

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

Remembering
August 19-25

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

Charles Miller

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Marcial

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)

Raymond Corcoran

Ken & Pat Corcoran

Wednesday

12:00pm

Mary Francis Smith

Joseph & Barbara Rowan

Thursday

8:00am (SJ)

Geraldine Maun

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Marcial

Friday

NO MASS

Saturday

4:00pm (SJ)

For the People of
St. Joseph's Parish

5:30pm (SP)

Una Coyne

Emil & Arlene Moglia

Sunday

7:15am (SP)

John Hammel

Joseph & Barbara Rowan

8:30am (SJ)

Marge Tonkin

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Marcial

11:00 (SP)

For The People of
Saint Patrick's



August 18, 2019

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Heb 12:1-4

Lk 12:49-53

We Are All Prophets

Persecution is part of a prophet's life. Their strong messages are rarely met with open hearts even if conversion, rather than confrontation, is what the prophet seeks. Bartholomew, one of the Twelve Apostles, was preaching in India and Turkey in the first century and converted the Armenian king. But the king's brother had him flayed alive. Jeremiah foretold the destruction of Jerusalem unless the people returned their hearts to the Lord. This call to conversion was considered demoralizing for those who wished to continue in their self-centered ways. His words were even crushing the soldiers! Either Jeremiah was quite the preacher, the soldiers were weak, guilty—or both!

The fire of the prophet's words is meant as a call to action for the soul caught up in lukewarm stagnation. They should be uncomfortable.

When more than 2,000 bishops reflected on the Church at Vatican II, they insisted that every baptized Christian have a prophetic mission. We're called to shake things up. The role of the prophet is to examine in prayerful observation the signs of the times, and to read into them calls to action. The prophet listens with one ear to the Lord and another to society in order to speak wisely to his contemporaries.

This call to preach whether convenient or not was experienced by Christ. The flame that burned in his

bosom was a desire to turn hearts toward his Father. Jesus didn't back down from preaching out of fear of rejection of the gospel. Neither should we.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Martyrdom of St. Bartholomew, fifteenth century
Artist: Rhenish School
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Do I read the news and immerse myself in this culture with the examining heart of one called to transform culture with the gospel?

Are there ways I have become of the world and need to be more of the gospel?

Consider how [Jesus] endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:3

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. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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.

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.

On Saturday, August 4th and every first Saturday thereafter, we will have First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HOLY HOUR

In light of the tragedies in El Paso and Dayton, this special Holy Hour is intended to help us plead with God to change the "stony hearts" of those who are intent on violence, Exposition of Eucharistic, Scripture Readings, Prayer, Monday, August 12, 2019 7:00pm at St. Vincent de Paul Parish 101 St. Vincent Dr, Milford, PA

TRI STATE CHORALE!

Tuesday, August 20th at 7:30pm at St. Patrick's Church....

Our Grand Lovely Dwelling Place The Tri State Chorale, under the direction of Matthew Rupcich and accompanied by Rich Gherardi, will be presenting their annual FREE summer concert at St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday, August 20 at 7:30pm. *Our Grand Lovely Dwelling Place* celebrates the beauty around us in Northeastern PA as well as that of the Grand Canyon and the Shenandoah Valley. A string quartet, high school soloists, and images by local photographers will be featured, as well as a reception following the concert in the Church Hall. All are welcome! Donations to the Ecumenical Food Pantry or free will offering will be appreciated.

WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND September 6-8, 2019

"Finding the Gift of God's Mercy in our Everyday Lives"

Directed by Rev. Richard Nalepa, CP of St. Paul of the Cross Monastery, Pittsburgh.
St. Gabriel's Passionist Retreat Center

631 Griffin Pond Road, Clarks Summit, PA

Fall Preached Retreat – Begins Friday 7pm – Departure after the Noon Meal Sunday \$140 per person – Deposit is required. Registration is 7:00 pm Friday Evening. Begins at 7:30 pm and Departure is after the Noon meal on Sunday the (No meals are served Friday evening.) To Register or for more information; Call: Retreat Office: 570 586-4957 or email: kporter@epix.net Preached retreats consist of conferences on the spiritual life, time for personal reflection, prayer service, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Liturgy. A deposit is required. For more information, please call the Retreat Office: 570 586-4957 or email kporter@epix.net.

