

Welcome to the Parishes of St. Joseph and St. Patrick

Rememóeríng
July 23rd - 29th

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Julia M. Ogrodnick**
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Yakupcin

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✠ **Robert Ferraro** Tim
& Annette Haar

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **John McCarthy**
Ray & Carol Proulx

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Gertrude Balicki**
Doreen & Bob Auchmoody

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **The People of**
St. Joseph's Parish

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Cathie & Jim Collins**
Clair Collins

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✠ **Millicent & Jack**
Tescione
The Family

7:15am (SP)

Gene Heiter
Peter Coyne

11:00am (SP)

✠ **Kim Quigley (Living)**
Her Father



July 22, 2018

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jer 23:1-6

Eph 2:13-18

Mk 6:30-34

The Source of All Forgiveness

In his 1622 painting *The Penitent St. Mary Magdalene*, Giovanni Francesco Barbieri, known as Guercino, portrays Mary Magdalene with shoulders uncovered and disheveled hair. These details remind us of her shameful past without defining her present. Rather, it is her humble, penitent spirit from which her heroic love for Jesus springs. The sinful Mary, who had been forgiven so much, is also one who has loved much.

One angel holds out before her the symbols of the passion to remind Magdalene of the ransom her Beloved paid to set her free from sin. A second angel pointing to heaven reminds her that these nails no longer bind him. Or as the angel would tell Mary Magdalene in the garden, "He is not here, he has risen."

Many mistakenly conflate Mary Magdalene with the unknown woman from Luke 7:36-50. The woman offers an act of humility by breaking into the dinner party of Simon and sobbing over the feet of Jesus. She bathes his feet with tears of repentance and dries them with her lovely hair. Despite the confusion, we admire this woman's and Mary's humility. Neither were too proud to repent.

For Reflection

Am I humble enough to admit my faults to myself and others?

How often do I ask forgiveness from my loved ones and in confession?

Piece: *The Penitent St. Mary Magdalene*, 1622
Artist: Giovanni Francesco Barbieri
Location: Vatican Museums



*His heart was moved with pity for them,
for they were like sheep without a shepherd.*

Mark 6:34

Welcome

Our entire Parish Families welcome all of you who have come to worship with us today. We encourage you to participate fully in the spiritual, ministerial and social life of our parish community. If needed, please contact your Parish Office to register.

Sacrament of Baptism

All parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal instruction. Please contact your Parish Office to make arrangements for this opportunity for spiritual renewal

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples contemplating marriage should notify your Parish Office at least six months before the date of their intended marriage.

Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick is for the comfort and strength of the ill. It is not just intended for those in immediate danger of death. It is a help and comfort to the living. If a parishioner is homebound or

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Coming to St. Patrick's Church Hall on Thursday, August 9, 2018. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-888-653-6450 to schedule your appointment and receive a special \$10.00 discount. You may also register on line at www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners

TRYING TO COPE WITH GRIEF?

St. Vincent de Paul Church's Grief Ministry is a faith based support group formed to give comfort to those who are suffering the loss of a loved one.

A four-week series will take place on Mondays covering a variety of topics chosen to help those who are grieving. The death of a loved one is difficult to accept and meeting with people who are feeling the same way can help.

All meetings will be held in the Sun Room of the St. Vincent's Parish Hall on Monday, July 23rd, July 30th, August 6th and August 13th from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

If you would like to attend these meetings or if you'd like more information please contact stvgriefgroup@att.net or call the parish office at 570-686-4545.

Please join us for various faith based presentations on relevant topics in a supportive atmosphere. Men are also encouraged to attend as a men's group will take place at the same time and place. All are welcome!

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

For St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's (570) 591-1405 please leave your name, phone number and a brief message.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

The Scranton Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring its 36th annual conference at the University of Scranton during the weekend of August 3-August 5. This year's theme is: "He restores my soul!" The Conference will feature inspiring speakers and uplifting music. Mass is celebrated each afternoon. A well-stocked book/gift store will be available. Separate tracks for Children and Youth are also available. The full-weekend Registration Fee is \$50 up to and including July 23 and \$65 after July 23. Single-day registration is also available on-site. Commuting and brown-bagging is encouraged, while dormitory housing and cafeteria meals are available at a moderate cost. For Registration Forms, please see the Bulletin Board on our website www.ccrscranton.org or email ccrconference@comcast.net. You may also write to: CCR Conference, PO Box 3306, Scranton PA 18505, or call the CCR Office at 570-344-2214. ALL ARE WELCOME!



