who would like to learn active listening & for any parishioner looking for spiritual, personal & pastoral enrichment during the Year of Mercy. Dates: *September 17th & 24th* from 9:30am-12:30pm at St. Catherine's Parish in Moscow. There is no cost for the program. Please call our parish office to register.



Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training

The Diocesan Office for Parish Life is offering training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on



Thursdays, 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.

Diocesan Congress - October 8th

The Office for Parish Life invites all to the Diocesan Congress: "*A Revolution of Tenderness*" on Saturday October 8th at the University of Scranton. The day begins at 9am and ends with a Mass at 4pm with Bishop Bambera. The Diocesan Congress 2016 is an opportunity to assemble as the larger Church of Scranton to celebrate the generosity of God's compassion and mercy and to renew our shared responsibility for the mission and ministries of the church in the modern world. The Congress day is designed to provide new insights and skills to equip us as servant leaders both locally and with a view to the universal church and the world community. 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. Our hope is that those involved in parish ministries would attend. For more info including workshop schedule, go to <http://opldos2015.sandbox.net>.

Faith Formation Opens September 11th

Messages Lost Due to Power Outage - Due to a recent power outage, some messages left on the Faith Formation office answering machine for Mrs. Castellani may have been lost. If you left a message and your call was not returned, please call again. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Faith Formation classes resume on September 11th 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 1st Graders!

We look forward to meeting and greeting incoming 1st 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)

National Day of Prayer for Peace



In the wake of several tragic moments in cities around the country, the USCCB has called for a National Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities on September 9th, the Feast of St. Peter Claver. It is hoped that this will provide one way of helping to nurture open, honest and civil dialogue in our communities that are struggling with violence in many

forms. The immediate focus for this day is on coming together in prayer as the foundation for future dialogue and healing within our communities. The Diocese of Scranton will host an **Interfaith Prayer Experience for Peace in our Communities this Friday, Sept 9th 12:10pm at the Cathedral**. All are welcome to join with people of many faith backgrounds to pray together for peace and to renew our commitment in faith as peacemakers.

Mass to Celebrate Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin

As Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin marks several milestone anniversaries, the Diocese of Scranton is expressing its gratitude for his many years of service to the Church. 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 21st the Feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle and the actual day of his 40th anniversary of Episcopal ordination at 12:10pm at the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551 or to Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, Vicar General at 570-207-2269.

Ss. Cyril & Methodius 6th Annual "Rummage Sale"

St. Cyril's Grade School, 133 River Street, Olyphant, Pa. Sept 23rd-25th. Fri & Sat 8am-6pm, Sun 8am-2pm. Contact Lauren Telep At 570-383-0319.

10th Annual St. Mary's Villa Golf Tournament

St. Mary's Villa Campus is a Catholic nonprofit organization providing quality care for over 91 years in Elmhurst Pa. Glen Oak Country Club, Monday Sept. 19th Luncheon & Registration at 11am, Tournament begins 12pm. Registration Deadline: Sept 12th. Please call 570-842-5274 for registration. Profits this year will be used for resident equipment.