

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

Rememóerínġ  
Feb. 25-March 3

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Frank Hart

Walter & Zulma Marcial

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Alice Corcoran  
Wollman

Ken & Pat Corcoran

Wednesday

12:00pm

✠ Lou Black

Annette Petry

Thursday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Rosalia Altadonna

Maureen & Jim Farr

Friday

✠ 1st Friday

Communion Service  
Sacred Heart Novena

12:00PM (SP)

Saturday

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ Beverly Cordisco

Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

5:30pm (SP)

✠ Louise & Emil Moglia

Emil & Arlene Moglia

Sunday

8:30am (SJ)

✠ The People of  
St. Joseph's Parish

11:00am (SP)

✠ Bert Fleming

Peter Coyne

 **Our Parish**  
COMMUNITY

February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1 Cor 15:45-49

Lk 6:27-38

## Finding Strength in the Cross

Arturo Mari, the photographer who followed St. John Paul II from the first to the last day of his pontificate, was once asked which of the millions of photos he took of the pope captured him best. He cited the ones of the pope holding his crozier, resting his head on it as he prayed during so many Masses around the world. This silver pastoral cross accompanied St. John Paul everywhere (at right) and was his constant companion in all of his sufferings.

It shows Jesus hanging from a cross that is literally bowing under the weight of his body. You can feel the pull of gravity drawing the victim down in desperation. The photos show St. John Paul resting his forehead on the back of the cross, lost in prayer.

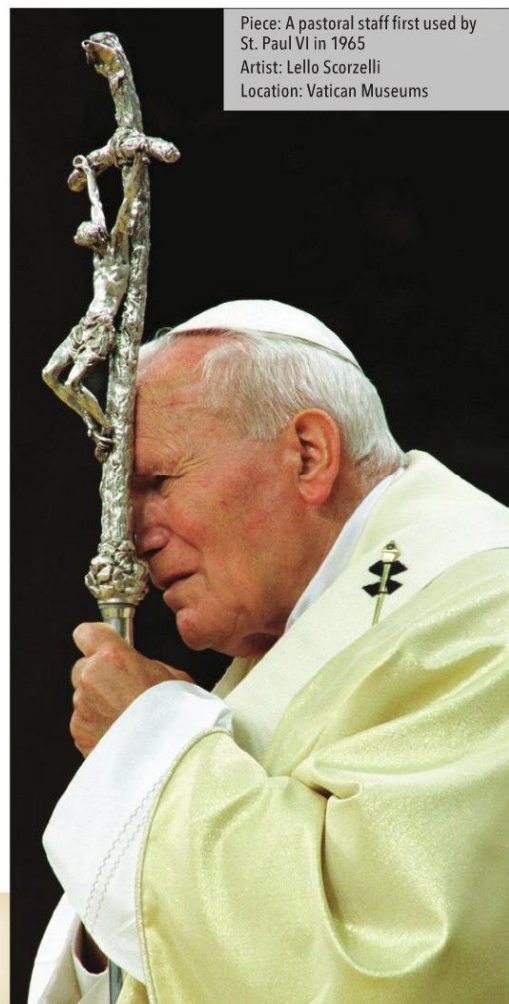
The papal photographer said this image more than any other summed up the pontiff because, before becoming a public figure who changed world history, he was a man of prayer, deeply loving Jesus. He was a man immersed in prayer who spent hours on his knees in order to have the strength to stand with and for those who most needed him.

This is a lesson for us. In order to live the beatitudes, we need to lean on Jesus and find our strength in him. Resting ourselves on the empty side of the crucifix is the best place to learn to love like him and be strong like him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*Do I believe in the patience and love of Christ on the cross as the best show of strength?*



Piece: A pastoral staff first used by St. Paul VI in 1965  
Artist: Lello Scorzelli  
Location: Vatican Museums

CNS PHOTO/MICHAEL OCHS/REUTERS

*[Jesus said,] "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."*

*Luke 6:30*

## 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.

### 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 hospitalized, please contact your Parish Office.

### **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

A resource number that would help meet the needs of many people is sponsored by United Way. The way it helps is by the person in need calls 211 which connects you with your zip code resource area or they will give you the direct number to call i.e. Pike County is 855-567-5347.