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 28-29

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Anna Blackman
Eucharistic Minister Stanley Lazarczyk Bill Reed
Altar Servers Ella Carroll Daniel Corcoran
Sunday 8:30am
Lector Jim Burnett
Eucharistic Minister Larry Marcial Carol Cordova
Altar Server Draven Nitecki David Marcial
Milford Senior Care 7/22 Carol Cordova 7/29 Lois Lazarczyk

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Grayce Ricciardi

by
St. Joseph's
Altar & Rosary Society

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the Soul of **Betty Duffy-Skinner** a parishioner who passed away last week. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, August 17, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. The food pantry would like to start a new team to help with daytime distribution. We need help Fridays 12 - 2pm. Please call or just show up Thank you for your continued support.....Clare Nied

COFFEE SOCIAL NEXT WEEKEND!!

Our next Coffee Social will be held Sunday, July 29th. A variety of foods will be available including sugar-free! All are welcome! Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

Our Parish Service Ministry is reaching out to all parishioners who may be in need of our help. If you need or know a relative, friend, or neighbor who would like a home visit, help with shopping, a friendly phone call or check on well being, even a ride to a doctor's appt, please call the rectory at 570-491-2618 or drop a note in the collection basket.

ST MARIA GORETTI PARISH (Fr. Walsh's Parish)
FESTIVAL 2018

July 27th, 28th and 29th RAIN OR SHINE - UNDER TENTS!

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 5PM-10PM "SPERAZZA BAND"

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 5PM-10PM "FLAXY MORGAN"

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 4PM-9PM "SWEET PEPPER AND THE LONG HOTS"

Air-conditioned Bingo * Bake Sale * Gift Card Showcase * Vera Bradley Showcase * Beautiful Raffle Baskets * Kids Games * Water Wars * Food, desserts, beverages and more. Come out and enjoy fun, food & friends!!

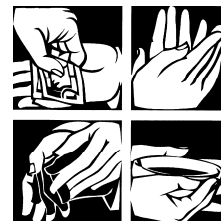
Weekly Offering

July 14, 2018
\$ 3836.25

Last Year

July 16, 2017
\$ 3756.00

Thank you for your generosity!



"We, the parish of St. Joseph's, in union with our Holy Father, our bishop, and our pastor, seek to grow in holiness as a welcoming and caring family reaching out to all. As a faith-filled community celebrating the Eucharist, we strive to enrich our spiritual lives by cultivating a deeper relationship with Christ through the sacraments. We are united in faith and find unity in diversity as we pray for the grace to use our gifts and talents to promote the knowledge of God's love."

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail the name to Tom Hogan—tchogan@ptd.net or 570-296-6224 (if no answer, please leave a message). There are approximately 30 people in this group to pray for your needs. If anyone wishes to join please contact the number or e-mail above.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday, **August 24th** at 6:30. As a reminder, school is out for the summer. Children who receive free breakfasts and lunches at school depending on the family food budget for their meals. The carefree days of summer can be difficult for many families. Visiting the Food Pantry may be their only resource. Please help us fill the Pantry shelves by providing some of the basic items. Most needed items are: canned fruit, tomato products, pasta, rice, cereal, tea, coffee, pudding and gelatin mixes, juice, dry milk, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, canned tuna, and canned vegetables. A bin for donations is located in the narthex as you enter the church for Mass. May God bless you for caring and Sharing!

MASS AT BELLE REVE

The next scheduled Mass for the Residents of Belle Reve is Wednesday August 15, 2018, at 2:30pm

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PICNIC

Plans are in process for the annual parish picnic is scheduled for September 9th on the church grounds. Please check bulletin more details. We are still looking for many volunteers, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 28-29

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Jack Boyle

Communion Ministers

Donna Hersca,
Dean & Arlene Quirk

Altar Servers

Carli Lock, Abigail Vogel

Sunday 7:15am

Lector Tom Hogan

Communion Ministers

Catherine Umberto, Karen
Loeschorn

Altar Servers

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Cheryl McCarthy

Communion Ministers

Janet Finnerty, Ray Weeks,
Annette Petry

Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Dana Stroup



Weekly Collection

July 15, 2018

\$ 2,704.00

This time last year
\$3,092.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

\$ 942.00

Year to Date July '17 - Current

\$42,105.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

Thank you for your generosity!

