

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

1101 Willow St., Peckville, PA
OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(570)383-3244



25th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

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PASTOR: Rev. Andrew Kurovsky
Pastor Emeritus: Msgr. Peter Madus
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BUSINESS MANAGER: Colleen Hart
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DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP: Jonathan Mengoni
MINISTER OF MUSIC: Ernest Mengoni

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m. Sunday - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Tues & Thurs - 12:10 p.m.; Wed & Fri 7:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m., or by appointment
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A WORD FROM FR. ANDREW

My dear parishioners and friends,

It has been 2 years, Friday, September 20, since I began my ministry as your pastor. I can honestly say that these have been among two of the most life-giving years in ministry that I have ever experienced. The movement of the Spirit within our parish community is quite evident. Not only have we seen a drastic increase in adult membership but, praise God, a huge increase in baptisms. All of this bodes well for a church that is very much alive and continues to grow. But numbers are only part of the story.

I truly believe that the Lord has put us together to do great things for his church. At a time that seems rather dark and bleak in the history of the Catholic Church, our parish continues to shine as a beacon of what it means to be vibrant disciples of Jesus Christ. Disciples of HOPE! My friends, it is not enough that our parish just grows. It must continue this exciting journey of renewal and servant leadership. In other words, membership is not enough. Rather, it is about discipleship. And so, I challenge each and every one of our parishioners to do your best to continue to live out the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. To become involved in a ministry in our church; To volunteer in our community; To forgive and to love as best you can. I challenge you to continue to grow as people of mercy and compassion and as a people who put the gospel before any other ideas or popular notions of the day, which many times are self-serving and used only for our own aggrandizements. In all things let us do the work of Christ here on earth always giving Him praise and glory. And above all, realizing that we cannot do it alone. We need to do it with one another, but most especially we need to do it by delivering ourselves, body and soul, over to Jesus Christ. I pray that God will continue to bless each and every one of us. And I implore Him to help us to grow closer to one another and most especially to Him. "May God who has begun the good work in us bring it to fulfillment!"

Love,
Fr. Andrew

ADDICTION MASS

A special mass for all those who have been "Touched by Addiction" will be celebrated at SHJ, Thursday, September 26th, at 7:00 PM. The mass is being celebrated to pray for all those who are hurting because of addiction. We pray for the addict, their family members, and their friends. We pray for those who are enablers and co-dependents. We pray for the coworker and members of the community who are addicted or "Touched by Addiction". All are welcome!

DAY OF PRAYER AND ADORATION

On Thursday September 26th our parish will observe a day of Prayer for all those who are hurting because of issues involving addiction. As we know this is an epidemic in our country. We would be hard pressed to find anyone who has not had some experience with addiction either directly or because of a relationship or interaction with another. To that end we will observe a special day set to pray and to do good works as a way of connecting our parish to all those who are hurting because of addiction. After the 12:10 mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in our chapel until the beginning of our "Touched by Addiction" mass at 7:00 p.m. Please stop by and pray in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord.

MEMORIALS SEPT. 23 – SEPT. 29, 2019

Tabernacle Lamp

In Memory of: Della Fioretti
(Lisena Romitelli)

Altar Candle

In Memory of: Richard Collarini, Sr.
(Jerry/Jean Ziminskas)

Mass Intentions

Mon., Sept. 23

*No Mass

Tue., Sept. 24

12:10 p.m.

Edward/Louise Gregorowicz (Family)
Marie McDonnel (Margie/Sisters)

Wed., Sept. 25

7:00 a.m.

Yolanda Churney
(Frank Nemshick, Jr./Family)
Pauline Rossi (Joan Ferrante)

Thu., Sept. 26

12:10 p.m.

Charles Colarusso (Dan Donson)
Marie Safko (M/M Michael Maleski)

Fri., Sept. 27

7:00 a.m.

Roger Ghilardi (M/M Joseph Ercolani)
Denise Harris (Stephen/Lee Martin)

Sat., Sept. 28

4:00 p.m.

Frances Yazinski (Family)
Anita Lesho
(Rose Marie Kelly/Alice Vanston)

Sun., Sept. 29

8:00 a.m.

Cancelli/Newcott Families
(Dante/Lucy Cancelli)
Linda Havran (Tracey Galardi)

10:00 a.m.

