

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

Rememóeríng
August 6-12

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

☪ **Michael Kowal**
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

TUESDAY

12:00pm

☪ **Danny Mulvey**
Sara & Faro Cottone

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

☪ **Charles Blebis**
James & Janine Keenan

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

☪ **Liana Cappuccino**
Deacon Tom Spataro

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

☪ **Doris Collette**
Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Blackman

5:30pm (SP)

☪ **Cullen Leisenheimer**
Terri Pryzynski

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

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

7:15am (SP)

Paul James
Patrick & Cheryl McCarthy

11:00am (SP)

☪ **Thomas Kontizas**
Barbara & Dennis Lee



August 5, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35

Quit Grumbling!

Grumbling is terrible. It spreads discontent, discouragement, a negative spirit. It tells others you are unhappy and tries to drag them down. The Israelites grumbled against Moses and, indirectly, against God. He had taken them from slavery, yes, but led them into the desert with poor food and continual wanderings. At least as slaves they had food to eat and knew where they were. The devil can also trick us into believing that Jesus has done us no favors in saving us from the slavery of sin and feeding us with the gospel as we wander after his will.

Jesus faces this shortsightedness. After he multiplies the bread and feeds the people, they follow him—but not because they want to convert and begin living the life of generosity. They follow him because they got their fill. They want a God that satisfies and takes care of them. They want a credit-card God, an unending source of funds to bail them out—not a God who offers salvation through conversion and generosity.

It is common to want a God who obeys *us* and not the other way around. Saint Jerome went into the desert, just like the Egyptians, to learn this lesson

of humble obedience.

Rather than grumble, he prayed for conversion.

He learned that there

is no doubt Jesus gives

us all we could need,

but we must expand

our hearts and minds to receive it. Conversion is stretching our limits to the bountiful measure of God rather than grumbling and shrinking him to our miserly standards.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I need a bit more time praying with God to learn and enjoy his ways?

How can I accept all the good God gives me, and desire his will above my own?



Piece: *The Penitent St. Jerome*, 1497
Artist: Antonio del Massaro (Il Pastura)
Location: Vatican Museums

[Jesus said,] "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled."

John 6:26

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!

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!

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON HUMAN RESOURCES/SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Interested in supporting and protecting our children's future? Then please consider attending the diocesan-sponsored VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program. This training session is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children.

During the three-hour training, a facilitator, who will teach you the tools and show you the resources to maintain a safe environment for all children, will incorporate techniques in a discussion-format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively.

Please consider joining your community on to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gifts: our children. Thank you for your cooperation and your willingness to protect all our children and to keep them safe.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018, 1 P.M.

818 Main Street, Saint Luke Parish, Stroudsburg

To register, please contact the parish at 570.421.9097

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON 150TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018.

Buses will be departing from various locations. Approximate time of arrival will be 11:00 a.m. followed by a Welcome in the Upper church and Tour of Faith. 12:30 Rosary for Word Peace at the Upper church. 1:00 to 3:00pm, free time for lunch, touring, private prayer. 2:00pm Confession opportunity in the Crypt Church 3:00pm Gather in the Upper church to prepare for Mass. 3:15pm Pontifical Mass with The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, Celebrant and Homilist. 4:45pm buses depart and approximate return time to point of departure is 10:30. The cost is \$55.00 person plus lunch. Need to sign up by August 31, 2018. Please make checks payable to St. Patrick's Church. Contact Aedeen Hansen (917) 825-3962 or Annette Petry (845) 283-7228. Bring a bag lunch.

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 11-12

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Tom McMullen
Eucharistic Minister Stanley Lazarczyk Carol Cordova
Altar Servers David Marcial Ella Carroll
Sunday 8:30am
Lector Diana Sierra
Eucharistic Minister Neal & Michele Bensley
Altar Server Lucas Helms Lukas Schutz
Milford Senior Care 8/5 Chuck Pike 8/12 Debbie Roa

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Suzanne DePercio
by
Chris Williams

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.

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

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Mass is celebrated the second Thursday of each month. The next scheduled Mass will be Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 11:00am. Any family or friends of Milford Senior Care Residents are most welcome!

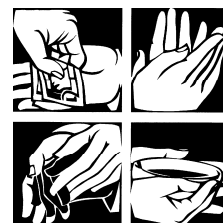
Weekly Offering

July 29, 2018
\$ 4249.55

Last Year

July 31, 2017
\$ 3514.30

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."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW!

It's time to register for Religious Education. Form with payment due by August 1, 2018 for us to order the proper number of books. If you are new to the parish and need to register your child, we will also need a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. For more information please contact JoMarie Totten at the office, 570 296-7451 or patsdre@ptd.net. Forms are available on bulletin board in Narthex or in Parish Office.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Bert Fleming who recently passed away. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

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.

