

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

Rememóeríng  
Nov. 25-Dec. 1



November 24, 2019  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe (C)  
2 Sm 5:1-3  
Col 1:12-20  
Lk 23:35-43

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ All Souls Intentions

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Basil Burgos

Lisa & Joseph Cirello

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm (SP)

✠ Joni Carlo

The Stock Family

THURSDAY

Thanksgiving Day

9:00am

✠ Seraphina Phillips

Lee Kenney

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ Charles Miller

Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

5:30pm (SP)

✠ Mike France

The Legion of Mary

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✠ For the People of St.

Joseph's Parish

11:00 (SP)

✠ Joseph Jacay

Marta Brush

## The Cross: Altar and Throne

In his Gospel, St. Luke, the good doctor, often brings in kingly themes related to Christ's crucifixion. He does this to highlight that Jesus fulfilled the Jewish belief that the Messiah would unite the three important leadership roles—priest, prophet, and king. The inscription the Romans nailed to the cross above Jesus' head inadvertently supports the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy—he was indeed the King of the Jews.

He was also the priest who offered his body as a sacrifice for the Chosen People: "It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people" (John 18:14). He is both the priest offering obedience to the Father, but he is also the victim who is offered on the altar of the cross. The cross is altar and throne because, as well as priest and victim, Jesus also is the king reuniting his kingdom under God the Father. In so doing, he undoes the sin of Adam, which had been the cause of this division.

Jesus' final prophetic words, "It is finished," means he has fulfilled his mission as priest, prophet, and king from the throne of the cross. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1047) sums it up when it says that as king and high priest, his sacrifice is total, universal, and definitive. Now all of God's creatures, man and beast, both natural and in the heavens, can return to the one from whom they came forth and who declared each one good.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

*Editor's note: This is Fr. Mark Haydu's final reflection for Our Parish Community. He will continue as special advisor to the head of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums. When a new liturgical cycle begins on December 1, 2019, we will welcome a new reflections writer, Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA. The people of Liguori Publications thank Fr. Mark for his three years of insightful reflections and his artwork selections and ideas. We wish him well.*



Piece: *Crucifixion*, 1975  
Artist: Cyril Mount  
Location: St. Peter's Italian Church, London

### For Reflection

Do I realize the amazing power of what happens at the Mass?

Do I make the good thief's act of faith and confidence my own?

*Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."*

*Luke 23:38*

## 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.

## **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

**9:00AM at St. Joseph's**

**NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**\*Please bring a canned good with you to Mass to be donated to the Food Pantry. Baskets will be in the vestibule for your donations. Thank You!**

## **THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

The 2019 Annual Appeal is underway. "Serving in faith with Hope and Gratitude. 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.**

## **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.

## **ST. VINCENT de PAUL PARISH COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER**

November 28th in their Parish Hall at 101 St. Vincent's Drive, Milford, PA. Call 570-686-4545 to make your reservations if you plan to attend the dinner on Thanksgiving Day. We have much to be thankful for!

## **DEANERY CHOIR "A CHRISTMAS CONCERT"**

Sunday, December 15th at 2:00pm at St. John Neumann Church, Lord's Valley, PA. Family Christmas Party, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will follow. No admission charge or tickets required. All are Welcome.

## **BON SECOURS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

in many areas of the hospital. If you would like to join a special group of people, with a special gift to give please contact Amy Moore, Volunteer Manager at 845-858-7162 or email [Amy\\_moore@bshsi.org](mailto:Amy_moore@bshsi.org)

## **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.

## **ADVENT IS COMING**

Advent, the time of preparation for the Feast of the Nativity begins on Sunday, December 1st. What will you do to prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas? Join the parish adult formation team as we explore "The Eucharist in Scripture", an enlightening discussion, based on the writing of Dr. Scott Hahn, to unlock the meaning of the Holy Eucharist as revealed in the Bible. Set aside an hour or two in this busy season to enrich your mind and soul. On Tuesday evenings, December 10, and December 17 at St. Patrick's Church Hall at 7:00pm. On Sunday afternoons, December 8th, and December 15th at St. Joseph's multi-purpose room, 1:00pm. All are welcome: please plan to join us. For further information call St. Patrick's office at 570 296-7451 or St. Joseph's office at 570-491-2618.

## **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

Sponsored by United Way. If you need help with food, paying bills, health care, employment, housing etc. Pike County dial directly 855-567-5341.