Dec'd Members of the Parish
Vincent Simone (Daughter, Kathy)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the sick, the suffering, the bereaved, and those who have recently died,
Ronald K. Sebastianelli

NEW! Adult Choir Forming

Do you love to sing? I am in the early stages of forming an adult choir comprised of high school students and up. Mass times, frequency and choir rehearsal nights are to be determined. If you are interested in learning more, contact me at jtmengoni@gmail.com or by calling the office at 570-383-2777. I am looking for at least 15 interested people who will be willing to dedicate their time and talent to this new ministry. Hope to hear from you! Thank you, Jonathan.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Sunday Offering for Sept. 15, 2019 was \$7,850.50
Faith Formation Registration 580.00
Misc. 597.00
Total \$9,027.50

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,

Troy Mechanical, Inc.

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sun, Sept 22 2nd Gr. Parent Mtg. 9 a.m.
8th Gr. Student & Parent Mtg. 11 a.m..
Sun, Sept 29 "Let's Meet for Mass"
All students & families please attend 10 a.m. Mass with
8th grade student participation.

REACH OUT – STUDY – PRAY!

Weekdays at Mid Valley Health Care (Dates/Times Vary)

The Life & Justice Committee invites you to share your time and compassion with residents of this facility. A monthly calendar of events is provided in order to choose the activity that best fits the resident and you. Contact Andrea Kempa at 570-876-6660.

Wednesdays 11am Rosary at Elmcroft

If you enjoy praying the rosary, consider joining us on Wednesdays as we lead the residents of Elmcroft in this well- beloved devotion. Elmcroft is an Assisted Living Facility, 67 Sturges Rd, Peckville. Sign- ups are not necessary. See you there!

Thursdays beginning Oct 3rd Bible Study

Join us on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Purcell Room of the Parish Center for reflection on the meaning of the Readings for the upcoming Masses. Come and see how a better understanding of the Readings helps us in our spiritual lives.

A PRAYER FOR AGING

Lord,
You know better than I know myself
that I am growing older and will some day be old.
Keep me from the fatal
habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on
every occasion.
Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.
Make me thoughtful but not moody;
helpful but not bossy.
With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all,
but you know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details;
give me wings to get to that point.
Seal my lips on my aches and pains.
They are increasing,
and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go
by.

I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pain,
but help me to endure them with patience.
I dare not ask for improved memory,
but for a growing humility and a lessening of cocksureness.
when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others.
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be
mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet;
I do not want to be a Saint-
some of them are so hard to live with-
but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.
Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places,
and talents in unexpected people.
And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

-A 17th-century nun

SUMMER CASH RAFFLE WINNERS

We offer many thanks to all who supported the Summer Cash Raffle this year. Tickets sold were 500. Total income is \$50,000. The prizes amounted to 15,500.00, postage & stationary was \$420.00 and drawing reception added up to \$124.86. Net profit for our parish was \$33,955.14. We especially thank our sellers who sold multiple tickets, including P.J. Gillott, who sold the most tickets! And a BIG thank you to Jo Ann Berta, Nancy Boyce, Nancy O'Malley and Mathilda Dubiel for selling tickets after each mass since June when this fundraiser began.

Thank You!!

\$10,000 WINNER

Paul & Julie Kraycer

\$2,000 – Robert & Joan Blockberger

\$1,000 - Billy & Debbie Bott

\$500 – Joann Wascura

\$200 Winners (10)

Laurie Bzdick & Mary Jo DeMarco

Joe & Sue Betachini

Sam Jordan

Dennis Fanucci

Glen Biagi

Laurie Marino

Marlene Wychowanec

Kevin McCormack

George Pachucy

Maggie Lund

Fundraising projects in our parish are used to provide much needed monies for our Designated Improvement Fund. That money is used for several updates and improvements which you may see, as well as many which are not readily visible. Some are ongoing and some are one-time projects. Just a few things that fundraising provides for are: Rectory Office Remodel, Computer Installation, Parking Lot Sealing and Line Painting, Landscaping, new Chapel Tabernacle and new Chasuble, Banner Tapestries and Altar Cloths.

Thank you for your generosity , for the support that you give, and for your great sense of pride in your parish!

Designer **HANDEAG**



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. Individual tickets are \$25.00. You can purchase tickets 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!

