Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

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Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct. 13, 2019

A WORD FROM FR. ANDREW

My dear parishioners and friends,

"I believe it is a discipline to be grateful...Thankfulness for life itself is a good starting point for those of us who more easily see what's wrong with the world than what's right." —Joyce Hollyday (Sojourners)

So many times we get caught up in our own concerns, or in what must be accomplished. We become totally engulfed in our own agendas. But just how often do I stop, reflect upon all that has already happened and all that I have been given. Thanksgiving is more than just a day. We need to make it a part of our everyday life...part of our examination of conscience at the end of the day. We need to make it something that comes naturally during all our interactions. Thanksgiving is one of the hallmarks of a Christian. And through it we are better able to move forward realizing that we have been given so much and, in that realization, find the energy to give even more.

Our church, and our Bishop talk so frequently about "Servant Leadership" and "Intentional Disciples." Take a moment to think about these terms. Personally, I see these "leaders", these "disciples", in action every single day of my life in the people who serve our parish. They are leaders who show us the way to Christ by their example of service. They live in our Eucharistic Ministers and in all our Liturgical Ministers. They live in those who step forward with ideas for something new in our parish, such as a Bible study, and then they make it a reality by their willingness to serve. Intentional disciples are people who decide each day to become involved in service to our church and also to our broader community. I hesitate to list all the examples for fear of missing some. But suffice to say our parish is blessed with so many who intentionally resolve to serve others and thus show us what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

This week's gospel reminds me of how important it is to give thanks to almighty God for each one of these individuals....to give thanks to God for you. Sacred Heart of Jesus, the round church, is a community of intentional disciples who lead one another to Christ by service and example. This week's gospel reminds me of how grateful I am to God to be your pastor. This week's gospel reminds me of the need to let you know that. What is this gospel saying to you?

Love, Fr. Andrew

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Sunday Offering for Oct. 6, 2019 was \$9,060.00 Misc. \$1,525.50 Total \$10,585.50 May God bless you for your continued support of SHJ.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We thank all our business advertisers who place ads on the back of our weekly bulletin. This weekend we acknowledge, **Richard A.Fanucci, Esq. and Corey J. Kolcharno, Esq.** —-ATTORNEYS AT LAW—-See contact information on the back of this bulletin.

MEMORIALS OCT. 14 – OCT. 20, 2019 Altar Candle In Memory of: Primo Lorenzetti (Grandchildren). **Mass Intentions** *No Mass Mon., Oct. 14 Tue., Oct. 15 Robert Vanderburg (SHJ) 12:10 p.m. Andrew Castellani (Lloyd/Joyce Swoyer) Wed., Oct. 16 M/M Ronald/Pauline Collarini 7:00 a.m. (Sons, Julio/Ronnie/Charles/David) Ronald Sebastianelli (Tony/Marge Freda) John Kochis (Wife/Daughters) Thu., Oct. 17 12:10 p.m. Robert "Louie" Ferretti (Phil/Terry Salavane/Ida Taramelli) Primo Lorenzetti (Family) Fri., Oct. 18 Helen Lesnefsky 7:00 a.m. (Frank Lesnefsky/Family) Sat., Oct. 19 Jake Shebaugh, Sr. 4:00 p.m. (Wife, Irene/Jake Jr.) Joe Foley (Carol/Joe Maddage) Peter Mondati (M/M Joseph Holecho) Sun., Oct. 20 **Ronald Sebastianelli** 8:00 a.m. (Jeanna Sebastianelli/Lesh Family) 10:00 a.m. Dec'd Members of the Parish Kovaleski Family (Paul/Jean Zyats) **Remember in Your Prayers**

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the sick, the suffering, the bereaved, and those who have recently died, especially Anita Daiute, Joseph Toth, Sr., and Joseph Parchinski

JUBILEE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

The Jubilee Celebration Committee members will meet on Thursday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. in Holy Family Hall. Please plan on attending. Thank you!



JUBILEE 75

During the past week I hope that you have received a letter asking for your financial support and continued commitment to our parish, with the hope for a promising future. I ask for your participation in a fund drive— "JUBILEE 75"- attempting to raise \$450,000.00 to help make necessary improvements to our edifice, to give our

worship space some needed restoration and provide further opportunities to celebrate spiritually and socially. I would never want this to be a time that places financial strain upon anyone. It is a time to focus upon our glorious past and to look forward with great hope to a bright, fulfilling and growth filled future for Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, the round church......

"The Round Church ... Where There's Room For Everyone."



LITURGICAL BIBLE STUDY

Join us in the St. Francis Room of the Parish Center on Thursday (new night), from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., as we reflect on the readings for the Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time, October 20th. All are welcome!

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-42 Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

The more times you read and meditate on the readings, the more you discover and learn. This deeper understanding will ultimately help you connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way. Please join us!

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASS ON Oct. 13th

There are NO Faith Formation Classes this Sunday, Oct 13th due to traffic congestion from the Steamtown Marathon. Classes resume Sun, Oct 20th. Parents can stay informed by joining the Remind App titled "Sacred Heart Kids" by texting this message @dh943g3 to 81010.



YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir practice will be held on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

ADULT CHOIR Adult Choir practice will be held **every** Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

MINDFULNESS DROP-IN CLASSES

Come, sit and increase your well-being, cultivate presence in your life and rediscover the joy of living! Fall Schedule: Wed, Oct 16th; Tues, Nov 12th, Wed, Dec 11th. All classes are held in Holy Family Hall at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

WELCOME Tamara Hall, Guest Speaker

Members of the Life and Justice Committee invite you to join us on Tues, Oct 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in Holy Family Hall. Tamara Hall, Director of Maternity and Family Services at St. Joseph's Center will be the guest speaker. St. Joseph's humbly began by a group of volunteers over a century ago and continues to honor the core values of Care, Concern, Compassion and Commitment. All are welcome to attend; registration is not needed. Light refreshments will be available. If you are interested in joining the Life & Justice Committee, please contact Gayle at 570-892-0231.

LIONS CLUB WHITE CANE COLLECTION

On October 26th and 27th, members of our local Lions Club will be conducting their White Cane collection in our parish. Members of the organization welcome your monetary donations and will be standing at the entrances to our church that weekend. They will also collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids anyone

wishes to donate. The Lions Club helps those who are most in need regarding sight, as well as hearingimpaired. Assisting them helps to provide glasses and hearing aids for those who would otherwise not have them available. Thank you in advance on their behalf for your generosity.





DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish 3rd Annual Purse Bingo will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in Holy Family Hall. Get your tickets today, they are going fast!!! Individual tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased after all masses. Interested in helping make this fundraiser a success? Donations of

raffle baskets are needed, Call Heather Skapyak at 570-815-1718. All proceeds directly support our parish. We appreciate your support!



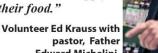
EXPRESSING GRATITUDE THROUGH GIVING

There is no perfect time of year to conduct a campaign, to ask for money, or to encourage giving. This year you have been asked to prayerfully consider what you can do to help with the "Diocesan Annual Appeal." As we know, funds from this appeal help the Diocese in so many ways so that we can continue to build up God's Kingdom. So much is being done that is good and many times overlooked. All that we ask is that you do what you can. And please know that your generosity is one thing that is never overlooked. God bless you.

social justice

"Some people come in and they're homeless

and have absolutely nothing and we help them along ... Other people just don't have the income to supply their food."



Edward Michelini

SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Towanda **Assists Towanda Area Christian Outreach Pantry**

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