## **RUNNERS NEEDED**

Runners needed for the annual KRIS KRINGLE 5K race and Fun Walk on Saturday, December 7th at Matamoras Airport Park. Start time is 9am. Registration is \$20.00 if postmarked on or before December 1st (\$25 day of race: time: 7:30-8-45) First 125 to register will receive a great knitted hat! This event is sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Council #13935 to benefit the Children's Disabilities Development Center and other local charities. For complete details call or e-mail Chris Brighton (Chairman) at 914-443-3571, by e-mail [ibright2@optonline.net](mailto:ibright2@optonline.net) or Bill Gaa at 570-445-9551, e-mail [wdg2001@gmail.com](mailto:wdg2001@gmail.com)

## **TRI-STATE CHORALE AT SAINT PATRICK'S DECEMBER 19**

The Tri-State Chorale will return to St. Patrick's Church with "A Tradition of Carols" on Thursday December 19th at 7:00PM. All are welcome to this free holiday concert. You will enjoy performances by 3 different choirs: The Tri-State Chorale, Delaware Valley High School Chamber Choir and the Shohola Elementary School Chamber Choir. You will also be invited to sing along with some traditional carols accompanied by the brass quintet, Brass Reflections and our organist, Rich Gherardi. There will be a "free will" donation jar available and a basket set out for donations of non-perishable food items for the Ecumenical Food Pantry.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE Nov. 30–Dec. 1

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> Stanley Lazarczyk
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b> Ryan & Eric Schanzenbacher
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Makayla Csencsits
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Server</b> Lucas Helms Lukas Schutz
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>11/24 Lois Lazarczyk</b> <b>12/1 Jack Reilly</b>

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns  
For the Intentions of  
Steve Moglia  
By  
The Drake Family

## POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Again this year the Poinsettia's that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorialization. The cost will be \$15.00 per plant. Special RED envelopes are at all entrances to the Church. Please fill out the front of the envelope (please print clearly) and enclose your payment. You may drop the envelopes into the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Deadline for your response is 12/16. A list of the memorialized will appear in the December 21/22 bulletin.

## 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. We also welcome any adults who may be interested!

## ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER CIRCLE

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may call Karen Sweeney @570-491-2228 or Tom Hogan @ 570-296-6224. If you wish you may also send the name via email to either Karen at sweeneyfive2002@yahoo.com or Tom Hogan at tchogan@ptd.net.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL OF MATAMORAS & MILFORD

will be at the front entrance to the Church selling their Annual Lottery Calendar Booklets for 2020. Cost is \$20.00 per booklet. These numbered booklets are good for the whole year and you win \$\$ according to the daily lottery number. This is a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer! Stop by their table before or after Mass!

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$40,000.00**. to date , **\$33,807.00**. **85%** of our appeal goal has been achieved due to your kindness and generosity. To those of you who have pleased, THANK-YOU! Those of you who have not pledged, please consider. This helps support Catholic, Social Services, Clergy formation, Parish Life and Ministry just to name a few.

## FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, November 29 from 6 - 8pm (Team C). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506

## COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be held Sunday, December 22nd. A variety of foods will be available including "no sugar added" foods! All are welcome! Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

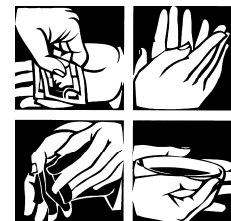
## Weekly Offering

**November 17, 2019**  
\$ 4589.00

## Last Year

**November 18, 2018**  
\$ 4045.00

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."**



## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$35,000.00. to date , \$23,751.00, 66% of our appeal has been achieved due to your kindness and generosity. To those of you who have pleased, THANK-YOU! Those of you who have not pledged, please consider. This helps support Catholic, Social Services, Clergy formation, Parish Life and Ministry just to name a few.

## TEPEYAC FIESTA FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our Lady's Fiesta committee is making plans for our annual Fiesta for The virgin of Guadalupe's feast day on December 12th. We hope to have music, (Spanish style), prayers in Spanish/English, a beautiful Mass celebration, and a reception following the 6:30 evening Mass. Volunteers are needed! We will need greeters, donations of finger foods, helpers to serve food and coffee. If you have ideas, if you can help in any way, large or small, please join us. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex or by calling the Parish Office at 5760-296-741, e-mail us at patssec@ptd.net, or call Annette Petry at 845-283-7228 or Maureen Burns at 570-441-7122. Muchas Gracias!

## FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, December 1st at 6:00pm.

## SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS GROUP

If you would like to find out more about our Group, please call the Parish Office 570-296-7451. We meet Wednesday's in the Church Hall from 2-4. Beginners welcome!

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

This weekend is the Bake Sale following the Masses. The Angel Tree has been placed in the Narthex. Don't forget to pick up an ornament to purchase a Christmas present for that individual. The gifts are due back on Sunday December 15th with the tag securely attached. Thank you for your generosity.

## ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail the name to Tom Hogan at tchogan@ptd.net. Or 570 296-6224.

## SAINT PATRICK'S VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY DINNER

Sign up sheets for the dinner is in the Narthex of the Church. Please sign up if you plan to attend. You may also call the Parish Office. The date is December 15th at 5:00pm

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Nov. 30-Dec. 1

### Saturday 5:30pm

**Lector** Joe Sudano

### Communion Ministers

### Altar Servers

Caterina Catizone, Nicole Traxler

### Sunday 7:15am No Mass

### Lector

### Communion Ministers

### Altar Servers

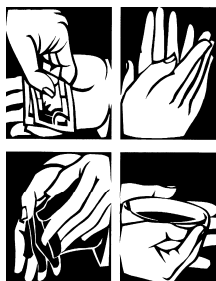
### Sunday 11:00am

**Lector** Ray Proulx

### Communion Ministers

### Altar Servers

Abby & Ann Vogel



### Weekly Collection

November 10, 2019

\$2,181.00

November 17, 2019

\$1785.00

This time last year

\$3,485.00

### Weekly Mortgage Offertory

November 10 & 17, 2019

\$859.00 \$404.00

Year to Date July'19- Current

\$19,553.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

You may have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of 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.**

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / Luke 23:35-43

As the crowd was teasing Jesus about being King of the Jews, one of the criminals believed the truth of who Jesus was, and that He was innocent of any crime. Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Luke 23:42

Year C

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From the Sacred Heart of Jesus love is passed to the hearts of all who accept Him.  
The Kingdom of God continues to expand through the love of His believers.



Write the alphabet letters **NOT** found on the plate.

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

Jesus, remember me when you come into your

Luke 23:42

## Daily Prayer

## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 25

Weekday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20

Lk 21:1-4

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 26

Weekday

Dn 2:31-45

Lk 21:5-11

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 27

Weekday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14,

16-17, 23-28

Lk 21:12-19

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 28

Weekday

Dn 6:12-28

Lk 21:20-28

### Friday

NOVEMBER 29

Weekday

Dn 7:2-14

Lk 21:29-33

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 30

St. Andrew,

Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

### Sunday

DECEMBER 1

First Sunday

of Advent (A)

Is 2:1-5

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44

The old and the new come together this week as we bring this liturgical year to a close and look ahead to Advent, which begins Sunday. We reflect that Jesus is our Savior and King. This means we are called to help build up the kingdom by loving Jesus in our poorest brothers and sisters. We will encounter readings about the generosity of a poor widow and the warning of the approaching end of time. This is meant to help us begin our preparations for Advent. The actual end of the world may not be at hand, but the Kingdom of God is always at hand for us. It takes focus and paying attention to notice the signs, the ways the Lord makes himself available to us in the midst of our busy days.

We prepare for Advent this week when we can begin a small, but honest prayer, "Come, Lord, Jesus. Come into this place and into the conflict in my life. Let me be attentive and open to see the places where I am restless, distracted and too busy. Come into my real situation - not the way I present myself to others. Come to me - the real me that needs you." We need this kind of preparation. These are challenging times. Holidays stretch us and test us. Sometimes, under the stress of it all, we regress into behaviors that are bad and

destructive, because they are familiar and what so many others are doing. Relationships get strained. Alcohol rarely brings cheer without at times risking bad patterns. So, praying these days - while very busy - praying out of our needs and even our pain - roots us in relationship with the One who always comes to save us.

For those of us in the U.S., we shouldn't miss reflecting on the meaning of Thanksgiving Day. It is an important time to be grateful for what we have received and to accept our responsibility for being good stewards of what we have, sharing God's gifts to us in loving service to others.

For all of us, this is a week to be grateful and to experience the beginning of Advent on Sunday. We can prepare to walk into Church more alert, more ready to explore our longing. We can take advantage of the many resources offered on the "Praying Advent" pages.

As we grow in our practice of connecting with our Lord and friend in brief moments throughout each day, we can develop the habit of giving thanks each night for what we have received.

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