Website: www.passionistnunsclarkssummit.org

PCD TRICKY TRAY

The Pike County Developmental Center will be holding a Tricky Tray on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the Delaware Valley High School Cafeteria, Routes 6 & 209, Milford. Doors open at 4:00pm and calling starts at 6:00pm. Trays-Grand Prizes-50-50 Raffle. Refreshments available, NO ENTRY FEE.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Looking for a member from St. Joseph's or St. Patrick's to help an elderly gentlemen who needs assistance with meals, light cleaning, and companionship. Saturday and Sunday coverage for Lunch 11-1, and dinner 4-6 (\$12.00/hour). Steady work for a mature and compassionate person, call Anita @ 845-303-7019.

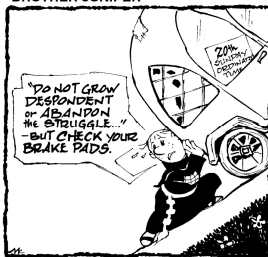
The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Aug. 24-25

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Larry Marcial</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Paul & Cristin Cavallaro</i>
Altar Servers <i>Lucas Helms</i> <i>Draven Nitecki</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Diana Sierra</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Makayla Csencsits</i> <i>Tom McMullen</i>
Altar Server <i>Robert McMullen</i> <i>Lukas Schutz</i>
Milford Senior Care 8/18 Debbie Roa <i>08/25 Lois Lazarczyk</i>

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns

In Memory of
Harold Allen

By
Julia Allen

LAST WEEKEND TO SIGN UP FOR THE PARISH PICNIC!!

This weekend is your **LAST CHANCE** to sign-up for our Parish Picnic to be held Sat. Aug. 24th from 11am to 3pm at the **VOCCI PAVILION** in Airport Park. The cost is only \$3 per single and \$10 per family. Food, Fun, & Music! Reservations and payment may be made at the front entrance to the Church before and after each Mass. A big **THANK YOU** again to Tom McMullen and Tom Jensen for making this all possible.

COFFEE SOCIAL THIS WEEKEND!!

Sunday, August 18th immediately following the 8:30am Mass (approx. 9:30am). A variety of foods will be available including "no sugar added" foods! All are welcome!

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday & Thursday 9am—3pm.

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." (Did you know that long ago, the congregation would bring the bread and wine from their own possession? Nowadays, all you have to do is walk it reverently down the aisle.) 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!

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 19th 6:30pm in the Multipurpose Room.

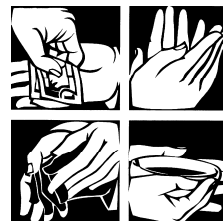
Weekly Offering

August 11, 2019
\$3356.75

Last Year

August 12, 2018
\$ 3325.00

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."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IT'S TIME

"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to these children"-Matthew 19:14

Register your children for Religious Education. Registration due August 1st! Please take a registration form off the bulletin board in the Narthex. Any questions please contact Jo-Marie Totten at patsdre@ptd.net.

PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars. The Annual Parish Picnic will be September 8th from 12:00-5:00pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person, \$25.00 a family. Tickets can be purchased after the Masses starting July 20th through Sept. 1 in the Narthex. Sign up sheets for volunteers to set up and clean up and to help sell tickets are on the table in the Narthex. Music by DJ Productions, BBQ, desserts, games, tricky-tray and 50/50. Come one! Come all! A fabulous way of meeting your church family. Donations for Tricky Tray would be appreciated. Any questions, please contact Bernadette 570-296-5307 or by emailbernieod2002@yahoo.com

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Joseph on Wednesday August 21st at 2:30 as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, August 23rd at 6:00pm.