The Sanctuary Candle

burns in memory of

Joyce Barkowski

requested by Friends

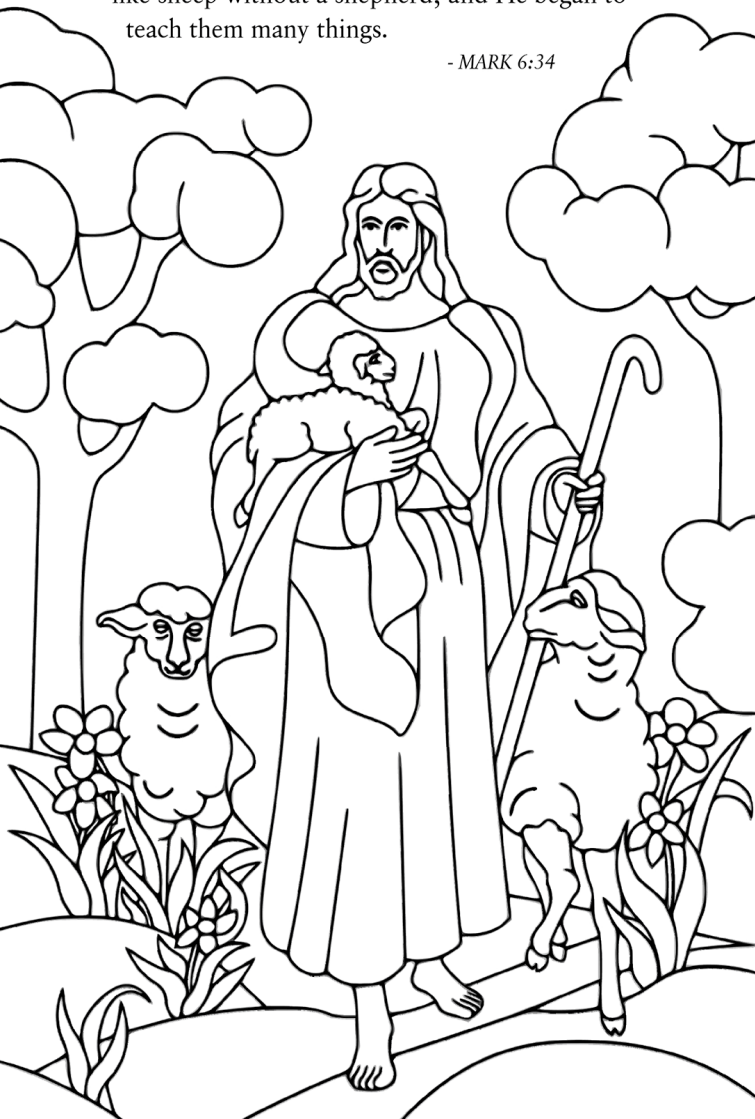
St. Patrick's Parish is the presence of the Catholic Church in a diverse and vibrant area of northeastern Pennsylvania. As disciples, we dedicate ourselves to hearing, learning and sharing the good news of God's Word as we reverently celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Together, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to know, love and serve God. We strive to promote a culture of love and respect for all human life and for the beautiful world in which we live. We welcome all people to participate in the spiritual and social life of our parish family.

Jesus saw how tired and hungry the returning Apostles were. He took them out in a boat to give them rest from the gathering crowd. The people were so needy for the Good News they ran ahead and reached the other side before the boat.

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When He disembarked and saw the vast crowd, His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

- MARK 6:34



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1



Jesus is The Good Shepherd and we are His flock.

When we get lost (and need forgiveness or guidance) Jesus guides us back to the flock. He never abandons us!

Color picture, cut and return the lost sheep to the flock.



Monday

July 23

Weekday

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8

Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

July 24

Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday

July 25

St. James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15

Mt 20:20-28

Thursday

July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13

Mt 13:10-17

Friday

July 27

Weekday

Jer 3:14-17

Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

July 28

Weekday

Jer 7:1-11

Mt 13:24-30

Sunday

July 29

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44

Eph 4:1-6

Jn 6:1-15

Daily Prayer

It is helpful be reminded by Jesus this week that to be his disciple is not about comparing ourselves with each other. It is not about a competition to be greater than another. It is about being servants of each other and being like him, who came to give his life away. As we pray this week, in the background of our daily lives, we can reflect upon all the relationships in our lives and ask for the grace to come to know the needs of each person in my life and for the grace to be servant as Jesus is servant.

The parable of the sower can be a wonderful source of reflection this week. We can do it in a variety of ways, but it might be helpful to just take one kind of soil to reflect on each day. Each day we can begin -- as we first get out of bed, in the shower, while dressing, eating, driving, walking from one place to another, shopping -- by asking for the grace to understand how parts of me are like this soil.

Seed sown on the hard

path: I can ask to know how the Word is simply stolen away from my heart. What is hard-hearted in me? What hardens me? How am I not open? What saps my spirits, my hope, my faith? Seed sown on rocky ground: I can ask to know how I sometimes initially receive the Word readily, even with joy, but my lack of deep roots leads to my losing heart when troubles come. When do I lose courage? How do I believe the Word but fail to pay to price for living it? How can I develop deeper roots?

Seed sown among thorns: I can ask for the grace to know how I initially welcome the Word, but then let anxieties and the lure of riches choke the Word so it can't bear fruit. What kind of worldly anxieties trouble me? What kind of attractions, possessions, addictions affect my freedom and peace? What grace in me isn't bearing fruit? How can I be freer, live more simply, with more surrender? Seed sown on rich soil. I can ask for the grace to hear the Word and understand it and to bear much fruit. What will help me, prepare me to be more receptive? What environment, activities, service will help?

Each night, we can give thanks for these reflections that help us examine our daily live and grow in love, in freedom and in fruitfulness.

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