

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



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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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FAITH FORMATION CENTER: 570-383-2777

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A WORD FROM FR. ANDREW

My dear parishioners and friends,

FORGIVENESS!!! It is something that we are all in need of. After all, none of us are perfect and we all make mistakes. FORGIVENESS!!! It is something that we all hope that we can extend to someone who wrongs us. And yet we want to hold on...never let go. FORGIVENESS!!! So many times it is not only difficult to accept, but it is even more difficult to extend.

When we are wronged, when someone has betrayed our trust in a relationship, many times we find it difficult to mend or renew the broken relationship with the individual(s) involved. Perhaps however, there is a way to become a more forgiving person. Perhaps we could just take some time to begin to look at and remember something positive or good in the individual who has wronged us. Today more than ever I find it almost incomprehensible to believe that we, who call ourselves Christian, cannot see or find goodness in even the greatest of sinners. All 3 readings this weekend remind us of just how important it is to be able to forgive. It is extended by the Hebrew God in the Old Testament. Paul shows us another example in his letter to Timothy. And Jesus himself holds it up as a hallmark of a Christian...a true disciple. The recent crisis in our church regarding clergy abuse has tried my resolve in this regard.

I find the depravation and self-serving attitudes and acts of so many in our church to be an absolute abomination. But regardless of the varying degrees of sinfulness which has occurred, I pray to God that we will find, in our hearts, some way to remember at least one good thing that each person has done. This will never negate the atrocities that have been committed. But hopefully it will help us to grow in a greater awareness of the fact that even a child of God can still choose to go astray and to allow the forces of evil to take hold. In your dealing with all of your brothers and sisters, with your family members and friends, with those who you once loved but who have betrayed you, perhaps you can pray that you may be able to find something good in her/him so that you can find within your heart the ability to forgive. Holding on to anger and resentment is the crowning jewel of hatred and evil. Pray daily for the courage to turn all things over to the care of God. For He alone is our judge.

Love,
Fr. Andrew

"TOUCHED BY ADDICTION"

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 were enablers and co-dependents. We pray for the coworker and members of the community who are addicted or "Touched by Addiction". All are welcome!

HURRICANE DORIAN

We pray for all our Bahamian brothers and sisters who have been affected by Hurricane Dorian. We ask Our Lord to be with the responders and rescue crew and that all those in harms way be given the help they need. If any parishioners are looking for ways to help, donations are being accepted by Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA. Online donations for Catholic Relief Services can be made at <https://support.crs.org/donate/hurricane-dorian> and Catholic Charities USA at <https://app.mobilecause.com/form/RTKRvQ?vid=1snqm>

MEMORIALS SEPT. 16 – SEPT. 22, 2019

Altar Candle

In Memory of: Susan Bonanni
(Family)

Mass Intentions

Mon., Sept. 16

*No Mass

Tue., Sept. 17
12:10 p.m.

Bruce Wheeler (Jean Sochotsky)
Jeremiah F. Munley
(M/M Thomas Sheridan)

Wed., Sept. 18
7:00 a.m.

Grace Ercolani (Kim Farina)
Louise Kurimsky (Robert Decker)

Thu., Sept. 19
12:10 p.m.

John/Lillian Coccodrilli
(Roy/Dennis Fanucci)
Bianca Beck (Nonni/Family)

Fri., Sept. 20
7:00 a.m.

Ettore Machelli
(Naz/Mary Lou/Norina)
Helen HENZES (Family)

Sat., Sept. 21
4:00 p.m.

Patricia Dunleavy
(Brian/Niki Dunleavy)
Romaine DeAngelis (Family)

Sun., Sept. 22
8:00 a.m.

Dec'd Members of the Parish
Thomas/Gloria/Jerry Sebastianelli
(Joyce/Family)

10:00 a.m.

Irene Castellani (Family)
Richard Collarini, Sr.
(John Tallo Family)

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 Robert Louis Ferretti

OFFICE HOURS

Please note, office hours have returned to regular schedule, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thank you.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

There will be a meeting for the Parish Pastoral Council on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please contact the Parish Office of your availability. 570-383-3244. Thank you!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Sunday Offering for Sept. 01 2019 was \$9,565.50
Misc. \$ 980.00
Total \$10,545.50

Sunday Offering for Sept. 8, 2019 was \$8,241.00
Care & Education of Priests \$ 437.00
Misc. \$ 547.00
Total \$9,225.00

May God bless you for your continued support of SHJ.

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

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.

First Friday of Each Month - First Friday Adoration

Jesus invites us to come to Him, to share our lives with Him, to love Him, and to simply be present with Him in this most Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is held after the 7 a.m. Mass until Noon in our Chapel. The next Adoration will be observed, Friday, October 4th.

For more information on any of these opportunities, contact Gayle at 570-892-0231.

Looking for a Quiet Place to Pray?

The Holy Eucharist is present in the Chapel's Tabernacle, making this a perfect place. Available Mon through Fri from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Enter through the handicap accessible door on the Willow St. side of the church.

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
8th grade student participation.

JUBILEE HELP WANTED

We will be in need of about 30 volunteers to help make calls and to follow-up with fellow parishioners and friends of our parish, regarding donations or pledges. This parish was built to give glory to God and rooted in a beautiful history of commitment and openness to all peoples. We need your help so the legacy left us, which is Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, will continue to thrive and grow. To sign up, please contact the office at 570-383-3244.

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.



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SUMMER CASH RAFFLE!

YOU DID IT! Because all 500 tickets for this year "Summer Cash Raffle" have been sold, our parish will realize a fund raising profit of \$34,500. The winners receiving the \$15,500 in cash prizes will be announced in next week's bulletin. This years profit will be used for our parish designated improvement fund. Thank you so much for your generosity and for your help with this most important fund raising effort.

THANK YOU!!

As you can see by the cover of our bulletin the emergency food drive we held last weekend was a huge success. Our parish donated four truck loads of groceries to Catholic Social Services Food Pantry located in Carbondale Thanks to our parish community for your generosity!



PURSE BINGO

SHJ 3rd Annual Purse Bingo will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in Holy Family Hall.

Tickets will go on sale in the coming weeks. Please watch the bulletin for more information and ticket sales!

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ANNUAL APPEAL

SERVING IN *faith*

WITH HOPE
AND GRATITUDE

The Annual Appeal begins in Our Parish this September

NEW in 2019

- More direct support to parishes for Social Justice Grants & New Faith Formation Grants
- Increased support for Catholic Social Services
- Opportunity to designate your Appeal gift to the ministry of your choice
- Unique videos featuring parishioners & clergy showing the Appeal at work in your region

*Gifts to the 2018 Appeal touched
thousands of lives*

<p>4,143</p> <p>Families served in Catholic Social Services Food & Clothing Pantries</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Seminarians receiving tuition & living expenses</p>	<p>16,555</p> <p>Nights of Shelter & Support</p>
<p>104</p> <p>Retired & Ill Priests Received Care</p>	<p>44 Parishes using Social Justice Grants to serve countless families</p>	<p>15,000 Children in Religious Education & 4,500 in Catholic Schools</p>

118 Parishes receiving support in all aspects of Parish Life

Share your blessings. Give to the Appeal.

GIFTS to the APPEAL support Diocesan ministries & will not be used to defray legal fees or fund the Survivors Compensation Program.

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,
Joseph F. Ercolani, Jr. D.D.S.,
See contact information on the back of this bulletin.