If you need help with food, paying bills, health care, employment, housing etc. call 211 and be connected to your zip code resource area in Pike County or dial directly 855-567-5341.

### **PORT JERVIS WARMING STATION**

The Port Jervis Warming Station located at St. Peter's Church is looking for volunteers to work at night. It is a very well organized, clean, and safe environment. They have been housing approximately 15 persons at night. At present they need more volunteers. They have been in existence for about 4 years. To find out more information on volunteering call 845-629-5953.

### **COLD AND FLU SEASON**

We ask you not to shake hands with the Priest, Deacons, altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers before or after Mass. During the "Sign of Peace" just use an acknowledgement to each other, like a nod or a wave. Beginning January we will not distribute the Cup of Precious Blood until Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019.

God Bless, Father Joseph

### **HEALING SERVICE**

Sunday, March 10th 3:00PM at St. Thomas Church Montague NJ. 973-948-2296 for more information.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEXT FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER**

March 31, 2019 from 1-3PM. Thank you. If you plan to attend call Al Helms at 845-699-4143.

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS**

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30th. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before April 2nd.

### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER**

**This number is for a death or Anointing of the Sick only for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Parishes (570) 591-1405 please leave your name, phone number and a brief message. Any messages or questions left at this number pertaining to regular Office business will not be answered.**



### **LENTEN / EASTER SCHEDULE**

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

8:00AM Mass and Distribution of Ashes (SJ)  
12:00PM Mass and Distribution of Ashes (SP)  
Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes  
5:30PM (SJ) 7:00PM (SP)

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Friday Evenings  
5:30 PM (SJ)  
7:00 PM (SP)

#### **CONFESSIONS**

"The Light Is On" every Monday during Lent  
5:30PM - 6:15PM (SJ)

6:45PM - 7:30PM (SP)  
Regular Confessions Saturday's 3:00PM (SJ)  
Tuesday & Wednesday 11:30AM (SP) and  
following the 5:30PM Mass Saturdays (SP)

**PENANCE SERVICE (SP)** Monday,  
April 15th at 7:00PM

#### **HOLY THURSDAY**

Evening of the Lord's Supper 7:30PM (SP)

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

The Passion 2:00PM (SP)

#### **HOLY SATURDAY**

Blessing of the Food 12:00PM (SP)

#### **EASTER VIGIL 8:00PM (SJ)**

#### **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

8:30AM (SJ)  
11:00AM (SP)

Please check future bulletins for any additional services that may be added during the Lenten Season.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 2-3

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Larry Marcial</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>David Marcial</i> <i>Lucas Helms</i>
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Brenna Cavallaro</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Server</b> <i>Mark Cavallaro</i> <i>Eric Cabrera-Agostini</i>
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>2/24 Lois Lazarczyk</b> <b>3/3 Chuck Pike</b>

BROTHER JUNIPER



*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns for the*

**Angela Ricciardi**

*By*

*Anne Crine*

## POOR BOX

A Poor Box has been mounted on the wall in the hallway at the back entrance of the Church. This Poor Box was from the original St. Joseph's Church. There is also a free standing Poor Box as you exit the front of the church. The money collected from the Poor Boxes is used to purchase Price Chopper and Walmart gift cards to hand out to the needy in our area.

## 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.

## MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Joseph celebrates Mass at Milford Senior Care one Thursday of every Month at 11:00 am. The next scheduled Mass will be Thursday, March 7, 2019. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We are at 76% of our goal of \$40,000.00. It's not too late to pledge! Your Annual Appeal gift supports Catholic Social Services, Catholic Education in School and Parishes, Clergy Formation, Education and Support, Parish Life and Ministry Formation, and Catholic Media and Communication.

## ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, March 22, 2019 from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. Thank you for your continued support.

