

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

Remembering
Jan. 20-26

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 19, 2020
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 49:3, 5-6
1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

Monday
8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Joseph Favinger**
Deg & Mary Carroll

Tuesday
12:00pm

✚ **Msgr. Raucher**
Jeanne Hoffman

Wednesday
12:00pm (SP)

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

Thursday
8:00am (SJ)

✚ **William A Fontana Jr.**
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

Friday
NO Mass

Saturday
4:00pm (SJ)

✚ **Robert K. Reedy**
Dave & Sharon Krause

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Louise & Emil Moglia**
The Moglia family

Sunday

8:30am (SJ)

✚ **For the People of
St. Josephs Parish**

11:00 (SP)

✚ **Una Coyne**
Husband, Peter



The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."
JOHN 1:29

Proud Servants of God

"My servant" is an identification a lot of people will shy away from. A servant seeks to accomplish someone else's goals, and the adjective "my" suggests belonging to another. Yet all of today's readings describe individuals who are proud to be servants—servants of God. What makes this kind of servant something to which all of us can aspire?

As a servant of God, Isaiah became "a light to the nations that [God's] salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). As a servant of God, Paul became "an apostle of Christ Jesus," proclaiming the good news of God's love "to the church of God that is in Corinth." As a servant of God, John the Baptist prepared the way so that Jesus "might be made known to Israel" (John 1:31). These servants sought to accomplish God's goals for the fulfillment of others. It is in such commitment to others that we ourselves are

fulfilled. Ask any parent, lover, or good friend if this is not the case.

We might not want to be the servant of another, but what a privilege it is to be called to be a servant of God, a light to others, to proclaim God's love and make Jesus known. By our baptism, we have all been so called. We enlighten others by the way we live with integrity. The unselfishness of our lives proclaims the good news of Christ Jesus. Authentic Christian living makes him known to the world. That's what it means to be a servant of God.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ How does your life in the home, workplace, or community manifest the love of God for others?
- ★ How do you personally benefit by serving others?

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.

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

WARMING STATION NEEDS YOUR

HELP! The Tri-State Warming Station in Port Jervis, is open for its fourth season serving the homeless in our midst. Every night until Spring, the warming station will provide shelter for those without it, along with hot meals and hot showers. The need is real—we welcome as many as 20 guests each night—and it takes a lot of volunteer energy to make this work. Some of your fellow parishioners are already helping out, and you can too. Volunteers to cook and deliver dinner or to stay overnight to help watch over the guests are especially needed. Financial support is welcome, too. To get involved, or for more information, contact Kevin (from St. Joseph's) at kevinwalter@earthlink.net or (570) 296-6902.

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

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.

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.

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.

MEN SAVE THE DATE!

The 6th Annual Diocese of Scranton Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre. The theme will be "Called to Fatherhood". The focus will be on St. Joseph, the earthly father to his Divine Son, Jesus Christ and husband of our Blessed Mother Mary. He is our example of earthly fatherhood as leader, protector and provider for the Holy Family. As Joseph met the challenges of fatherhood in his day, we must meet them in ours. More information will follow as to how to register and sign up for this conference.

COURT MADONNA NO. 114 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS TRICKY TRAY

Mark your calendars for Sunday February 16, 2020 at St. Mary's Most Sacred Heart Hall, 48 Ball St., Port Jervis, NY. Doors open at 12 noon, drawing begins at 2:00pm. Benefit...Community Charities. Tickets: 25 for \$1.00. Please contact Patricia Niosi at 914-443-8222 or Barbara Drw at 845 856-2624.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

St. Mary's church in Port Jervis will be sponsoring a bus to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life, Friday, January 24th arrive by 3:45am for a prompt departure at 4am. We will have Mass with cardinal Dolan in Washington, Dc. Cost is \$45.00 per adult and children under 12 are free. Make your reservations now. For more information call Nancy at 845-856-4610.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP SALE

At all the Masses on Superbowl weekend, Saturday February 1 and Sunday February 2, the Knights of Columbus will be selling quarts of soup made by local chefs. The proceeds go to Hands of Hope for the Homeless in Pike County. Please plan to pick up some delicious soup at St. Joseph's at the Saturday 4:00pm Mass or at the Sunday 8:30 Mass, or St. Patrick's at the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass or the Sunday 11:00am Mass. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors..