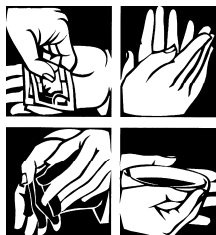
MASS AT BELLE REVE

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

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PICNIC

The parish community of Saint Patrick's is warmly invited to attend the 2018 Parish Picnic Sunday, September 9th, noon-5pm. Record attendance is expected this year as we welcome our new Pastor, Father Joe. A full afternoon of food and fun for everyone will include: a delicious BBQ, with "Chef" Kathleen on the grill, Dessert Bake-off, Basket Raffle, 50-50 raffle, board games, face-painting, musical magic by DJ Joe and much more. Chairing the picnic this year are Pat and Jack Boyle and Patrick and Cheryl McCarthy. Parish volunteers are needed. Please express your interest in contributing your talents as a volunteer by emailing: pgm1@ptd.net, Jackb18337@gmail.com.

See you September 9th!



Weekly Collection

July 29, 2018

\$ 2, 811.00

This time last year \$

This time last year

\$2,665.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

\$771.00

Year to Date July '17 - Current

\$43,717.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 11-12

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Jack Boyle

Communion Ministers

Dean & Arlene Quirk

Altar Servers

Carli Lock, Abigail

Sunday 7:15am

Lector Cheryl McCarthy

Communion Ministers

Catherine Umberto,

Annette Petry

Altar Servers

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Ray Weeks, Donna Hersca

Altar Servers

Riley Mapes, Nicole Traxler

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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.

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 6:24-35

To the crowds Jesus called Himself "The Bread of Life." They did not understand He meant "spiritual life", which came by believing in Jesus, who was sent by God.

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Jesus said to them

"I am The Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

- JOHN 6:35

We have: The Body of Christ (communion), to nourish our souls/spiritual life.

We have: Bread to eat, (flour, water, yeast) to nourish our bodies/physical life.

Let's cook up something fun, for adults and children together...



EASY TO MAKE FRESH PIZZA DOUGH

Makes one 12" pie • Preheat oven to 400°

Ingredients

Dough: 6 oz. warm water • 1 tbsp. sugar • 1 ½ tsp. dry yeast • ¼ tsp. salt
1 tbsp. olive or cooking oil • 2 ¼ cups flour

Toppings: Your choice, tomato sauce or fresh sliced tomatoes spread over dough.
8 oz. mozzarella or your favorite cheese. *Optional - meat, vegetables, spices.*

Directions

In a mixing bowl add water, sugar and yeast. Stir, let sit 15 minutes to activate yeast. Add oil, salt and flour, mixing well (if needed add a few drops of water). Knead 8-10 minutes on a floured surface. Put floured dough ball in a bowl and cover to rise, about 1 hour. Roll dough on floured surface into a 12" circle and put on baking sheet. Top with your favorites and bake for 10-12 minutes or until done.

Note: Flour, bread crumbs or cornmeal on pan help prevent pizza from sticking.

FROM THE
KITCHEN OF



Calendar

Monday

August 6

Transfiguration
of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday

August 7

Weekday

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22

Mt 14:22-36 or

Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

August 8

St. Dominic,
Priest

Jer 31:1-7

Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

August 9

Weekday

Jer 31:31-34

Mt 16:13-23

Friday

August 10

St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10

Jn 12:24-26

Saturday

August 11

Weekday

Hab 1:12-2:4

Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

August 12

Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51

Daily Prayer

This week we can ask, in the variety of ways and situations each day that our eyes might be opened to see Jesus as he really is - glorified, with the Father, and ready to renew our faith and trust in him.

As we begin our day, and at brief times throughout our day, we can pull our consciousness together by letting the themes of this week's reading guide us. One day, we might ask to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we go through a day full of strong wind and waves. We can ask again and again, as things get tougher and more challenging.

Another day, we might focus on what comes out of our mouths. Is there cynicism, judgments, distortions of the truth, divisive and self-serving manipulation, yelling and hurtful put-downs? Do I practice using my voice to give praise to God by affirming others, forgiving them, by telling the truth, by defending the poor and the voiceless, by giving

ing God thanks? Another day, I might be conscious of those I regard as "dogs," those I disdain or think of as "the enemy." I might ask for the grace to open my heart to whatever faith in God they have, however different from mine. I might ask for a sense of solidarity with them, not because it is my desire or inclination, but because it is God's desire for me. How can I heal and reconcile, at least in my heart, what needs healing: racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, negative stereotypes towards Muslims and those I see as "foreigners." How can I be relieved of my hostility against the poor or being judgmental about sinners. Later in the week, we can get in touch with the call of Jesus to deny ourselves. This is not self-denial for its own sake. This is the dying to self that comes from loving in the self-sacrificing way that Jesus did.

Who in my family, friends, relative, co-workers and members of my parish or congregation needs my self-denying love? How have I focused on "gaining the world" and lost some of my true self in the process? Is there some way this week that I can taste discovering my true self in giving some time, some compassion, some love, some special care to someone who needs this from me And throughout the week, perhaps at a special time of powerlessness or some time when I feel that I don't have the energy or gifts to do the "more," to move a mountain, I can ask for faith the size of a mustard seed. And, each night I can give thanks to God for being generous to me all week, for this simple focus on our relationship every day.