**ADULT CHOIR** - If you are feeling called to serve the parish and enjoy singing, PLEASE CALL Mare Bradley, at 845-754-3620. **Adult Choir practice will be on Wednesday's from 5 - 6 pm in the Church.**

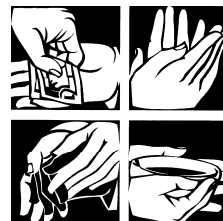
Weekly Offering

**February 17, 2019**  
\$ 3882.00

Last Year

**February 18, 2018**  
\$3614.00

*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 DINNER!

Come One, Come All! You are cordially invited to celebrate the holiday with our annual St. Patrick's Day Church Dinner. Tickets went on sale February 3rd and can be bought after both Masses. Ticket includes entry, corned beef and cabbage dinner, dessert, home made soda bread, light refreshments, music and authentic Irish Dancers! Please feel free to BYOB. If you have any questions about tickets or volunteering, please contact Bernadette O'Donnell at 914 850-0408 or at bernie2002@yahoo.com. "Go Raibth Maith Agat"

## PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Wednesdays at 2:40pm. During Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. The Holy Father, St. John Paul II imparted a special Apostolic Blessing "to all the faithful, who during Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, will be praying the Divine Mercy chaplet for the sick and those throughout the world who will be dying in that hour." The Apostolic Blessing extends indefinitely for all

## LEARN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

10 Week session begins March 7, 2019. The cost for 10 classes is \$100.00. Classes will be held here at St. Patrick's Church Office. Beginner I 5:00pm, Beginner II 6:00pm. Registration begins at 4:30 on March 7, 2019. First class follows immediately after registration. For further information please e-mail or call Ruth Murphy at Rysigner@aol.com or 917 640-9587.

## FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry, Friday evening, March 29th at 6:00PM.

## MASS AT BELLE REVE

Please join Fr. Joseph on Wednesday afternoon, March 20th at 2:30 as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve.

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER...** please remember If you are St. Patrick's parishioners and attend St. Joseph's for a weekend Mass or St. Joseph's parishioners and attend a St. Patrick's Mass to kindly put your weekly donation in an envelope marked for your parish. This includes cash or checks. By doing so, this will ensure that you get proper credit and that each Parish gets its proper donation. Thank you!

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 2-3

### Saturday 5:30pm

**Lector** Jack Boyle

### Communion Ministers

### Altar Servers

Abigail & Anna Vogel

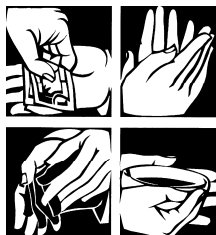
### Sunday 11:00am

**Lector** Ray Proulx

### Communion Ministers

### Altar Servers

Caterina Catizone, Carli Lock



Weekly Collection  
February 10, 2019  
\$ 3,960.00  
February 17, 2019  
\$2,112.00

*This time last year*  
\$3,489.00 (Feb. 10th)  
\$3,222.00 (Feb. 19th)

Weekly Mortgage Offertory  
February 10, 2019  
\$ \$1318.00  
February 17, 2019 \$  
\$1,318.00

Year to Date July '18- Current  
\$19,133.00  
Goal for the Year \$100,000  
Thank you for your generosity!

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns for  
**Louis Black**  
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.**