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Jan 25-26

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Declan Carroll</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Servers <i>Eric Cabrera-Agostini</i> <i>Ella Carroll</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Kathleen Warne</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Server <i>Daniel & Cole Corcoran</i>
Milford Senior Care 1/19 Carol Cordova <i>01/26 Lois Lazarczyk</i>

COFFEE SOCIAL TODAY

After the 8:30 am Mass (approx. 9:30am) All Are Welcome!!

St. JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 20th at 6:30pm in the Multipurpose Rm.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$40,000.00. to date, \$39,327.00 98% 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. The Appeal helps support Catholic, Social Services, Clergy formation, Parish Life and Ministry just to name a few.

TRICKY TRAY - COURT MADONNA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Sunday, February 16 at St. Mary's Hall Doors open at 12noon drawings begin at 2:00pm Tickets 25 for \$1.00 For more info call Pat Niosi 914-443-8222 or Barbara Drew 845-856-2624

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, February 7th from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

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 @ 570-872-4925. If you wish you may also send the name via email to either Karen at sweeneyfive2002@yahoo.com or Tom at tchogan@ptd.net.

AN INVITATION

Fr. Joseph encourages all parishioners to take a turn 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!

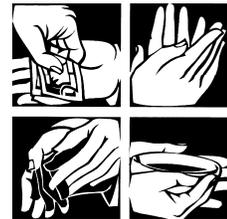
The Sanctuary Candle
burns
For the Intentions of
George Moon
By
The Family

Weekly Offering

January 12, 2020
\$ 4087.07

Last Year

January 13, 2019
\$3941.22



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."

MUCHAS GRACIAS!! Many thanks to all who were involved in creating the Fiesta for Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. Special words of gratitude to Father Alvaro Joaquim, our Celebrant, Rich Gherardi and our Choir, to Dr. Ricardo and Veronica Sequeira, to Brian O'Donnell, to Ben and Marie Marassa, and to all who brought food for the Fiesta supper. The Chair persons, Maureen Burns, Annette Petry & Pat Corcoran.

USHERS AND GREETERS

We are looking for volunteers to become ushers and greeters at both the 5:30pm and the 11:00am Masses. Please contact the Parish Office to inquire.

FOOD PANTRY

The next time St. Patrick's serves at the Food Pantry will be February 14th at 6:00pm

SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

The group has made donations of handmade good to the Tri-State Pregnancy Center as well as local nursing homes and the Port Jervis Warming Center. We will not holding regular meetings during the winter months. We will resume our Wednesday meetings in the spring. The exact date will be announced in future bulletins.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Please help us celebrate Super Bowl Sunday in the St. Patrick's tradition by bringing a can of soup to church with a dollar bill wrapped around it, and secure it with a rubber band. Bring it with you to Mass on February 2, 2020. All soup and dollars will be used for the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Help feed the hungry. God Bless you for caring and sharing!

DIOCESE ANNUAL APPEAL

We have raised \$27,331.00 (77%) of our goal. It's not too late to consider donating to the Annual Appeal. God Bless you!

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail to Tom Hogan at thogan@ptd.net or 570 872-4925.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Have you liked our Facebook Page at Saint Patrick's Milford PA? <https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Patricks-Church-Milford-PA-276881409441280>

Have you followed us on Twitter?

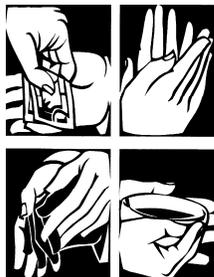
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COFFEE AND CHAT

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Coffee and Chat in the Narthex following the 11:00 Mass the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please take time to stop, have a cup of coffee or juice and visit with your fellow parishioners. It's a great time to catch up.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Jan. 25-26

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Joe Dooley
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers Caterina Catizone, Riley Mapes
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Joe Casmus
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers Nicholas Dinos, Nicole Traxler



Weekly Collection

January 12, 2020
\$2,350.00

This time last year
\$2,591.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

January 12, 2020
\$713.00

Year to Date July'19- Current
\$23,696.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

You may have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of a loved. 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.

