

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

Remembering
Sept. 16-22

Monday
8:00am (SJ)

☩ **Joann Wilcox**
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

TUESDAY
12:00pm (SP)

☩ **Kara Faust**
Maureen & Tom Miller

WEDNESDAY
12:00pm

☩ **For the People of
Saint Patrick's**

THURSDAY
8:00am (SJ)

☩ **Marge Tonkin**
St. Joseph's Altar & Rosary

FRIDAY
NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

☩ **Lucretia Welling**
Mr. & Mrs. James Farr

5:30pm (SP)

☩ **John & Betty
McElligott**
Emil & Arlene Moglia

SUNDAY

7:15am (SP)

☩ **Richard D'Apuzzo**
MaryAnn & John & the
Nigro Family

8:30am (SJ)

☩ **For the People of
St. Joseph's Parish**

11:00 (SP)

☩ **For The People of
Saint Patrick's**



September 15, 2019

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14
1 Tm 1:12-17
Lk 15:1-32

Sonship Restored

Strangely enough and discouragingly often, we find the attitude of the older son from the Prodigal Son parable in the Church. The righteous believers who have always belonged can be jealous and look down upon the poor sinner who comes later and gets the same reward.

Yet, the attitude of all of us toward those who are spiritually, morally, or materially needy should be that of the loving father so wonderfully shown in the statue by Francesco Messina.

The sinner comes back in shame, weakness, and obvious failure. His very act of returning is a cry for help, support, and understanding. The father offers his mercy and compassion without questions, without an interrogation. His shoulder is never too proud, too hard, or righteous to be refused as a pillow for the humiliated soul who returns broken, pillaged, and ruined by sin.

Messina chose to show the father and son naked because it symbolizes mankind stripped to its essence. And in this you reveal greatness. Humanity is noblest when admitting its weakness. Humanity is greatest in its ability to show mercy and lift the downtrodden. The father-son relationship is most beautiful when it is being reconciled and restored.

We should always rejoice at the return of a prodigal child, and we should always honor a forgiving parental heart. "We must celebrate and rejoice," said the father. If we are convinced of this, we now have a charge: Go out and find the lost coin and welcome back the lost sheep with humility and joy!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I have a welcoming spirit about me, always looking to build up and be positive?

Do I live gospel charity and love with all its consequences?



Piece: *Prodigal Son*, 1956
Artist: Francesco Messina
Location: Vatican Museums



[Jesus said,] "I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents...."

Luke 15:7

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.

WELCOME BISHOP BAMBERA!

Next Sunday, 9/22, we warmly welcome our Bishop Joseph Bambera as he celebrates Mass at our Parishes.

8:30am at St. Joseph's and 11:00am at St. Patrick's.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

A resource number that would help meet the needs of many people is sponsored by United Way. 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.

K OF C FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER

Are held the 4th Sunday of every month from 1-3 at St. Patrick's Church Hall. If you plan to attend call Al Helms at 845-699-4143. Thank you. **Please make a note that September 29th and is the 5th Sunday of the month. The Knights will be having their dinner on the 5th Sunday of September. The time will be the same, 1:00-3:00pm.**

FIRST FRIDAY

There is a Communion Service with the Sacred Heart Novena at St. Patrick's on the First Friday of every month at 12:00 Noon. Please plan to join us.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL.

The first Saturday of every month Devotions to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be held at Saint Patrick's. We will begin at 11:30am, praying the Rosary, followed by a Communion Service and concluding with a Novena in honor to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The novena honors Mary by honoring Mary's gift of the Miraculous Medal to Christians. She gave us the gift when she appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in France in 1830. In one apparition, Mary showed her a vision, and she gave the young nun a mission to have that vision made into a medal. Mary told her that people who wear it will receive great favors, and she told her that they should wear the medals around their necks. The medal was originally called the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, but the name was changed because of the number of miracles, healings and conversions reported by people who wore it faithfully. Please plan on joining us.

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.

HURRICANE DORIAN DONATIONS

As Hurricane Dorian continues to impact the southern United States, you may have already seen some of the heartbreaking images from the Bahamas where the Category 5 storm made landfall on September 1, bringing record wind, rain and storm surges. 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 crews and that all those in harm's 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. Supporting these organizations will help people through the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Dorian and will continue to help them as they work through the long process of recovery.

Online donations for

Catholic Relief Services can be made at <https://support.crs.org/donate/hurricane-dorian>

Catholic Charities USA at

<https://app.mobilecause.com/form/RTKRvQ?vid=1snqm>

Thank you for your consideration in promoting this humanitarian response.

NEW R.C.I.A. CLASS

In September, a new R.C.I.A. class is about to begin. If you, or someone you know, are interested in find out more about the Catholic Faith, think about joining us. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for the non-baptized and for Catholics who have never completed their sacraments of Initiation, such as Penance, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. It is also for people who have been baptized in another faith and are interested to learn more about becoming a Catholic. You will be meeting with a team of parishioners who will answer questions and guide you on your faith journey. We meet on Sunday afternoons for one hour. Please call the office at 570-296-7451 if you are interested. We promise to make you feel very welcome!

2019 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on October 12, 2019 at 12:00noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at the Milford Courthouse on Broad St. Please contact Marie Biel at 570 686-4637 for more information.

THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2019 Annual Appeal is now underway. "Serving in faith with Hope and Gratitude. Just for an example the Gifts made to the 2018 Appeal touched thousands of lives. 4,143 Families served in Catholic Social Services Food & Clothing Pantries, 12 Seminarians receiving tuition & living expenses, 16,555 nights of shelter & support, 104 Retired & ill Priests received care, 44 parishes using Social Justice Grants to serve countless, 15,000 Children in Religious Education \$ 4,5000 in Catholic Schools and 118 parishes receiving support in all aspects of Parish Life, **SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS. SUPPORT THE APPEAL.**

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Sept. 21-22

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Stephanie Fells</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Chuck Pike</i> <i>Anna Blackman</i>
Altar Servers <i>Lukas Schutz</i> <i>Draven Nitecki</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Terry McDonough</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Diane Heater</i> <i>Makayla Csencsits</i>
Altar Server <i>Mark Cavallaro</i> <i>Lucas Helms</i>
Milford Senior Care <i>9/15 Jack Reilly</i> <i>9/22 Lois Lazarczyk</i>

BROTHER JUNIPER



CCD BEGINS THIS WEEKEND!

Immediately following the 8:30am Mass (approx. 9:15am) If you haven't already registered your child, registration forms are located on a table at the back entrance of the Church. Please fill out the form and give it to Cristin Cavallaro.

IN MEMORIAM

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

JR CHOIR & ADULT CHOIR

Calling NEW and returning choir members for St. Joseph's Jr. Choir and St. Joseph's Adult Choir. Each choir sings for 2 Sunday Masses every month and rehearses on Wednesdays. The Adult Choir rehearses from 5:10pm-6:10pm and the Jr. choir (Grades 3-12) rehearses from 6:25pm -7:25pm. See Mare Bradley after Mass or call her at 845-754-3620. Try it, you'll like it! It is a wonderful experience and we have a lot of fun together.

ALTAR SERVERS

We are in need of Altar Servers. If anyone 3rd Grade and above is interested in becoming an Altar Server please call the Parish Office or speak with Father Joseph, Deacon Tom, or Deacon Mike after Mass.

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, September 20th from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506

AN INVITATION

Fr. Joseph encourages all parishioners to take a turn (or more than one!) assisting in the offertory procession during Mass. The Church teaches that it is "a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful." You are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Just let an Usher know before Mass that you'd like to present the gifts, or if an usher approaches you to ask, please consider saying yes. Active participation will enrich our liturgy!

COURT MADONNA #114

will be hosting an Antique Appraisal Day and Craft Fair Saturday, September 21st from 9—3pm at St. Mary's Church Hall Ball Street, Port Jervis. Cost is \$4.00 per item with a limit of 6 items per person. There will also be craft vendors, a Bake Sale. Soups, and drinks for sale. For more information contact Lisa McDonough at 570-582-7844

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 9/16 6:30pm in the Multipurpose Room.

The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Cheryl Holley
By
The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering

September 1, 2019
\$ 3579.05

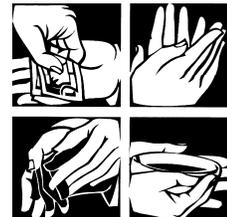
September 8, 2019
\$ 4693.54

Thank you for your generosity!

Last Year

September 2, 2018
\$ 3356.00

September 9, 2018
\$ 4061.00



"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 –FIRST DAY THIS SUNDAY!
9:30.**

SAINT PATRICK’S PICNIC

A huge shout out to Bernadette and Brian O’Donnell and the many volunteers who helped make this picnic a huge success. A lot of work goes into coordinating such an event and could not be accomplished without the help of Brian and Bernadette O’Donnell, Maureen and Gene Burns, Aedeon Hansen, Larry and Cathy Commisso, Eileen Harrington, Annette Petry, Catherine Umberto, Kathleen Joyce, Maggie Marley and the Music Ministry.

SAINT PATRICK’S KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS GROUP

We would like to thank everyone for your generous donations of yarn and supplies. Currently we are not accepting any donations at this time. If you would like to find out more about our group, please call the Parish Office. We meet Wednesdays in the Church Hall from 2-4. Beginners, experts and those who would like to learn are welcome to join!

MEN AND WOMEN IN MILITARY

If anyone would like to add the name of a loved one, family member or friend to a list to be prayed for, please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Intentions will be placed in the bulletin once a month.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

The monthly bake sale is scheduled for Columbus Day Weekend, October 12 & 13 after all the Masses. Please stop by and purchase something to take home to your family and also consider baking something to donate.

ALSO!!! Holiday Kickoff meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8th in the Parish Center at 6:30. New members are welcomed!

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Sylvia Thiel** who passed away this past week. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

PARISHPAY/WESHARE ON-LINE GIVING If you are interested in participating in the on-line giving program, please call the Parish Office for more information.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Wednesday, September 18th at 2:30PM.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
September 21-22

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Jack Boyle
Communion Ministers Janet Finnerty, Midge Curreri
Altar Servers Nicholas Dinos & Riley Mapes
Sunday 7:15am
Lector Joe Sudano
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Joe Dooley
Communion Ministers Ray Weeks, Catherine Umberto
Altar Servers Abby & Anna Vogel



Weekly Collection

September 8, 2019

\$3,107.00

This time last year

\$2,835.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

September 8, 2019

\$768.00

Year to Date July'19- Current

\$12,308.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

Total collected for the year 2018 \$39,986.00

The Sanctuary Candle may be reserved for a loved one. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

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.