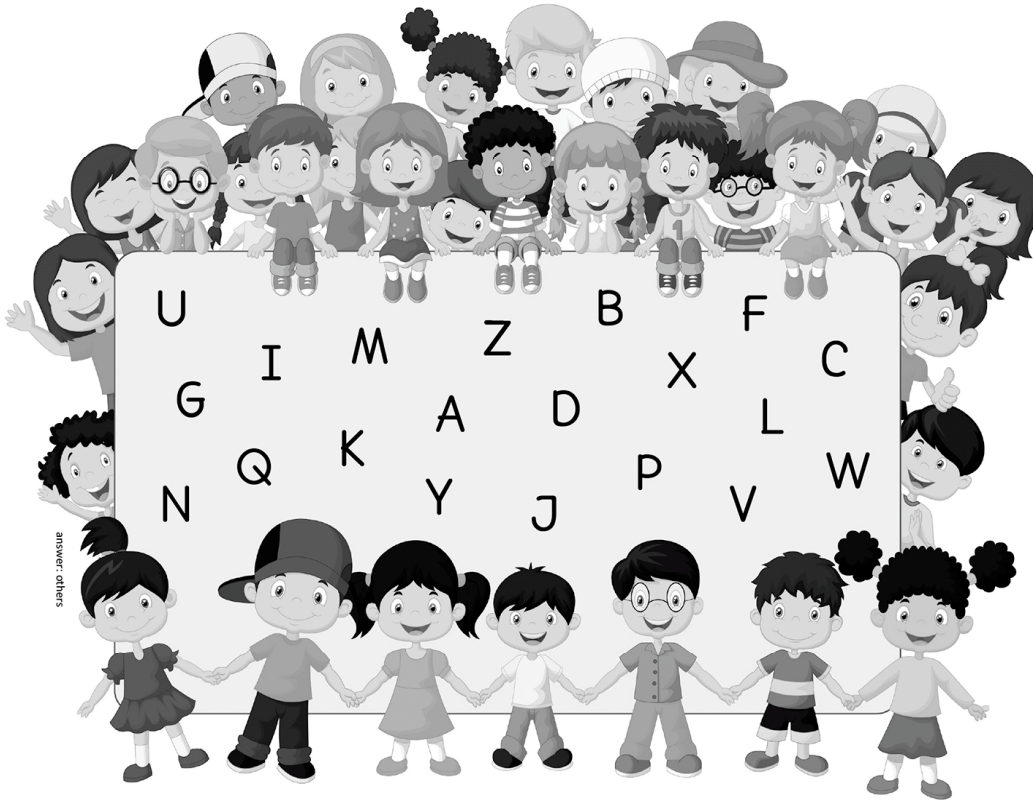
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## Gospel Today Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 6:27-38

Jesus wants us to show love, kindness, respect and generosity to everyone. He tells us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

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Find and write  
the missing letters  
(from A to Z) not  
found below...



Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

"Do to \_\_\_\_\_ as you would have them do to you."

LUKE 6:31

## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 25

Weekday

Sir 1:1-10

Mk 9:14-29

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 26

Weekday

Sir 2:1-11

Mt 9:30-37

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 27

Weekday

Sir 4:11-19

Mk 9:38-40

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 28

Weekday

Sir 5:1-8

Mk 9:41-50

### Friday

MARCH 1

Weekday

Sir 6:5-17

Mk 10:1-12

### Saturday

MARCH 2

Weekday

Sir 17:1-15

Mk 10:13-16

### Sunday

MARCH 3

Eighth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7

1 Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45

## Daily Prayer

*We may feel like we never have enough. Enough money, time, love, status or anything else that seems to be the focus of our lives. We live lives that are packed with activities, meetings and obligations - keeping our hearts distracted away from our relationship with God, from our families and from others in our lives who need our love.*

*This week we have the treasures of the Book of Sirach to contemplate. Each day we can learn something about trusting in God, about learning discipline and where true happiness lies. We learn how God works with us and how we learn the ways of the Lord. There is even practical wisdom about friendship.*

*From the gospels this week, we have much fruit for our contemplation, for we see Jesus instructing his disciples about service about trusting God's working in others. We are warned about giving scandal. And, we see Jesus' unwillingness to be compromised by trick questions, and the*

*way he speaks about marriage. Finally, we see his reverence for children. We can all draw much fruit from listening to him this week.*

*And every morning, we can begin by sitting at the side of our beds with our hands open on our laps, asking God to help us receive these gifts with open hearts. We can carry that focus with us throughout the day, remembering in the quiet moments what we are asking for. Always, we end our day simply thanking God for the love and gifts of the day.*

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