Dear Padre,

Daily Prayer

A religious community invited me to become a lay associate. What kind of commitment is needed?

When laypeople and ordained ministers are attracted to the *charism* of a religious order (its distinctive ministry, mission, and spirituality), they're often invited by its vowed members to participate as "associates" in their prayer life, community dynamics, and apostolic works. After a period of formation, associates may make degrees of commitment, with varying expectations on those who profess a formal commitment. Associates may

also be given a distinctive sign of their membership to wear during prayer and ministry.

While associates like the Third Order (tertiaries) have partnered with Franciscans, Dominicans, and Carmelites for centuries, other congregations are only now nurturing new forms of collaboration. Usually, this partnership is mutually transformative for the associates and for those in consecrated life: "The



participation of the laity often brings unexpected and rich insights into certain aspects of the *charism*, leading to a more spiritual interpretation of it and helping to draw from it directions for new activities in the apostolate" (Apostolic Exhortation on Consecrated Life [*Vita Consecrata*], 55).

Partnerships between religious communities and their associates are growing in number, based not on utility or diminished numbers of religious today, but on shared faith and responsibility to our universal baptismal call. May the Holy Spirit guide you as you discern this special invitation to holiness!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 20
Weekday
1 Sm 15:16–23
Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

JANUARY 21
St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 16:1–13
Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 22
Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of
Unborn Children
1 Sm 17:32–33, 37,
40–51, Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

JANUARY 23
Weekday
1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7
Mk 3:7–12

Friday

JANUARY 24
St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
1 Sm 24:3–21
Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

JANUARY 25
Conversion of
St. Paul, Apostle
Acts 22:3–16 or
Acts 9:1–22
Mk 16:15–18

Sunday

JANUARY 26
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 8:23–9:3
1 Cor 1:10–13, 17
Mt 4:12–23
or 4:12–17

Ordinary Time is the longest Season of the Church year. This year we have only a few weeks of Ordinary Time until Lent begins. These weeks between the Christmas season and Lent are an important time to continue to work on our habits of focusing our desires early in the day and talking with the Lord throughout the day, in the background of our busy lives. This is how we become "Contemplatives in action" and find intimacy with God without leaving the context of our real lives.

How do we do that with the hectic pace of our lives? We hear people say "I don't have time to pray." It isn't about finding more time but more focus in our day with God. With this type of focusing and active consciousness, we find ourselves surprised at the time we really do have. There are dozens of times in all of our days during which our minds are occupied with something: a song, re-playing the last event, practicing a conversation with someone, having an imaginary argument with someone, thinking through the "to do" list of the day. We can learn to fill these times with whatever we choose. If we choose to let it be about our relationship with our Lord, it transforms our lives.

It all begins with our mornings. This week, when we first get up and perhaps for a few moments in the shower or getting dressed, let's tell the Lord that what we desire today is to be more conscious of how what we do this day is responding to his call to me to be his disciple. Then, during the day, in those moments while driving or shopping or walking down the hall to a meeting, we can talk about how we are living our call in this or that activity we are engaged in. That conversation may get more de-

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

"What about you?" It is significant that these words of the elderly Pope [Leo XIII] were also addressed to a laywoman [Katharine Drexel]. We know that the future of the Church in a rapidly changing society will call, and even now calls, for a much more active engagement on the part of the laity.

—MASS WITH BISHOPS, CLERGY, AND RELIGIOUS OF PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015



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tailed and specific in this or that set of events.

Each evening, for even a few moments, we can review our day's momentary conversations, recognizing the moments of real connection and grace and giving thanks for them, and resolving to take even greater advantage of these opportunities the next da

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