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!

A NOTE FROM ST. PATRICK'S MUSIC MINISTRY Thinking of getting more involved in your parish? Do you like to sing? Would you like to learn to play a bell? Please consider joining St. Patrick's Music Ministry! We will begin our choir year in September and are currently looking to include new members, maybe even YOU! Please speak to Rich, our Director of Music, any of our Music Ministers...OR come to open rehearsals during September beginning Wednesday, September 4 at 7:30PM for our Choir or Monday, September 9 at 7:30 for Bell Choir.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 24-25

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Jack Boyle

Communion Ministers

Pat Corcoran, Midge Curreri

Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Riley Mapes

Sunday 7:15am

Lector Tom Hogan

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Sunday 11:00am

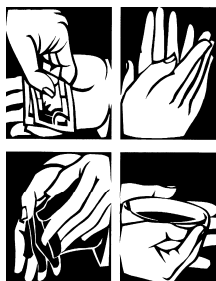
Lector Joe Dooley

Communion Ministers

Donna Hersca, Ray Weeks

Altar Servers

Abby & Anna Vogel



Weekly Collection

August 4, 2019

\$2,523.00

This time last year \$3,488.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

August 4, 2019

\$557.00

Year to Date July'19- Current

\$3,180.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

Total collected for the year 2018 \$39,986.00

The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of

Kevin J. Cox

requested by

Stanley & Arlene Dutkus

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.

MY FAMILY... TOGETHER LOVING GOD

Draw your family together in church or paste a picture of your family in church.



Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 19

Weekday

Jgs 2:11-19

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

AUGUST 20

St. Bernard,
Abbot and Doctor

of the Church

Jgs 6:11-24a

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

AUGUST 21

St. Pius X,

Pope

Jgs 9:6-15

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

AUGUST 22

Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Jgs 11:29-39a

Mt 22:1-14

Friday

AUGUST 23

Weekday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22

Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

AUGUST 24

St. Bartholomew,

Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

Sunday

AUGUST 25

Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Lk 13:22-30

Daily Prayer

This week we can be moved by the powerful fidelity of a woman like Ruth. And the familiar gospel stories will guide us through the week most with practical advice and challenging ideas.

It is good to begin by recognizing our own issues with God. For many of us, the graces with which we will be asking God to bless us have to do with our freedom from being so independent. For some of us, it will be to ask to keep our priorities straight this week. It may mean that we let this be a week when we ask what "success" really means for us. It could be a week to try to name more clearly what our purpose, our mission in life is: what the Lord calling us to do with our lives.

The real grace of finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy everyday lives is that it helps keep us focused. When we get really busy, it can be like being on a tread mill. We

begin our day in the morning, go where the day takes us and jump off at night. Our desire here is to live with more choice, more freedom. We want to live each day more reflectively.

So, if I know the gospel is going to ask me to ponder how the lure of having more and more money can become an impediment to my salvation, or how generous and merciful God is, or how my busyness leads me to forget or lose my priorities, then I can choose to let those reflections shape my week. The way I can do that is by beginning each day with focus. What gives focus is recognizing and naming a desire, a grace or gift I ask of God, for that day, conscious of what I will be experiencing, what will challenge me, what opportunities will be offered me. What really makes this effective, is to keep talking with Jesus about those desires in the small, quiet moments that are tucked into each day, the "in between times" of the day.

The effect is that more and more of the details of our lives are interacting with the Word of God and the desires which God is inspiring in our hearts. As we move toward the weekend, we can prepare to hear Jesus ask us who we say he is - who he is for us. Connecting with Jesus in our daily lives allow him to become my Savior and the intimate friend who knows me through and through and is helping me come to know myself with great honesty, integrity, freedom and peace.